

SEA SCOUT MANUAL



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.

The Venturing Oath

As a Venturer, I promise to do my duty to God and help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

The Venturing Code

As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength, and traditions of our people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life.

I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.



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This edition of the *Sea Scout Manual* is dedicated to Commander Thomas J. Keane, USN, who served his country through two distinguished careers—the Navy and Scouting.

In World War I, Commander Keane was in charge of Naval activities in Ireland and Australia. He received the Order of the British Empire (OBE) from King George VI of England. He was recalled to active duty in World War II, where he served in the office of the Secretary of the Navy.

In between the wars, Commander Keane served as the national director of Sea Scouting. Under his leadership, the program of Sea Scouting was expanded across the United States. He is considered the person most responsible for the traditions, activities, advancement, and uniforms of Sea Scouting, many of which are still in use today.

After his retirement from the BSA, Commander Keane continued as a dynamic speaker for Scouting. His enthusiasm, patriotism, and dedication to Scouting have inspired countless young adults.

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Scout Oath or Promise

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;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is—

Trustworthy	Obedient
Loyal	Cheerful
Helpful	Thrifty
Friendly	Brave
Courteous	Clean
Kind	Reverent

BSA Mission Statement

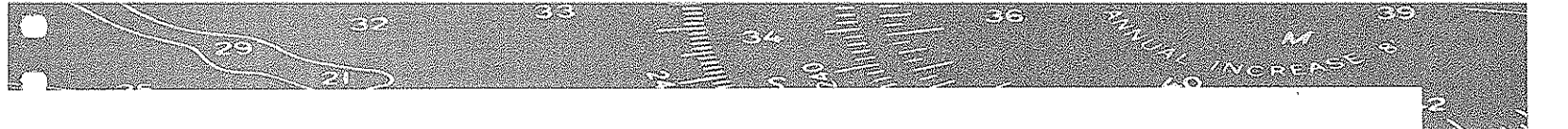
The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

BSA Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.

In the future Scouting will continue to

- Offer young people responsible fun and adventure
- Instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law
- Train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership
- Serve America's communities and families with its quality, values-based program.



Welcome Aboard

Welcome aboard—to the fun and adventure of Sea Scouting, a program combining the tradition of the past with the technology of the future. Whether you look to the sea for a career or lifelong hobby, Sea Scouting is for you.

A New World of Opportunities

You are entering an exciting program with plenty of opportunities and a rich tradition. The sea offers a challenge to all who venture upon it. If you are looking for challenges, you will find them here!

What's the one thing that makes Sea Scouting unique? It's getting out on the water! Sea Scout units can use a variety of boats; from outboard motorboats to large sailing yachts. But no matter how your ship gets to sea, you'll discover a thrill that you just can't get anywhere else. You belong to a world that is distinct from anything on shore; with its own language and practices.

The sea is also no place for the unwary, and the Scout Motto, "Be Prepared," is seriously practiced here. The challenge is being able to take your vessel from point A to point B, while being ready for whatever you may encounter along the way. This is what makes Sea Scouting great.

Here is the chance to get away from it all. Cruising takes you beyond any experience you'll get on a day's outing. Living on the boat involves sharing in the duties of helmsman, navigator, lookout, cook, and sail handler or engineer. You live on a sea-roving summer camp where each day offers a new destination in the morning, and the changing scenery of a new harbor in the evening.

Sea Scouting gives you the opportunity to share these experiences with others who share your interests. Even if you know nothing about boats now; don't worry, you will. You'll have the chance to grow and share your experiences with others in your ship. Your shipmates can meet other Sea Scouts at council, regional, and national events. Sea Scout get-togethers, called rendezvous, games, and rallies provide a chance to swap stories and compare notes.

Sea Scout programs are run by the youth members. Elected leaders plan and conduct the program. Being part of a boat's crew teaches teamwork. As you gain experience you will be given the opportunity to contribute to the leadership of your unit. At the quarterdeck meetings, the ship's petty officers work together to plan and evaluate the ship's program. The leadership skills you learn here will last your lifetime.

