



NATIONAL SEA SCOUT COMMITTEE
2016 APPLICATION FOR SEAL TRAINING

Please list the classes you wish to attend in order of preference. If you cannot attend any particular class indicate by placing an [0] in that block, otherwise rank one through five. You must apply to separate locations if two applicants are from the same Ship.

(Chesapeake Bay, MD June 25 - July 3, 2016) _____

(Galveston Bay, TX July 1 - 9, 2016) _____

(Seattle, WA July 6 - 15, 2016) _____

(Long Island Sound, NY July 7 - 17, 2016) _____

(Chesapeake Bay, MD July 23 - 31, 2016) _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2016

Please fill this application out in black ink, **PRINTING** in **UPPER-CASE LETTERS** only or **TYPING** the **APPLICATION**. Fill in all blanks.

This course is open to any Scout or Venturer 14yrs of age - but not have reached age 21 before the course, provided they can meet the base requirements. When completed and signed by applicant, parent, and skipper.

MAIL, E-MAIL or FAX to: Jim Elroy, SEAL Training Coordinator, 1746 South Victoria Ave Suite F396, Ventura, CA 93003.

Any questions please call 805-648-3006 or FAX 805-648-3009 or email: seawolf410@aol.com

Scholarships are available to Sea Scouts provided that they have exhausted all venues of funding. Contact Jim Elroy for details.

Name _____

Street address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Home telephone _____

Cell number _____ Email address _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____ Gender _____ Ship number _____ Council _____

Length of time in Sea Scouting _____ Date you will graduate from high school _____

Date promoted to Ordinary _____ Height _____ Weight _____

T-shirt size (*circle one*): S – M – L – XL – XXL

Skipper's name _____ Skipper's telephone _____

Skipper's address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Leadership positions held in Ship, school, other activities _____

What type of a career will you be seeking? _____

Describe your experience on the water _____

This application requires that you send via email a digital photo (JPEG) from the waist-up, frontal in full official Dress White, Dress Blue or New Century Sea Scout uniform to Jim Elroy at seawolf410@aol.com

**On a separate sheet of paper, describe why you want to take this leadership course.
Please attach to this application.**

**If you mailed your application please make contact
with Mr. Elroy to verify that he has received your application before the date due**

SEAL TRAINING COURSE DESCRIPTION

The (***SEAL***) Sea Scout Experience Advanced Leadership training program is a course designed to teach leadership skills while at sea. SEAL is not a seamanship course. It is designed to “jump start” junior leaders of new Ships, and to tune up leaders from more experienced Ships. SEAL is a hard core, tough, physically and mentally demanding course, not a holiday or a boat ride. Applicants for SEAL must prepare themselves, because we do not have time to teach seamanship. **Preparation consists of studying the Safety & Seamanship chapter and appendix of the current 11th edition of the *Sea Scout Manual* and outlining that chapter in detail.**

Students 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; know helm commands and points of relative bearings. All of this 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 tests will be forwarded to your Skipper. 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 by the applicant and his/her skipper 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 after application is received. The Skipper's evaluation of the potential participant's readiness to undergo this training is of the utmost importance. Page three of this application consists of an admonition and instructions to the Skipper regarding evaluation of the applicant. 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. Failure to fully prepare ensures failure of this course and the waste of a valuable space for someone else that would have been able to participate.

The skills taught are Preparing, Training, Supervising, Motivating, Problem solving, Communicating, Coordinating, Commanding, Delegating, Evaluating and Implementing. These skills are taught though 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 Ship, 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 can not meet them at the plane. They must collect their luggage alone and walk to curb side at the baggage terminal. Sea Scouts must be prepared to operate in remote areas on the open ocean. 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 Captain and adult instructors, at least one of each gender.

PARENT AND STUDENT CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned applicant, certify that I am prepared to enter SEAL training and I have a complete knowledge of the Apprentice and Ordinary skills. Further I have a complete knowledge of Seamanship & Safety Chapter of the current *Sea Scout Manual*. I am able to perform basic coastal navigation. I am 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 will be: Ordinary rank for Sea Scouts, Bronze Award for Venturers and 1st Class for Boy Scouts by June 1st prior to this course.**

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 \$250 and \$280 plus the cost of transit to the course location and the cost of two work uniforms consisting of pants / shorts, work 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 lack of preparation will lead to failure of this course. **I understand that once I am accepted and pay the course fee that there will be no refund.**

Skipper: You must certify the applicant's preparedness on the final page of this application

Applicant signature _____ Date _____

Parent signature _____ Date _____

SKIPPER CERTIFICATION OF SEAL APPLICANT

Do not submit more than one student application for each SEAL location.

To the Skipper:

This is an advanced leadership training course. You are sending an applicant whom you believe will make a good Ship's Boatswain. This applicant must be Ordinary rank by June 1st of the class year. He or she must have a complete knowledge of the Safety & Seamanship Chapter of the current *11th 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 that should have been learned during the applicant's advancement to Ordinary. What we will try to do is to return to you a Sea Scout who is equipped with management tools and who will fire up your ship and be ready to move into the Boatswain position. To do this, you must provide us with a Sea 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 and 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.

I, _____, Skipper of Ship _____, certify that SEAL applicant _____ has mastered the following skills as indicated:

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 professional grade expertise.

- ___ 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 as per the SS Manual.
- ___ 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
- ___ Has a complete knowledge of the Lateral System
- ___ 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 under his/her command
- ___ Has mastered all the skills for Apprentice and Ordinary rank and will be Ordinary rank by June 1st.
- ___ Is under consideration to be Boatswain or Boatswain's Mate of this Ship
- ___ Is mature enough to travel alone to the location of this class.

This student applicant has approximately _____ days experience underway on a:

___ Foot in length ___ Sailing vessel or ___ foot in length ___ Power vessel

If my Skipper has rated me below '8' than I agree to raise my proficiency level to at least a level '8' by June 1st

SEAL applicant signature _____ Date _____

I commit to work with this SEAL applicant to ensure that he/she is fully prepared and

Return all exams to Course Director by stated deadline

Skipper's signature _____ Date _____

Skipper telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

Skipper email _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____