

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 2002 the National Flagship Award has been awarded to ships from Texas, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, and California.

Now is the time for ships in your council to take stock of their 2009 program and document their accomplishments to apply for the 2010 National Flagship competition. You will find attached the Sea Scout National Flagship Scoresheet. 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 package of information that tells the judges why the ship deserves this prestigious honor. The application package should be a written narrative supplemented by other materials to support your application. Supporting material may be, but is not limited to, videos, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, letters, etc. So be comprehensive, yet concise and creative.

A ship must meet the minimal national standards in all areas for a calendar year starting January 1 and ending December 31. The application is due in the National Events Department by March 31, 2010, for consideration in being selected for the National Flagship Award. The address is: National Flagship Competition, Boy Scouts of America, National Events Department, SUM 250, 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, Texas 75038. 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 this award.

The ship that is awarded the National Flagship honor will be allowed to wear the National Flagship patch with the current year and fly the National Flagship flag with four stars. (There are patches for the uniform and a Ship's flag available through the BSA Supply Group which can be ordered and paid for by the winning ship).

2010 Sea Scout National Flagship Scoresheet

Directions:

This scoresheet along with supporting materials 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 qualify for meet 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 by **March 31, 2010**, for consideration of being the recipient of the National Flagship honor.

Ship No. _____ Ship Name _____

Chartered Organization _____

Council _____ District/Division _____

Charter Expiration Date _____ Date Form Submitted _____

Submitted by _____ Address _____

Telephone: (Office) _____

(Home) _____

(Cell) _____

Organization	Ship's Scores	National Standard
1. Skipper completed <i>Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training</i>		Yes
2. Skipper completed Seabadge training		Yes
3. Mates completed <i>Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training</i>		3
4. Mates completed Seabadge training		2
5. Ship reregistered on time		Yes
6. Skipper held quarterdeck training (within the year)		Yes
7. Quarterdeck meeting		10
Program		
1. Program planned and administered by Sea Scouts with coaching from adults		Yes
2. Program planned using methods described in the <i>Sea Scout Manual</i>		Yes
3. Ship held on-the-water activities (each activity at least four hours in length)		24 days
4. Ship held long cruise		7 days
5. Held bridge of honor (with landship)		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 the total recognitions by the total members to get percentage.)		50%
9. Sea Scouts with Ordinary rank or higher		25%
10. Participated as a ship in district, area, regional, or national activities		3
11. Ship performed community service		2 projects
12. Ship developed and followed 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 %