

Landships and Equipment

Sea Scouts offers unique opportunities for creating an inspirational atmosphere at the meetings. The seagoing nature of the program enables an imaginative group of adults and youth to set up a landship so realistic that you can almost smell the salty air and feel the decks rise and fall beneath your feet.

Even if your ship meets in a church basement, a school, a vacant store, or even some shanty by the water, you can erect a landship at a minimal cost. In fact, many of the best landships today are those that have been made by the members themselves from secondhand materials or donated equipment.

If your meeting place is permanent, it is advisable to make your landship equipment mobile. Many times you may want to set up your landship equipment at a place other than your meeting place. This might be for a display at a Scoutorama, a bridge of honor held at a public hall, etc.

In assembling materials and constructing your landship, your objective should be to create the salty atmosphere that makes ceremonies natural and Sea Scouts more fun.

Ceremony Notes

“Ma’am” is interchangeable with “sir.”

Side boys render salutes when piping aboard or when departure commences. The salute drops when the piping stops.

Stokes of the ship’s bell for arrival and departure of dignitaries:

- Two bells—[Ship’s name] Skipper, arriving or departing (two side boys)
- Four bells—[Council name] Council commodore, arriving or departing (four side boys)
- Six bells—[Region name] Regional commodore, arriving or departing (six side boys)
- Eight bells—National commodore, arriving or departing (eight side boys)

The bell maybe rung by whoever is in the correct position to do so, usually the boatswain or the boatswain’s mate. It is always rung in groups of two.

The term side boy is gender-neutral and refers to both males and females.

The regional and national commodores are to be brought aboard one at a time, respectively.