



# Sea Scouting Climbing Back

*Interested in...*

*Learning to sail? Operating a powerboat? Steering a boat?  
Going scuba diving? Rafting a white-water river?*

*You can do all this and more in Sea Scouts!*



## Welcome Aboard

Welcome aboard to the fun and adventure of Sea Scouting, a program combining the tradition of the past with the technology of the future. Whether you look to the sea for a career or lifelong hobby, Sea Scouting is for you!

Sea Scouting is a coeducational program offered to young adults between the ages of 14 and 21. Like you, they love boats and the water, want to learn the skills of the sailor, and can work as a team. They set personal goals, too—and they have fun doing it.

## A New World of Opportunities

Sea Scouting is an exciting program with plenty of opportunities based on a rich tradition. The sea offers a challenge to all who venture upon it. If you are looking for challenges, you will find them here, along with the opportunity to establish long-lasting friendships.

## Opportunity for Fun on the Water

What makes Sea Scouting unique? It is getting out on the water! Sea Scout ships can use a variety of boats, from outboard motorboats to large sailing yachts. No matter how your ship roams the sea, you will discover a thrill that you just can't get anywhere else. You belong to a world that is distinct from anything on shore, with its own language and practices.

You will learn boat handling under power and sail, piloting and rules-of-the-road navigation, and how to read the water. Absorbing the history and traditions of the sea, learning knots, splicing, and fancy rope work are also part of the program. In the midst of all this, you will develop skills in boat maintenance, engine service, marine electronics, and how to plan a long cruise.

The challenge is being able to take your vessel from point A to point B, while being ready for whatever you may encounter along the way. This is what makes Sea Scouting great.





## Opportunity for Cruising

Here is the chance to get away from it all. Cruising takes you beyond any experience you will get on a day's outing. Living on a boat involves sharing the duties of helmsman, navigator, lookout, cook, sail handler, and engineer. While cruising, you live on a sea-roving summer camp with each day offering a new destination in the morning and the changing scenery of a new harbor in the evening.

## Opportunity for Fellowship

Sea Scouting gives you the opportunity to share experiences with others who share your interests. If you know nothing about boats now, don't worry; you will learn. You will have the chance to grow and share your experiences with others in your ship. Your shipmates can also meet other Sea Scouts at council, regional, and national events.

Your ship will join in sailing regattas, rowing races, canoe-paddling contests, nautoramas, and rendezvous, providing a chance to swap stories and compare notes.

## Opportunity for Leadership

Sea Scout programs are run by youth members. Elected leaders plan and conduct the program. Being part of a boat's crew teaches teamwork. As you gain experience, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the leadership of your unit. The leadership skills you learn here will last a lifetime.

## Opportunity for Advancement

In Sea Scouting, you are acknowledged for the things you learn and do. The Sea Scout advancement program rewards the work you put into it. From Apprentice to Quartermaster—the pinnacle of the advancement system—you are able to earn valuable certifications like scuba diving, boat safety, marine radio, lifesaving, and CPR. Each level of advancement marks your growth as a mariner and leader.





## Sea Scouting's Traditions

*Seafaring has traditions that go back hundreds of years. Sea Scouting has adapted these traditions as its own. Uniforms, ceremonies, and officer titles in Sea Scouting are unique. As a Sea Scout, you become part of that tradition and you play your part in shaping it for future Sea Scouts.*

## How to Join

*To join, you must be 14 years of age, have graduated from the eighth grade, or be 15 regardless of grade. You can stay in Sea Scouting until you are 21 years old. To find the Sea Scout ships in your area, call the number listed under "Boy Scouts of America" in your phone book. If there is not a ship near your home, encourage parents, schools, churches, or community associations to organize one.*



## Who Pays for Sea Scouting?

*As a Sea Scout, you pay for your uniform, equipment, ship dues—required by the Boy Scouts of America to cover liability and medical insurance—and other personal expenses. Many ships carry out approved money-earning projects to help pay for expenses.*



## Need More Information?

*Great! Just contact your local BSA council. Look under "Boy Scouts of America" in your phone book. Or visit the Sea Scout Web site, [www.seascout.org](http://www.seascout.org).*

*The Sea Scout Manual, No. 33239C, is available from your local BSA council service center. How to Organize a Sea Scout Ship is available on the Sea Scout Web site, [www.seascout.org](http://www.seascout.org).*

*If you have specific questions about the program, contact [moreinfo@seascout.org](mailto:moreinfo@seascout.org).*