



DATE: October 15, 2017

SUBJECT: National Flagship Competition

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TO: Scout Executives and Sea Scout Ship Adult Leadership

Action: Publicize the National Sea Scout Flagship competition and distribute the attached Sea Scout National Flagship Scoresheet immediately to all ships in your council.

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. Since then, the award has been presented to ships from Coast to Coast, and many locations in between – including land-locked Ships that travel great distances to water.

Now is the time for all ships to take stock of their past year's program and document their accomplishments to apply for the annual National Flagship Competition. You will find attached the Annual Sea Scout Flagship Application, the Sea Scout Ship Performance outline, and the Ship's Performance Scoresheet for the Journey to Excellence Award.

Make sure the ship meets the entire minimal standard on this scoresheet. If you feel that the ship qualifies, have the Sea Scouts in the ship put together a compelling packet of information that tells the judges why the ship deserves this prestigious honor. Your application will be judged based on the criteria on the scoresheet – up to 100 points will be awarded. Some categories are weighted more heavily than others, see the scoresheet for weighting. Please note that telling your ship's story from a youth perspective is worth up to 15 points – the reviewers should feel that they are hearing the story of this past year in your ship from the youth, not the adults.

The application should include the completed scoresheet, **a photograph of the Ship members in an official Sea Scout uniform as outlined in the 2016 edition of the Sea Scout Manual**, and a *written narrative, presentation or video to support the ship's application. Include in the narrative, presentation or video any supporting material that helps to tell the story.* Be comprehensive, yet concise and creative. ***Whatever form you choose to use, it must be accessible via a single URL on the internet - it could be a YouTube video, a Google Slides or PowerPoint presentation, a web page or site, or any other form that can be accessed from a web browser.***

A ship must meet the minimal national standards in all areas for a calendar year starting January 1 and ending December 31. While your ship's history matters, this is about what your ship did during that calendar year. The application is due to the National Sea Scout Office by March 31, 2018 to be considered for the National Flagship Award. ***Submit your application by email to seascouts@scouting.org. The email should include your application form, the photograph of Ship members, and the URL to the supporting material. Please, NO LARGE ATTACHMENTS and no DVDs or thumb drives!*** For questions, call (972) 580-2448.

Please note that simply filling out the scoresheet and mailing it without supporting materials will not qualify the ship for consideration for this award – incomplete applications will not be considered.

The ship that is awarded the National Flagship honor will be presented with a special 'National Flagship' flag with four stars and allowed to wear the National Flagship patch with the current year. (There are patches for the uniform, which can be ordered and paid for by the winning ship.) We usually select other applicants to serve with the Flagship Fleet based on their application. (There are special 'National Flagship Fleet' flags and patches, which can be ordered and paid for by the ships that are chosen to be members of the Flagship Fleet.)



Annual Sea Scout Flagship Application

Directions:

This application and scoresheet, along with supporting materials, **including a photograph of the Ship members in an official Sea Scout uniform, as outlined in the 2016 edition of the Sea Scout Manual**, will be used to determine the annual National Flagship Award recipient. It is to be filled out by the ship's quarterdeck and the Skipper. A ship must meet the minimal national standards in all areas for a calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The application is due to the National Sea Scout Department by **March 31 of the following year**, to be considered for the National Flagship honor. **The application and a web link to supporting documents should be transmitted by email.**

Ship No. _____ Ship name _____ Date form submitted _____

Charter organization _____

Skipper _____ Ship Boatswain _____

Council Name _____ Council No. _____

District/Division _____ Charter expiration date _____

Submitted by _____ Print Name _____

Telephone: Office: _____ Address _____

Home: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

COUNCIL APPROVAL: We recommend and approve this Sea Scout Ship's nomination for the National Flagship Award. (A letter of reference can also be submitted with the application if desired.)

