



NATIONAL SEA SCOUT COMMITTEE 2017 APPLICATION FOR SEAL TRAINING

Please list the classes you wish to attend in order of preference. If you cannot attend a particular class indicate by placing a zero (0) in that slot, otherwise rank one through five. You must apply to separate locations if more than one applicant from the same ship. Additional course might be added to fill demand.

<input type="checkbox"/> Chesapeake Bay, MD (June 23 – July 2, 2017)	<input type="checkbox"/> Galveston Bay, TX (June 30 – July 9, 2017)
<input type="checkbox"/> Newport Beach, CA (July 6 – 16, 2017)	<input type="checkbox"/> Seattle, WA (July 6 – 15, 2017)
<input type="checkbox"/> Long Island Sound, NY (August 5 – 13, 2017)	

APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2017

The application is available as a fillable PDF form. It is strongly encouraged that you complete the application as a PDF form. After the form is complete you must print and obtain signatures. After signed you can either scan and e-mail or mail the form to the addresses below. It is requested that you also send the unsigned filled in PDF form via e-mail. If not able to complete the form using PDF you may complete the application in black ink, **PRINTING** in **UPPER-CASE LETTERS** only or typing. Fill in all blanks.

This course is open to any Sea Scout or Scout or Venturer at least 14 years of age on the first day of the course and not yet 21 on the last day of the course, provided they meet the base requirements.

When completed and signed by applicant, parent, and Skipper return to Mike Philbrook, SEAL Training Coordinator by mail: 2542 Keen Drive, San Diego, CA 92139 or e-mail: SEAL-Training@cox.net. If you mail your application make contact with Mike Philbrook to verify that it has been received before the due date.

Applicant name _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Home telephone _____

Cell number _____ Email address _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Gender _____ Height _____ inches _____ Weight _____ lbs _____

Length of time in Scouting _____ Year you will graduate from high school _____

Date achieved Ordinary/First Class/Pathfinder _____

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

Ship/Troop/Crew number _____ Council _____

Skipper/Scoutmaster/Advisor Information:

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

What type of a career will you be seeking? _____

In addition to the application:

- Apprentice requirement 2.b requires you to "Obtain a Sea Scout uniform." E-mail a digital photo (JPEG) frontal from the waist-up, in full official Youth Sea Scout uniform (Dress White, Dress Blue, or New Century) to Mike Philbrook at SEAL-Training@cox.net.
- On a separate sheet of paper describe why you want to take this leadership course, your on the water experience, and your leadership positions held (ship, school, and other activities).

SEAL TRAINING COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Sea Scout Experience Advanced Leadership (***SEAL***) 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. 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 12th edition of the *Sea Scout Manual* and completing the provided study guide.** 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, helm commands, and relative bearings. All 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 preparation.**

To assist the student with preparation, two tests will be forwarded to your unit leader. 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 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 exams will be sent to the Skipper shortly after the application deadline. 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 unit leader 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.

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 unit, 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 cannot meet them at the plane. They must collect their luggage alone and walk to curb side at the baggage terminal. Students 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 Skipper and adult instructors, at least one of each gender (for coed courses).

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: an Ordinary Sea Scout, a Venturing Pathfinder or a 1st Class Boy Scout by June 1st 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 \$250 and \$290 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 failure of this course. **I understand that once I am accepted and pay the course fee that there will be no refund.**

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Unit leader will certify the applicant's preparedness on the final page of this application.

UNIT LEADER CERTIFICATION OF SEAL APPLICANT

Skipper/Scoutmaster/Advisor:

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/First Class/Pathfinder by June 1st of the class year. He or she must have a complete knowledge of the Safety & Seamanship Chapter of the current 12th 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. What we will try to do is to return to you a Scout who is equipped with management tools and who will fire up your unit and be ready to move into the Boatswain/Senior Patrol Leader/President position. To do this, you must provide us with a 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' or higher in nearly every category, your applicant needs additional training.

I, _____, Unit Leader of _____, 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 complete knowledge of the Lateral System
- _____ 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
- _____ 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 applicant has approximately _____ days experience underway on a:
 _____ foot in length sailing vessel or _____ foot in length power vessel

If my unit leader 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 _____

Unit Leader commitment: I commit to work with this SEAL applicant to ensure that he/she is fully prepared and return all exams to Course Director by stated deadline.

Signature _____ Date _____

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

E-mail _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please do not submit more than one student application for each SEAL location.