

"PDQBAPPPE:" *For First Class Rank Requirements*

P	Physical fitness	Same as above - <i>Safe Swim Defense</i>
D	Discipline	Same as above - <i>Safe Swim Defense</i>
Q	Qualified supervision	Adult with watercraft certification
B	Buddy system	Same as above + buddy water craft requirement
A	Ability (Swimming merit badge)	Can you swim if you loose the water craft
P	Personal Flotation Device (PFD)	Coast Guard Type II (horseshoe) or III (life vest)
P	Planning	Written float plan with a copy to somebody on land
P	Proficiency (e.g. Canoeing badge)	Practice how to operate craft before going on a trip
E	Equipment	Well maintained & correct for craft, users & conditions