Signed _____ Date _____

(Scout executive or Council designee)

Council Name _____ Council No. _____

Contact Telephone: Office: _____ Other: _____

COUNCIL COMMODORE APPROVAL: (If applicable position available in council) I recommend and approve this Sea Scout Ship's nomination for the National Flagship Award. (A letter of reference can also be submitted with the application if desired.)

Signed _____ Date _____

(Council Commodore)

Print Name _____ Email: _____

Contact Telephone: Office: _____ Other: _____

CHARTER ORGANIZATION APPROVAL: We recommend and approve this Sea Scout Ship's nomination for the National Flagship Award. (A letter of reference can also be submitted with the application if desired.)

Signed _____ Date _____

(Charter Organization Representative or Institutional Head)

Print Name _____ Email: _____

Contact Telephone: Office: _____ Other: _____



Sea Scout Ship Performance

Directions: Please describe your Ship's annual performance for each of the following in a document, presentation or video. Your ship's story should be told from a youth perspective (a clear youth perspective is worth up to 15 points). A Ship's Log with photos or video is strongly encouraged. **The scoring in all areas adds up to 100 possible points.**

Youth Perspective and Preparation of all aspects of this Application: (15 points)

Scouting's Journey to Excellence performance evaluation: (10 points)

- Please use the worksheet at http://www.scouting.org/filestore/mission/pdf/2017_JTE_Ship_Scorecard.pdf

Sea Scout Advancement and Recognitions: (15 points)

- List number of Sea Scouts who each achieved Apprentice, Ordinary, Able and Quartermaster.
- Number of Sea Scouts who attended specialized training activities, such as First Aid, CPR, Life Guard or a safe boating course.
- Number of Sea Scouts who attended ILSS, SEAL, Quarterdeck training, other youth trainings.
- Number of Sea Scouts who earned the Long Cruise Award in past 12 months.
- Held Sea Scout Bridge of Honor with Landship to recognize Sea Scout advancement.
- Occasions for presenting awards and recognitions at regular meetings.
- Special Celebrations, activities, events held in celebration of the Sea Scouts in 2017

On-Water Activities: (20 points)

- Describe all on-water activities, and dates from your Ship's Log, of any of the following activities:
 - All Long Cruises and Super Activities, including ports of call and time on the water
 - Support of Nat'l Sea Scout Activities, Examples: SEAL, Koch Cup Regionals, Eagle, etc.
 - All weekend cruises, destinations and time on the water
 - All Drills, Examples: 1) Man Overboard, 2) Abandon Ship, 3) Collision, 4) Fire, 5) Anchoring, 6) Injuries

Sea Scout Collaborative and Mentoring Activity: (10 points)

- Describe any and all Council, Regional, or National Sea Scout activities that your Ship participated in during the past year. These may include, but are not limited to, Safety @ Sea, regattas, rendezvous, Scout-o-Rama, Merit Badge Midway, Sea Scout Marksmanship participation, or similar events.
- Describe any mentoring or collaboration activities with other ships not included in the above.

Community Service: (10 points)

- Describe all community service by project and date.
- List with date any and all Color Guard services provided at any community or Scout event.

Recruiting Activities: (15 points)

- Describe all recruiting activities and means of retaining Sea Scouts in your Ship.

Sea Scout Leader Professional Development: (5 points)

- List all adults who completed all required Scout trainings, such as Basic Leader, *Youth Protection*.
- List any adult volunteers who either took or have taken in the past any of the following trainings: Sea Scout Fast Start, Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training, Seabadge, and/or Seabadge Underway.
- List any adult volunteers who have taken a boating course from organizations such as the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, United States Power Squadrons, US Sailing, American Sailing Association, National Safe Boating Council, or any state-approved course or similar organization.

SPECIAL NOTE: National Flagship Fleet Selection – Sea Scout Ships with outstanding programs that are not selected to be the BoatUS National Flagship may be selected as a member of the National Flagship Fleet by the Selection Committee and will be notified by the committee.