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TO: Scout Executives

FROM: Robert Sirhal, Commodore, Sea Scouting
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SUBJECT: Regional Nomination Form for the 2009-2010 Regional Sea Scouting
Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect

The Regional Sea Scouting Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect for 2009-10 and Boatswain for 2010-11 will be selected by the Regional Sea Scouting Committee during February of 2009. Each council having Sea Scouts who meet the qualifications listed below may recommend them to the region. During the first year that this leadership opportunity is offered, the individual will serve as Regional Boatswain's Mate, and serve as Regional Boatswain during 2010-11.

QUALIFICATIONS: To run for Regional Sea Scout Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect a Sea Scout must:

1. Be a high school junior, senior, or college freshman and hold at least the rank of Ordinary.
2. Be under 22 years of age on April 15, 2011.
3. Be a present or past senior youth leader in his/her Ship (i.e. Boatswain or Boatswain's Mate) or council Wardroom/Quarterdeck/VPA/VOA.
4. Be an active Sea Scout for the immediate past two years and currently active in a Sea Scout Ship.
5. Be recommended and approved by his/her Skipper.
6. Be recommended and approved by his/her council.

TERM OF OFFICE: The Regional Sea Scout Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect will serve as Boatswain's Mate from March 28, 2009 to April 1, 2010. They will subsequently serve as Regional Sea Scout Boatswain from April 1, 2010 to April 1, 2011.

ACTION: Each council wishing to nominate a Sea Scout should approve and forward the attached nomination form to Northeast Region by **February 16, 2009**. The selection by the Regional Sea Scouting Committee will take place by March 1, 2009.

Northeast Region, Sea Scouts, B.S.A.

Regional Boatswain



Mission

The Regional Boatswain, the Northeast Region's principal youth representative in Sea Scouting, shall develop, maintain, and promote the Sea Scouting program in such a manner as to emphasize the purposes and achieve the objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.

Principal Responsibilities

1. Serve as the youth representative on the Regional Sea Scouting Committee.
2. Serve as the Region's youth representative on the National Sea Scouting Advisory Committee. This committee meets at the discretion of the National Commodore and performs special projects assigned by the National Commodore.
3. To communicate between Northeast Region ships and squadrons through the Regional Sea Scouting newsletter and through other methods approved by the Regional Commodore. This shall include bringing concerns and program ideas to the Regional Sea Scouting Committee.
4. To work with the Northeast Region Venturing President to foster a cooperative relationship between Sea Scouting and the Venturing programs in the Northeast Region for the mutual betterment of all Northeast Region Sea Scouts.

Method of Appointment

The Regional Boatswain shall be a high school junior, senior, or college freshman and hold the rank of at least Ordinary. The Boatswain must have been an active Sea Scout for the immediate past two years and is currently active in a Sea Scout Ship. The Boatswain must have also held a senior youth leadership position in his/her Ship or council Wardroom/Quarterdeck/VPA/VOA.

The Regional Boatswain is appointed by the Regional Commodore and serves a two-year term: the first year as Regional Boatswain's Mate; the second as Regional Boatswain. The term of office will run from the Spring Regional Sea Scouting Committee meeting to the next spring meeting. The Boatswain will be selected from a pool of applicants who meet the qualifications above. The applicant should include relevant Sea Scouting, Scouting, school, and other information to assist in the selection process. All applications for Regional Boatswain must be accompanied by a recommendation from the Sea Scout's Ship Skipper and approval of the Council Scout Executive. Applications must be received not later than February 1st of the year term of office.



2009-10 REGIONAL BOATSWAIN'S MATE / BOATSWAIN-ELECT COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Send to Northeast Region, P.O. Box 268,
Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831-0268
By February 16, 2009

Council _____ No. _____

Recommends the following Sea Scout for the position as Regional Boatswain or Regional Boatswain's Mate (Boatswain-Elect). He or she meets the qualifications listed.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Age on April 15, 2011 _____ currently registered in Ship No. _____

Chartered Organization _____

Present *or* Past Boatswain *or* Quarterdeck / Wardroom / VPA / VOA position

WHAT TO INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION

The nominee should attach no more than six (6) 8½" × 11" pages on white paper to this application stating his or her qualifications for Regional Sea Scout Boatswain. Please staple these pages to this application. Do not enclose them in notebooks, binders, or sheet protectors. These pages should include:

1. Experience as Ship's Boatswain, Boatswain's Mate, or office with council Wardroom, Quarterdeck, VPA, or VOA.
2. Leadership experience, advancement, cruising, awards, training, and other activities related to Sea Scouting.
3. Honors, leadership positions, awards, and training from church, Scouting, or other organizations.
4. School awards, clubs, sports, scholarships, and leadership positions.
5. A statement on college or career plans.
6. A brief statement on why you want to be Regional Sea Scout Boatswain.
7. Other information on your qualifications to run for office.

Please **attach a black and white 3" × 5" school photograph** for publicity purposes. This should be a head and shoulder shot with no sports gear. This photo should be of reproducible quality.

Nominee's Agreement: I am able and willing to run for Regional Boatswain or Regional Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect. I meet the qualifications on the back. If selected by the Regional Sea Scouting Committee, I will serve to the best of my ability.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Nominee)

Parent(s) Approval _____ Date _____

Skipper Approval: I recommend and approve this Sea Scout as our Ship's nominee for Regional Boatswain or Regional Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect. He or she meets the qualifications listed on the back. If appointed, I support that their primary responsibility is to the Region; if a conflict arises between our ship's need and a regional event, the regional duties take precedence.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Skipper)

Council Approval: I recommend and approve this Sea Scout as our council's nominee for Regional Boatswain or Regional Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect. He or she meets the qualifications listed on the following page.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Scout Executive)

For Region use:

Date Received _____

All nominees informed of selection _____
Name of Regional Sea Scouting Boatswain sent to National Sea Scouting Division
by April 15, 2009



RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE REGIONAL BOATSWAIN

1. Represents Sea Scouts at:
 - a. National meetings (when designated)
 - b. Regional activities and meetings (when designated)
 - c. Council activities (when invited)
 - d. Special projects/task forces (as assigned)
2. Serves as a “representative of youth” to the National Sea Scouting Committee. Attempts to express the needs, ideas, and concerns of all Sea Scouts to this committee.
3. Will serve as the Youth Sea Scout representative on the Regional Sea Scouting Committee.
4. Responsible to the Regional Commodore and the staff member assigned to Scouting in Northeast Region.
5. Supports the programs and activities designed by the Region for Sea Scouting.
6. Assists councils, upon request through the Commodore and/or the Region, with Quarterdeck/Wardroom and Sea Scouting activities.
7. Supports the Region in any efforts to train council Quarterdeck/Wardroom and advisors.
8. Once appointed, primary responsibility is to the Region. If a conflict arises between a ships need and a regional event, the regional duties take precedence.
9. Promotes national activities, programs, and awards.
10. Serves in a leadership position for any national event as assigned by the Regional Commodore and Regional staff.
11. Agrees to wear the official Sea Scout dress uniform as specified by the Regional Commodore or regional staff member assigned to Scouting (paid for at own expense).
12. Agrees to resign from office if requested by the Regional Sea Scouting Commodore, with concurrence from the regional staff member assigned to Scouting.