Sea Scouting is service to others. Sea Scouts have been of service to hundreds of communities across the nation. Service can be expressed in individual good turns to others or in organized projects involving your crew or the whole ship. In rescues at sea, or facing emergencies on shore, Sea Scouts have saved lives and property. Service puts your citizenship into action.

Opportunity for Fun on the Water

Opportunity for Cruising

Opportunity for Fellowship

Opportunity for Leadership

Opportunity for Service

Opportunity for Advancement

In Sea Scouting, you are acknowledged for the things you learn and do. The Sea Scout advancement program rewards the work you put into it. Each level of advancement marks your growth as a seaman and a leader. The pinnacle of the advancement system is the Quartermaster Award, the highest award a Sea Scout can earn.

Sea Scouting's Traditions

Seafaring has traditions that go back hundreds of years. Sea Scouting has adapted these traditions to its program and, in the process, it has created a tradition of its own. In this book, you will see names and words that are not used in "landsman's" language. These terms and practices continue to exist because they have a purpose.

The uniforms, ceremonies, and titles in Sea Scouting are unique. As a Sea Scout, you become part of that tradition and you get to play your part in shaping that tradition for future Sea Scouts.

Your Duties as a Sea Scout

When you become a member, take part in the activities. You'll have the most fun when you're helping your shipmates improve your ship.

Dedicate yourself to the ideals of Sea Scouting by learning and living up to the Venturing Code and the Sea Promise. They'll keep you on the right heading.

Participate wholeheartedly in the meetings. Don't be afraid to offer suggestions. The ship's program is based on your needs and desires as well as those of the other members. Elect your petty officers with care. Then give them your full support.

Serve enthusiastically on activity committees. Try to be effective as a petty officer or activity chair when such opportunities come your way.

Your ship operates on a budget. Pay your dues and lend a hand when there's a need to earn funds.

Don't hesitate to ask your Skipper for help when you need it. He or she is there to see that you don't go too far off course.

How to Join

To join, you must be 14 years of age, have graduated from the eighth grade, or be 15 regardless of grade. You can stay in Sea Scouting until you are 21 years of age. To find the Sea Scout ships in your area call the listing for "Boy Scouts of America" in your phone book. If there is not a ship near your home, encourage your parents, school, church, or community organization to organize one.

Sea Scouting includes challenging physical and mental activities. If you have not recently had a complete medical examination, you are urged to see your family physician. Notify your Skipper if you require special medication or diet, or if your physician recommends limited activity. This could be of vital importance in case of an emergency. Be safe and confide in your Skipper.

You'll receive your membership certificate at an admission or induction ceremony. Use it when buying your uniform.

Who Pays for Sea Scouting?

As a Sea Scout you pay for your uniform, equipment, ship dues, and other personal expenses. With other members of the ship you may plan and carry out approved money-earning projects for many activities. The organization that is chartered to operate your ship provides a meeting place, maintenance, and some program resources, and selects adult leadership. Many valuable services are also provided by the Boy Scout local council, which is financed primarily by the United Way and Friends of Scouting contributions.

Coast Guard Boating Safety on the Internet

The U.S. Coast Guard maintains an extensive boating safety site on the World Wide Web at

<http://www.uscgboating.org>

Boating safety information is also available toll-free at 1-800-368-5647.

SCOUTS OF THE SEA

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Trumpets

Car - ing

Drums

Naught for wind or weath-er O-ver the sev - en seas we sail One - for
Hal - yards sheets and bunt lines Set - ting stun - s'ls to the breeze Be -

all and all to - geth - er We drive our sturd - y ship in - to the gale.
fore the trade winds scud - ding Sailing on to for - eign lands and seas.

Standing our watch - es port or star - board Set - ting our sails to catch the wind where e'er they

be True Sons of old glo - ry We're Scouts of the sea. Hauling on sea.

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