

Boatin' Up Sandy

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"Boating Up Sandy", also known as "Boating Up Sandy" or "Gal with the Blue Dress On" is an American reel in A Mixolydian (Phillips) or A Dorian (Johnson). It is usually played as a crooked tune with one part of 14 measures.

This tune is entirely different from both the contra-dance version and the American reel version of "The Girl With the Blue Dress On".

The tune is a member of a tune family including "Hog Eye an' a 'Tater", "Hog Eye Man", "Hog Eye", "Granny Will Your Dog Bite?", "Sally in the Garden" or "Fire on/in the Mountain" (there are several tunes by this name; it is a "floater").

It was printed in Brody's **Fiddler's Fakebook** (1983), Johnson's **The Kitchen Musician: Occasional Collection of Old-Timey Fiddle Tunes for Hammer Dulcimer, Fiddle, etc.** (1982) (revised 1988 & 2003), Lamancusa's **The Gettysburg Collection of Old-Time Fiddle Tunes** (2021) and Phillips' **Traditional American Fiddle Tunes, vol. 1** (1994).

It was recorded by Delbert Hughes on **The Home Recordings**, Wilson Douglas on **Brandywine 75: Music of West Virginia** (1975), Wilson Douglas on **Boatin' Up Sandy** and The Hollow Rock String Band on **The Hollow Rock String Band** (1974).