

USING LOAD THE BOAT.

Load the boat has been a popular call for many years. Dancers love to do calls where the caller says a term and they get to do a little “routine”. They also like going “toot, toot”!!! ☺

Simple:

HEADS square thru 4...slide thru...load the boat...swing thru...recycle...pass thru...right and left grand!

SIDES touch ¼...SIDES walk and dodge...star thru...load the boat...swing thru...boys run...half tag...walk and dodge...partner trade...face your partner...right and left grand!

Variation 1: Since load the boat has a centers part and an ends part, it makes it an easy call to use in what I call “bits and pieces”. The ends part is very easy, but having groups of 4 doing the centers part can be rather tricky. Don’t expect your dancers to do it perfectly the first time. Just a thought: When you first teach load the boat, how about teaching just the centers part from 8 chain thru boxes? This way, people get a clear idea of what the centers are up to...*Having people work on the centers part of load the boat is a fun thing to do for a workshop tip, too.*

HEADS lead right...veer left...couples circulate...tag the line...face in...GIRLS load the boat...BOYS square thru 4...touch ¼...girls trade...boys fold...girls U-turn back...right and left grand!

SIDES pass the ocean...extend...girls run...tag the line...face in...BOYS load the boat...GIRLS swing thru...very center girls run... GIRLS tag the line... girls split the outsides, first go left, next go right ‘round 1 to a line...pass thru... girls cross fold... touch ¼... scoot back... right and left grand!

HEADS half sashay...HEADS, do the centers part of load the boat...right and left thru...half sashay... (everyone)do the centers part of load the boat...bend the line...pass the ocean...swing thru...GIRLS circulate...boys trade...right and left grand!

SIDES slide thru...double pass thru...centers in...cast off ¾...pass thru...wheel and deal...GIRLS pass the ocean...GIRLS recycle...GIRLS, do the centers part of load the boat...touch ¼...boys trade...all 8 circulate...turn thru...left allemande!

Variation 2: We can also use the call from a line where the centers are facing in and the ends are facing out. Remember, the ends don’t start counting their pass thrus until they move forward and meet someone.

SIDES pass thru...sides U-turn back...SIDES square thru 2...centers in...cast off ¾...load the boat...sides cloverleaf...HEADS star thru...you’re home!

HEADS star thru and spread...pass thru...wheel and deal...GIRLS turn thru...centers in...cast off ¾...load the boat...girls cloverleaf...BOYS swing thru...extend...scoot back...girls run...pass thru...wheel and deal...CENTERS wheel around...right and left grand!

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