



# NATIONAL SEA SCOUTING COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR SEAL TRAINING 2008

Please list the classes you wish to attend in order of preference. If you cannot attend any particular class indicate by placing a "0" in that block, otherwise rank one through five.

- June 21 - 29 (Chesapeake Bay, MD) \_\_\_\_\_
- June 21 - 29 (Newport Beach, CA) \_\_\_\_\_
- June 28 - July 6 (Galveston Bay, TX) \_\_\_\_\_
- July 19 - 27 (Miami, FL) \_\_\_\_\_
- July 26 - August 3 (Long Island Sound, NY) \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: You must apply to separate locations if two applicants from same Ship apply)  
Course costs \$225 to \$250

## APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2008

Please fill this application out in black ink **PRINTING** in upper-case letters only or typing the application. Be sure to fill in all blanks. When completed and signed by applicant, parent, and skipper, **Mail to:** Jim Elroy, SEAL Training Coordinator, 1746 South Victoria Ave Suite F396, Ventura, CA 93003. Any questions please call 805-648 3006 or FAX 805-648 3009 or email: seawolf410@aol.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Home telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Ship number \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time in Sea Scouting \_\_\_\_\_ Date you will graduate from high school \_\_\_\_\_

Date promoted to Ordinary \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size (*circle one*): S – M – L – XL – XXL

Skipper's name \_\_\_\_\_ Skipper's telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper's address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Leadership positions held in Ship, school, other activities \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What type of a career will you be seeking? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your experience on the water \_\_\_\_\_

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**On a separate sheet of paper, describe why you want to take this leadership course.  
Please attach to this application.**

## SEAL TRAINING COURSE DESCRIPTION

The (*SEAL*) Sea Scout Advanced Leadership training program is a course designed to teach leadership skills while at sea. SEAL is not a seamanship course. It is designed to “jump start” junior leaders of new Ships, and to tune up leaders from more experienced Ships. SEAL is a hard core, tough, physically and mentally demanding course, not a holiday or a boat ride. Applicants for SEAL must prepare themselves, because we do not have time to teach seamanship. Preparation consists of study of Chapter 4 of the current *Sea Scout Manual* and outlining that chapter in detail. Students must be able to perform basic coastal navigation on paper and must be able to tie all knots required for Apprentice and Ordinary ranks. Scouts must know the basic nomenclature of a sailing vessel; know helm commands and points of relative bearings. All of this information is in the *Sea Scout Manual*.

**You can be successful in this course even if you have only been in Sea Scouting for a few months. However you must be willing to learn and work hard at preparation.**

To assist the student with preparation, two tests will be forwarded to your Skipper. One test is on Chapter 4 of the *Sea Scout Manual* and the other is a test of basic coastal navigation. The navigation test consists of setting a course, computing speed, time and distance, compass error, fix by two lines of position and finding latitude and longitude. These tests are used by the applicant and his skipper to determine the applicant’s state of readiness. The skipper can tell if the applicant needs more help before he or she reports for SEAL training. A copy of the two tests will be sent to the Course director. The Skipper’s evaluation of the potential participant’s readiness to undergo this training is of the utmost importance. Page three of this application consists of an admonition and instructions to the Skipper regarding evaluation of the applicant. Preparation and full readiness regarding the knowledge of seamanship as set out in Chapter 4 of the *Sea Scout Manual* and coastal piloting is absolutely essential prior to arrival at the training site.

**Failure to fully prepare ensures failure of this course and the waste of a valuable space for someone else that would have been able to participate.**

The skills taught are Preparing, Training, Supervising, Motivating, Problem solving, Communicating, Coordinating, Commanding, Delegating, Evaluating and Implementing. These skills are taught through group discussion followed by planning and then implementing the skills underway. When we discuss and teach such skills as Training or Supervising, we also discuss the situation in the local Ship, school or job. These skills will apply to everything you do in life. Each applicant must be physically fit, emotionally mature, and arrive with a positive attitude. If the student travels from outside the course area, he or she must be mature enough to travel to and from a designated meeting place in the airport. We can pick up students at curbside, but we can not meet them at the plane. They must collect their luggage alone and walk to curb side at the baggage terminal. Scouts must be prepared to operate in remote areas on the open ocean. We treat the students with respect and as adults. We expect adult performance. All BSA rules apply. There will be no use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products by scouts or adults. Young men and women are placed on the same boat, with a highly qualified Captain and adult instructors, at least one of each gender.

