



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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SUBJECT: National Flagship Competition

FROM: Keith Christopher, National Sea Scouts Director
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TO: Scout Executives and All Professional Staff Members

Now's the time to take stock of your Ship's programs and document your crew's accomplishments because you could be selected as recipient of the **BoatU.S. Sea Scout National Flagship Award**.

In honor of the 90th anniversary of Sea Scouting in 2002, BoatU.S., the nation's largest recreational boating organization, instituted the annual Sea Scout National Flagship Award. That year the honor went to Ship 502, *Invincible* of Houston, TX and last year's Flagship was Ship 41, *Indomitable*, of Bay Village, OH.

Does your Ship have what it takes to earn the BoatU.S. National Sea Scout Flagship Award? There's only one way to find out. For application details and the evaluation criteria, go to <http://www.seascout.org/ships/flagships.html>. There you will find a checklist of accomplishments that put a Ship in the running. If you feel that your Ship qualifies, put together a compelling package of information that tells this year's judges why your Ship deserves this prestigious honor.

The attached *Sea Scout National Flagship Scoresheet* will provide the standard against which all Sea Scout Ships will be measured. Any Ship meeting the criteria qualifies as a "National Standard Ship" and may affix 4 stars to their Ship flag. These stars are ordered thru normal unit flag ordering procedures.

The application package should be a written narrative supplemented by other materials as you see fit. So be comprehensive, yet concise — and be creative. But be quick about it, too, since the deadline for entries to be received at BSA National Events Department is March 15.

Action: Publicize the National Sea Scout Ship competition, and distribute the attached *Sea Scout National Flagship Scoresheet* immediately.

Sea Scout National Flagship Scoresheet

Directions

This scoresheet is to be used to determine the annual National Flagship, and it is to be filled out by the Ship's Quarterdeck and Skipper. A ship must qualify for the minimal National Standards in all areas for a calendar year beginning January 1 and ending December 31. The application is due in the National Events Department office by March 15 for consideration for National Flagship.

Ship No. _____ Ship Name _____

Chartered Organization _____

District/Division _____ Charter Expiration Date _____

	Ship Scores	National Standard
Organization		
1. Skipper completed Venturing & Sea Scout leader training		Yes
2. Skipper completed Seabadge training		Yes
3. Mates completed Venturing & Sea Scout leader training		3
4. Mates completed Seabadge training		2
5. Ship reregistered on time		Yes
6. Quarterdeck trained by Skipper within the year		Yes
7. Quarterdeck meetings		10
Program		
1. Program planned and administered by Sea Scouts with coaching from adults		Yes
2. Program planned using method described in Sea Scout Manual		Yes
3. Ship held activities on the water (activity at least 4 hours in length)		24 days
4. Ship had long cruise		7 days
5. Held Bridge of Honor		Yes
6. Occasions for presenting awards and recognitions		3
7. Sea Scout Rank advancement – number of youth who advanced		50%
8. Sea Scout/BSA recognitions and awards other than rank earned through ship (Divide total recognition by total members to get percentage.)		50%
9. Sea Scouts with Ordinary or higher rank		25%
10. Participate as a ship in district, council, area, regional or national activities		3
11. Ship performs community service		2 projects
12. Ship develops and follows a budget		Yes
13. Average attendance at all activities		80%
14. Sea Scouts, Skipper and Mates in national standard uniform		100%
Membership		
1. Net increase in youth membership		6 or 25%
2. Admission ceremony for new Sea Scouts		100%

We certify that the above is an accurate report taken from the records of our Ship.

Signed _____
Skipper Boatswain

Approval _____
Commissioner or Service Team Member

Council Approval _____
Sea Scout Committee, Venturing Committee or Scout Executive

Council _____ No. _____

Note: All National Flagship scoresheets and documentation must be forwarded to the National Events Department office by March 15 of each year for consideration for National Flagship. The scoresheet should be addressed to the attention of the National Sea Scout Director.