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# NATIONAL SEA SCOUT COMMITTEE APPLICATION FOR SEAL TRAINING 2014

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.

(Newport Beach, CA June 13-22, 2014)	(Chesapeake Bay, MD June 21-29, 2014)			
(Galveston Bay, TX June 27- July 6, 2014)	(Long Island Sound, NY July 12-20, 2014)			
(Seattle, WA July 24- August 1, 2014)				

(Note: You must apply to separate locations if two applicants are from same Ship)

Course costs \$230 to \$280

## **APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2014**

Please fill this application out in black ink, **PRINTING** in **UPPER-CASE LETTERS** only or **TYPING** the **APPICATION**. Be sure to fill in all blanks. Scholarships are available to Sea Scouts, contact Jim Elroy for details. This course is open to any Scout or Venturer 14yrs of age - but not have reached age 21 before the course, provided they can meet the base requirements. When completed and signed by applicant, parent, and skipper, **MAIL, E-MAIL or FAX 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				Ci	ity
State	Zip (	Code	Home telep	hone	
Cell number		Emai	l address		
Date of birth	Age	Gender	Ship number	Cou	ncil
Length of time in Sea	Scouting	Date	you will graduate	from high :	school
Date promoted to Ord	inary		Height	W	eight
T-shirt size (circle on	e): $S - M - L$	- XL - XXL			
Skipper's name			Skipper's teleph	one	
Skipper's address		City		State	Zip code
Leadership positions l	held in Ship, s	chool, other a	ctivities		
What type of a career	will you be se	eeking?			
Describe your experie	ence on the wa	iter			

This application requires that you send via email a digital photo from the waist-up, front, and no glasses in full dress white or New Century Sea Scout uniform Jim Elroy at seawolf410@aol.com

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

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### SEAL TRAINING COURSE DESCRIPTION

The (SEAL) Sea Scout Experience 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 studying the Safety & Seamanship chapter and appendix of the current 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the 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 Scouts for a few months. However you must be willing to learn and work hard at <u>preparation</u>.

To assist the student with preparation, two tests will be forwarded to your Skipper. One test is on Safety & Seamanship Chapter of the current 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 unit skipper after application is received. 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 the Safety & Seamanship Chapter 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 though 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. Sea 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 Seamanship & Safety Chapter of the current *Sea Scout Manual*. I am able to perform basic coastal navigation. 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 will be: Ordinary rank for Sea Scouts, Bronze Award for Venturers and 1st Class for Boy Scouts by June 1<sup>st</sup> prior to this course.

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 \$230 and \$280 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. I know he or she is fully prepared as a skilled navigator and has completed study of the required chapters of the Sea Scout Manual. I understand that lack of preparation will lead to <u>failure</u> of this course. I understand that once I am accepted and pay the course fee that there will be no refund.

### SKIPPER CERTIFICATION OF SEAL APPLICANT

Do not submit more than one student application for each SEAL 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 the Safety & Seamanship Chapter of the current 11<sup>th</sup> edition 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 well trained 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' o	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 "10" meaning professional grade expe		"10" with "0" meaning no experience, and				
Determine a fix by two lines of positi	tion Can determine a position by La	t. & Long.				
Can plot a course and determine con	mpass error Can compute speed/time	e/distance				
Can plot a DR course, determine ET	A and make proper notations on course li	ne as per the SS Manual.				
Has a very complete knowledge of C	Chapter 4 of the Sea Scout Manual					
Has a very complete understanding of	of lights, day shapes and the rules of the r	oad				
Has a complete knowledge of the La	ateral System					
Is mature and can work long hours,	take directions, and make decisions					
Has no health problems and no use of	of drugs or alcohol (exception's please ex	plain)				
Is the person I would send in charge	of several Sea Scouts on a small vessel u	nder his/her command				
Has mastered all the skills for Appre	entice and Ordinary rank and will be Ordi	nary rank by June 1st.				
Is under consideration to be Boatswa	ain or Boatswain's Mate of this Ship					
Is mature enough to travel alone to t	the location of this class.					
This student applicant has approximately	y days experience underway on a:					
Foot in length Sailing vess	el or foot in length Power ve	essel				
If my Skipper has rated me below '8'	than I agree to raise my proficiency lev	el to at least a level '8' by June 1st				
SEAL applicant signature		Date				
I commit to work wit	th this SEAL applicant to ensure that he	e/she is fully prepared and				
<u>Retur</u>	rn all exams to Course Director by state	ed deadline				
Skipper's signature	Date					
Skipper telephone: Day	Evening					
Skipper email	Address					
City	State	7in				