



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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SUBJECT: National Flagship Competition

FROM: Charles Holmes, National Venturing Director
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TO: Scout Executives and All Professional Staff Members

Now's the time to take stock of your Ship's programs and document your crew's accomplishments because you could be selected as recipient of the **BoatU.S. Sea Scout National Flagship Award**.

In honor of the 90th anniversary of Sea Scouting in 2002, BoatU.S., the nation's largest recreational boating organization, instituted the annual Sea Scout National Flagship Award. That year the honor went to Ship 502, *Invincible* of Houston, TX and last year's Flagship was Ship 711, Del Mar, of Newport Beach, CA.

Does your Ship have what it takes to earn the BoatU.S. National Sea Scout Flagship Award? There's only one way to find out. For application details and the evaluation criteria, go to <http://www.seascout.org/ships/flagships.html>. There you will find a checklist of accomplishments that put a Ship in the running. If you feel that your Ship qualifies, put together a compelling package of information that tells this year's judges why your Ship deserves this prestigious honor.

The attached *Sea Scout National Flagship Scoresheet* will provide the standard against which all Sea Scout Ships will be measured. Any Ship meeting the criteria qualifies as a "National Standard Ship" and may affix 4 stars to their Ship flag. These stars are ordered thru normal unit flag ordering procedures.

The application package should be a written narrative supplemented by other materials as you see fit. So be comprehensive, yet concise — and be creative. But be quick about it, too, since the deadline for entries to be received at BSA Venturing Division is March 15.

Action: Publicize the National Sea Scout Ship competition, and distribute the attached *Sea Scout National Flagship Scoresheet* immediately.

SEA SCOUT NATIONAL FLAGSHIP SCORESHEET

Directions

This scoresheet is to be used to determine the annual National Flagship, and it is to be filled out by the Ship's Quarterdeck and Skipper. A ship must qualify for the minimal National Standards in all areas for a calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The application is due in the National Venturing Division office by March 15 for consideration for National Flagship.

Ship No. _____ Ship Name _____

Chartered Organization _____

District/Division _____ Charter Expiration Date _____

Organization

1. Skipper completed Venturing & Sea Scout leader training
2. Skipper completed Seabadge training
3. Mates completed Venturing & Sea Scout leader training
4. Mates completed Seabadge training
5. Ship reregistered on time
6. Quarterdeck trained by Skipper within the year
7. Quarterdeck meetings

Program

1. Program planned & administered by Sea Scouts with coaching from adults
2. Program planned using method described in *Sea Scout Manual*
3. Ship held activities on the water (activity at least 4 hours in length)
4. Ship had long cruise
5. Held Bridge of Honor
6. Occasions for presenting awards and recognitions
7. Sea Scout Rank advancement – number of youth who advanced
8. Sea Scout/BSA recognitions and awards other than rank earned through Ship (*divide total recognitions by total members to get percentage*)
9. Sea Scouts with Ordinary or higher rank
10. Participate as a ship in district, council, area, regional, or national activities
11. Ship performs community service
12. Ship develops and follows a budget
13. Average attendance at all activities
14. Sea Scouts, Skipper, and Mates in national standard uniform

Membership

1. Net increase in youth membership
2. Admission ceremony for new Sea Scouts

Ship Scores	National Standard
	Yes
	Yes
	3
	2
	Yes
	Yes
	10
	Yes
	Yes
	24 days
	7 days
	Yes
	3
	50%
	50%
	25%
	3
	2 projects
	Yes
	80%
	100%
	6 or 25%
	100%