## PARENT AND STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned applicant, certify that I am prepared to enter SEAL training and I have a complete knowledge of the Apprentice and Ordinary skills. Further I have a complete knowledge of Chapter 4 of the *Sea Scout Manual*. I am able to perform basic coastal navigation. I will be Ordinary rank by June 1, 2008. I am able to determine fix by two lines of position, plot a DR course, understand compass error, and that I can find position by Latitude and Longitude. I will be able to compute speed, time and distance problems and that I know the rules of the road.

I, the parent of the above applicant, certify that my son or daughter is in good physical condition and is sufficiently mature to function in this “adult” type training situation, with long hours and hard mental and physical work. I understand that if selected, this course will cost between \$225 and \$250 plus the cost of transit to the course location and the cost of two work uniforms consisting of pants / shorts, work shirt, belt and deck shoes. I understand it is my responsibility to get my child to and from the vessel at the course location. I feel that my son or daughter is mature and capable enough to travel alone to the locations of the training vessel.

**Skipper: You must certify the applicant’s preparedness on the final page of this application**

Applicant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**SKIPPER CERTIFICATION OF SEAL APPLICANT**

**Do not submit more than one student application for each SEAL location.  
We will not permit more than one person from each Ship at a given location.**

**To the Skipper:**

This is an advanced leadership training course. You are sending an applicant whom you believe will make a good Ship's Boatswain. This applicant must be Ordinary rank by June 1<sup>st</sup> of the class year. He or she must have a complete knowledge of Chapter 4 of the *Sea Scout Manual* and must be able to perform basic coastal navigation. This is not a seamanship course. The applicant must come prepared. **DO NOT** send an under-qualified candidate to SEAL. We are looking for a fair and honest evaluation of the applicant in terms of his/her ability in seamanship, coastal piloting, and maturity. There will be no time to teach basic seamanship skills that should have been learned during the applicant's advancement to Ordinary. What we will try to do is to return to you a Sea Scout who is equipped with management tools and who will fire up your ship and be ready to move into the Boatswain position. To do this, you must provide us with a Sea Scout who is experienced in basic seamanship and piloting skills. We will send you two sample tests that cover these subjects. You must give your applicant additional training prior to the SEAL class and use these tests to help you and the applicant determine whether he/she is sufficiently prepared.

**If you cannot rate your applicant '8' or higher in nearly every category, your applicant needs additional training.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Skipper of Ship \_\_\_\_\_, certify that SEAL applicant \_\_\_\_\_ has mastered the following skills as indicated:

**Please rate the applicant's proficiency in the skills below on a scale of "0" to "10" with "0" meaning no experience, and "10" meaning professional grade expertise.**

- \_\_\_ Determine a fix by two lines of position \_\_\_ Can determine a position by Lat. & Long.  
 \_\_\_ Can plot a course and determine compass error \_\_\_ Can compute speed/time/distance  
 \_\_\_ Can plot a DR course, determine ETA and make proper notations on course line as per the SS Manual.  
 \_\_\_ Has a very complete knowledge of Chapter 4 of the *Sea Scout Manual*  
 \_\_\_ Has a very complete understanding of lights, day shapes and the rules of the road  
 \_\_\_ Has a complete knowledge of the Lateral System  
 \_\_\_ Is mature and can work long hours, take directions, and make decisions  
 \_\_\_ Has no health problems and no use of drugs or alcohol (exception's please explain)  
 \_\_\_ Is the person I would send in charge of several Sea Scouts on a small vessel under his/her command  
 \_\_\_ Has mastered all the skills for Apprentice and Ordinary rank and will be Ordinary rank by June 1st.  
 \_\_\_ Is under consideration to be Boatswain or Boatswain's Mate of this Ship  
 \_\_\_ Is mature enough to travel alone to the location of this class.

This student applicant has approximately \_\_\_\_\_ days experience underway on a:

\_\_\_ Foot in length \_\_\_ Sailing vessel or \_\_\_ foot in length \_\_\_ Power vessel

**If my Skipper has rated me below '8' than I agree to raise my proficiency level to at least a level '8' by June 1st**

SEAL applicant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I commit to work with this SEAL applicant to ensure that he/she is fully prepared and return all exams by April 12th**

Skipper's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper telephone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper email \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_