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Save the Date: National Virtual Bridge of Honor

The NQD is hosting a Virtual Bridge of Honor on Sunday, March 20th at 8 pm CT. We will be awarding brand new awards to Ships across the country, showcasing an official Quartermaster Ceremony, honoring the 2021 Class of Quartermaster Sea Scouts, and celebrating 2021 SEAL Participants. We will be awarding the National Paddle Craft Ship, National Scuba Ship, National Powerboat Ship, National Small Boat Sailing, and many more specialty awards towards volunteer service and other specialties. **You will get swag!** We want to honor your Ship! Award Recipients will be informed prior to the BOH. Please fill out this form to have your Ship in the running to receive an award and be part of the celebration: <https://tinyurl.com/2p85jfpt>

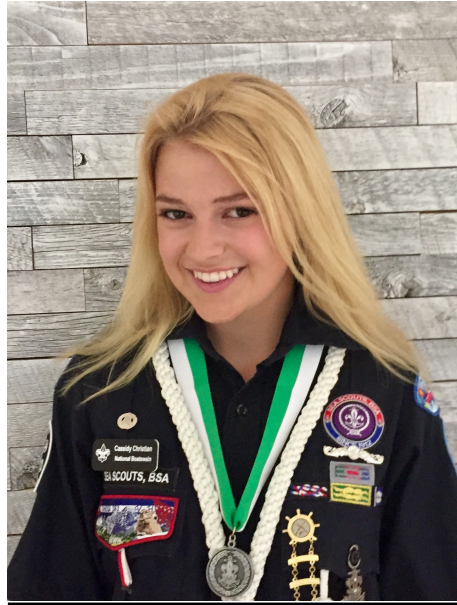
If you would like to attend the BOH, please use this link to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYrduyhrDMpG9zyfmuFhu0e-i-iNPb8ke1Z>



Sea Scout Leadership Award Nominations

Sea Scout Leadership Award Nominations are going to look a little different this year. With the transition to Territories, there will no longer be Area or Region Leadership Awards. **Both Territory and National Sea Scout Leadership Award Nominations are due March 1st** and nominations should be sent to national.commodore@scouting.org. Since this is the first year for Territory Nominations, National Representatives will be selecting both National and Territory Sea Scout Leadership Award Recipients. We hope that as more Sea Scouts and Scouters earn Territory SSLAs, Territories will be able to run their own selection committees in the future. As usual, Council SSLAs are due at your local Council's discretion. More information can be found at <https://seascout.org/leadership-award/>



Apply to be National or Territory Boatswain

The time to select the New National Quarterdeck is almost upon us! All youth have the opportunity to lead our program and apply to be the next National Sea Scout Boatswain and/or National Service Territory Boatswain. These leadership positions allow you to make your own impact on the Sea Scout Movement. **National Boatswain Applications are due February 15th and Territory Boatswain Applications are due on March 15th. WARNING: You will need multiple days to create the best possible application.** If you need more time for Letters of Recommendation to come in or have any questions, please direct them to boatswain@seascout.org. You can access more information, the application, and how to submit using this link: <https://seascout.org/news/apply-for-national-boatswain/>



SEAL Applications Are Open

Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training gives you the opportunity to go out on the water for 10 days, lead a crew, take a deep dive on the fundamentals of leadership, and learn how to continue to grow as a person and a leader. SEAL Courses are taking place in California, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, in the Northeast and many other locations this Summer. You can sail, whitewater raft, canoe, or powerboat at locations across the country! **SEAL Applications are due March 1st.** Please visit this link to apply and learn more: <https://seascout.org/youth-training-and-education/seal/>

Apply to be the BoatUS National Flagship

In honor of the 90th anniversary of Sea Scouts in 2002, BoatUS, the nation's largest recreational boating organization, instituted the annual Sea Scout National Flagship Award <https://seascout.org/national-flagship/>. **The BoatUS National Flagship Application is due March 31.** The application follows the BSA Journey to Excellence Scorecard and is designed to recognize Sea Scout Ships excelling in all areas of Sea Scouting. For the 2022 National Flagship, we have moved to an online application process. Sea Scout Ships with outstanding programs who are not selected to be the BoatUS National Flagship may be selected as a member of the National Flagship Fleet so all ships are encouraged to apply for the National Flagship.



Apply to Cruise on the USCG Barque Eagle

Sailing on the Eagle is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. From climbing the 100' masts, to manning the helm, to even waking up at 4 AM for Lookout and watching the sunrise, you will always remember your time onboard. Last Summer, the crew started in Portland, Maine, and arrived in New London, Connecticut five days later. With your Sea Scout skills and experience, you will feel extremely comfortable and knowledgeable onboard. **The application for the Barque Eagle is due March 31st.** You can learn more information using this link: <https://seascout.org/news/sail-aboard-the-uscg-eagle/>

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Want to get involved?

Do you like journalism? Consider joining the National Communications Committee that creates this Newsletter and our big upcoming plans to raise awareness about Sea Scouts! If you are interested in joining or if you would like to share your story for our next Newsletter, please feel free to contact nqd-communications@seascout.org. We would love to hear about your experiences in Sea Scouts!