



2021 Application to Attend a National SEAL Training Course

Application Deadline: March 1

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 1-3 (1-3) through 10 (10) in order of preference. If you are applying for more than one course, please indicate preference (1-3) for each course. You should apply to separate locations if more than one applicant from your ship is applying from the same ship.

San Francisco Bay, CA (6/17 - 6/28)
 Clinton Lake Paddlecraft, IL (6/19 - 6/27)
 Colorado Whitewater #1 & #2 (6/22-6/30)
 Galveston Bay, TX (6/30-7/11)
 Niagara, NY Paddlecraft (7/7-7/16)
 Colorado Paddlecraft (7/9-7/16)
 Tampa Bay, FL (7/7-7/18)
 Colorado Whitewater #3 (7/13- 7/21)

Tennessee River Paddlecraft #1 (7/15-7/24)
 Tennessee River Paddlecraft #2 (7/16-7/25)
 Chesapeake Bay, MD (7/16-7/25)
 Hampton Roads, VA (7/19 - 7/27)
 Seattle, WA (7/28-8/6)
 Long Island, NY (8/14-8/22)

When completed and digitally signed by applicant, parent, and leader, E-mail this form to: seal.director@outlook.com
 Questions? Please contact Skipper Rob Freas at **281-910-4325** or skipper.freas@outlook.com

This form must be received by March 1 by email. The application is a fillable PDF form. Please complete the application electronically as a PDF form. After the form is complete, you must obtain digital signatures from your parent and unit leader. E-mail the form after digital signing. If you are not able to sign pages 2 and 3, please print and scan them and then email them with the electronic form containing a completed page 1. Page 1 must be filled electronically as it will be read by computer. A handwritten page 1 may be returned.

Applicant

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____
 Candidate Email _____
 Unit _____ No _____ Council _____
 Date Ordinary/First Class/Pathfinder Rank Achieved _____
 Length of Time in Scouting _____ Current Rank _____
 Date of Birth _____ Graduated High School _____
 Age _____ Gender _____ Height (in) _____ Weight (lbs) _____
 T-Shirt Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Skipper/Scoutmaster/Advisor

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____
 Email _____
 Unit _____ No _____ Council _____

Applicant Scouting Experience

List positions, training, and experiences, most recent first.

Training/Position/Experience	Year/Duration	Location

Applicant Boating Experience

List training, experiences, most recent first.

Course/Boat/Experience	Year/Duration	Location

I have previously attended SEAL

I applied in 2020 but my course was canceled

BSA Membership ID _____

Additional experience may be included in your statement on the last page

Please do not submit more than one application

SEAL TRAINING - COURSE DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION

The **SEa Scout Advanced Leadership (SEAL)** training program is the premier youth leadership training course for Sea Scouting. Its purpose is to teach leadership skills. SEAL is not a seamanship course. It is designed to “jump start” junior leaders of new Ships and to tune up experienced leaders. 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 of the Scout consists of studying chapter 4 of the current Sea Scout Manual. Participants 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 practice 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 on page 3 of this application of the potential participant's readiness to undergo this training is of the utmost importance. 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.

Participants must be prepared to operate in remote areas on water. 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).

Each Participant who completes the SEAL experience will receive a patch and certificate. No one fails the course, if they participate. Each participant who is evaluated to have earned 800 or more out of 1000 points will also receive a SEAL pin. Not everyone who attends earns the SEAL pin so come well-prepared.

PARENT AND STUDENT CERTIFICATION

- I, the undersigned applicant, certify that I am prepared to enter SEAL training and I have or will have a complete knowledge of the Apprentice and Ordinary skills. Further I have or will have a complete knowledge of Seamanship & Safety Chapter of the current *Sea Scout Manual*. I am or will be able to perform basic coastal navigation. I am or will be 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 am or will be: an Ordinary Sea Scout, a Venturing Pathfinder or a First Class Boy Scout by June 1.**
- 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 \$200 and \$320 plus the cost of transit to the course location and the cost of two dark navy Official Sea Scout Uniforms including pants / shorts, 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 once I am accepted and pay the course fee that there will be no refund.

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

Revision Date: 1/23/2021

SEAL TRAINING - UNIT LEADER CERTIFICATION OF 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/Senior Patrol Leader/President. 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. 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.

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 demonstrated expertise.

- _____ Can 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.
- _____ 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.
- _____ Has mastered all the skills for Ordinary rank or will be Ordinary rank by June 1st.
- _____ Is under consideration to be Boatswain/Senior Patrol Leader/President.
- _____ Is mature enough to travel alone to the location of this class .

If the unit leader has rated the applicant below '8' then the applicant needs to raise the proficiency level to at least a level '8' by June 1st

Unit Leader commitment: I commit to work with this SEAL applicant to ensure that the applicant is fully prepared.

Unit Leader Signature: _____ **Date** _____

SEAL TRAINING - APPLICANT STATEMENT

Describe why you want to take this leadership course and what you hope to do with what you learn.