



## Revisions to the Sea Scout Manual

No. 33239, 2016

(October, 29 2016)

---

Page(s)	Errata
-	Interior of Front Cover and Back Cover
14a	Chaplain Aide
66a	Paddlecraft Handling

---

# THE SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times; and  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and  
morally straight.

# THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,  
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent



# THE SEA PROMISE

As a Sea Scout I promise to do my best:

- To guard against water accidents
- To know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices on every boat I board
- To be prepared to render aid to those in need
- To seek to preserve the motto of the sea:  
Women and Children First



## SEA SCOUT EMBLEM

In 1920, a young man had to be a First Class Scout to join Sea Scouts. As a result, the First Class anchor has been used in the Sea Scouting program for more than 90 years. The key component of the First Class anchor is the Scout universal emblem, a fleur-de-lis. The three points signify the three points of the Scout Oath, duty to God and country, duty to others, and duty to self. Like a compass, the center point always points north symbolizing a true course in life. The eagle with the shield is the national emblem of the United States of America, and it represents freedom. The scroll with the Scout Motto represents a Scout's smile and reminds us to "Be Prepared." The knot attached to the bottom of the scroll is to remind you that, as a Sea Scout, you have promised to do a Good Turn daily. The stars beneath the eagle's wings symbolize the ideals of truth and knowledge as guides in the night sky for finding our way. They reflect our nautical life and suggest a Scout's outdoor adventures. The anchor symbolizes Sea Scouts' maritime heritage.



### Chaplain Aide

- Encourage unit members to do their duty to God.
- Participate in planning sessions with the ship's officers to ensure that a spiritual component is included in unit activities.
- With the unit chaplain, plan appropriate religious services. Invite the unit chaplain to visit a ship activity, eat with unit members, and conduct a worship service.
- Help plan and conduct an annual religious observance, preferably during Scout Week in February.
- Present an overview of the various religious emblems programs to the unit at least annually.
- Maintain the unit's religious emblems award progress chart.
- Assist the unit chaplain, or other appropriate adult, to plan and conduct a religious emblem recognition ceremony.

(Continuation of *"The Small-Boat Handler Course"* on pages 65-66.) (Continuation of "Section Three--Boat Handling")

(Note: In the middle of page 66, delete the phrase "Check [www.seascout.org](http://www.seascout.org) for a paddlecraft alternative requirement"; and add the following)

#### 4. Paddlecraft

Using a canoe, kayak or stand up paddleboard (SUP):

- a. Carry your craft to the water and prepare your craft for departure, including a safety check.
- b. Complete a skills course set up by your instructor.
  - i. Board your craft and depart from shore or a pier. Paddle a straight course for 25 yards.
  - ii. Demonstrate a backstroke.
  - iii. Spin the craft 360 degrees clockwise and counterclockwise using sweep and stern draws.
  - iv. Paddle the craft sideways 10 feet both to the right and to the left using draw strokes.
  - v. Paddle a figure-of-eight course around buoys four boat lengths apart, or a set course approved by your examiner.
- c. While at least 25 yards from shore or pier, capsize and wet exit the craft. Without reentering, swim the craft to the shore or pier and empty it. Reenter the craft after emptying it.
- d. Depart from shore or pier and with an accompanying buddy boat and paddle 25 yards into water deeper than participant ability to touch bottom. Wet exit. With assistance from your buddy boat, empty and right your craft, and re-enter. After re-entering, paddlers in the buddy boat wet exit. Tow the buddy boat and your buddy paddler at least 25 yards to shore.

#### NOTE:

- Well-fitted life jackets appropriate for the craft must be worn at all times.
- For a tandem canoe or kayak, perform the skills course in requirement b. as both a bow and stern paddler.
- Buddy boats should be the same type of craft in which the Sea Scout is being tested.
- Any re-entry technique can be used including but not limited to sling techniques, heel-hooks, and over-the-stern re-entries.
- Paddlers must maintain proper lookout throughout all maneuvers to prevent conflict with other boats.