



Quarter Deck Training Course Descriptions

SEAL Challenge Knots:

All Sea Scout youth members will have an opportunity to compete in this contest. Fifteen knots taken from Apprentice and Ordinary advancement requirements must be completed correctly in three minutes. The top three best times will win a prize.

SEAL Orientation:

In preparation for the next NY SEAL Platform to be offered in 2007, an orientation to all Sea Scout Youth and Ships Officers will be presented. Those that are Ordinary will be able to fill out applications on site. Photographs from the July 2006 event will be displayed.

1. Vision:

All Ships should have a vision of direction. Those ships that do not may be adrift. Many successful Ships have a vision; does your Ship have a vision? This will be an opportunity for Sea Scouts to write a vision for their ship and make the attempt to implement that vision.

2a. Picking the Quarterdeck:

The core of all Ships is its leadership. Many just think of the Quarterdeck, but there are other jobs and responsibilities. All leadership positions in the Ship will be presented as well as the role's responsibilities and duties.

2b. Models of Leadership:

All leaders in a Ship have a method of leadership. Which one is right for you? How many types of leadership styles are there? A good leader knows how to use each one effectively.

3. Delegation:

Can we do the job alone? Can we ask for help? Delegation is an effective tool. Do you know how to make it work? Do you have a smooth operating Ship? This is where the Ship's leaders are made.

4. Crew Leadership and Direction:

Within the Ship there are crews. These crews have leaders. Do these leaders know the twelve commands of CREW leadership? Has a crew leader provided direction to complete the Ships tasks?

5. Communicating the Commands:

The every day operation of a Ship thrives on effective communication and clear commands from its leadership and crew. Is there effective communication on the Quarterdeck? Do the crews understand what is being said? This session will hone these important skills that help create a smooth operating Ship.

6. Scuttlebutt Leadership Challenge:

An interactive program at the end of the day that will test the ability of all Sea Scouts to lead, plan and execute all that was learned.

Sea Scouts that complete all six aspects of Quarterdeck training will receive a certificate of completion.