



LANDSHIP CEREMONY

The following script is for a routine Ship meeting landship. Whenever “dignitaries” are present such as for Bridges of Honor, the script for boarding should be modified accordingly. Specifics are provided at end.

PRELIMINARY

(5 Minutes before start of ceremony the ship's bell is rung 5 times; 3 minutes before start of ceremony the ship's bell is rung three times; 2 minutes ... two times; 1 minute ... one time.)

(OFFICER OF THE DECK boards ship from starboard gangway, BOATSWAIN boards ship from Port gangway. At the rail they render the double salute, then exchange salutes before laying aboard. upon boarding, the OOD enters the quarterdeck from the port side and takes his station on the port side of the bridge, just off the keel-line, facing the bow; the BOS'N faces the OOD one step forward of the bridge.)

OOD:

"BOS'N, proceed with the opening ceremony."

BOS'N: (Salutes)

"Aye aye, sir." (OOD returns salute.)

BOS'N:

"CREW LEADERS, muster your Crews." (As the crews are forming, the BOS'N'S MATE marches to the port gangway.)

BOS'N'S MATE: (Salutes)

"Boatswain's Mate [last name], requests permission to lay aboard, sir."

BOS'N:

"Permission granted." (Bos'n returns salute. BOS'N'S MATE drops his salute, executes the double salute, then marches to a station just forward of the port gangway and comes to the position of At Ease.)

(The first CREW LEADER marches to the port gangway.)

CREW LEADER: (Salutes)

"Starboard Alpha, request permission to lay

aboard, sir."

BOS'N:

"Permission granted." (BOS'N returns salute.)

CREW LEADER: (Drops his salute, executes the double salute, then to his crew)

"Starboard Alpha, lay aboard." (Crews lay aboard in order. Each individual as he or she boards renders the double salute. When the entire crew is on deck and at quarters, the CREW LEADER commands:)

"Inboard face. At close interval, dress right, dress." (The CREW LEADER verifies the alignment and then commands:)

"Ready, front."

BOS'N: (Salutes)

"Sir, the ship is at quarters."

OOD: (OOD returns salute.)

"Very well, receive the report."

BOS'N: (Salutes)

"Aye aye, sir."

BOS'N: (Turns and faces crews)

"Crew Leaders, reports."

CREW LEADERS: (One at a time each takes one step forward, salutes)

"Starboard Alpha (Port Bravo, ...), all present or accounted for, sir."

BOS'N: (Salutes OOD)

"Sir, all crews present or accounted for."

OOD*:

"Very well. Assign COLOR GUARD and (number) SIDE BOYS."

BOS'N:

"Aye aye, sir." (Faces crews)

"Color guard, Alpha 7 and 8; Sideboys, Bravo 7 and 8."

BOS'N: (Bos'n turns to face OOD, salutes)

“Sir, COLOR GUARD and SIDE BOYS have been assigned.”

OOD*:

“Very well, stand by for Colors.” (Passes the Ensign to the BOS’N and salutes the Colors.)

BOS’N:

“Aye aye, sir.” (Receives the Ensign with both hands, does not return the salute. Faces about to the Ship.)

“Color Guard, post.” (The COLOR GUARD lays aft and obtains the Ensign from the BOS’N, who passes it to the bearer and salutes. The COLOR GUARD does not return the salute. When the BOS’N drops his salute, the COLOR GUARD quickly proceeds to their posts, and makes ready the Ensign on the halyard. When all is ready, the BOS’N commands:)

“Hand salute.” (The Ensign is run smartly aloft, and the BOS’N pipes “Colors” on the boatswain’s pipe. As the Ensign leaves the bearer’s hands he takes one step backward and salutes. Upon securing the halyard, the guard takes one step backward and salutes. At the last note of the pipe, the BOS’N commands:)

“Ready, two. Color Guard, return to your crew.” (The COLOR GUARD returns to their crews. When they have returned to their stations, the BOS’N turns and faces the OOD.)

OPENING

BOS’N:

“SEAMAN _____, lay aft.”

SN: (Salutes)

“SEAMAN _____ reporting, sir.” (BOS’N returns salute.)

BOS’N:

“Lead the Ship in the Pledge of Allegiance.”

SN: (Salutes)

“Aye aye, sir. Face the American Flag. Hand salute. ‘I pledge of allegiance’ Two. Inboard face.”

BOS’N:

“SEAMAN _____, return to your crew.”

SN: (Salutes)

“Aye aye, sir.”

BOS’N:

“SEAMAN _____, lay aft.”

SN: (Salutes)

“SEAMAN _____ reporting, sir.” (BOS’N returns salute.)

BOS’N:

“Lead the Ship in the Sea Promise.”

SN: (Salutes)

“Aye aye, sir. Scout sign. ‘As a Sea Scout, I promise’ Two.”

BOS’N:

“SEAMAN _____, return to your crew.”

SN: (Salutes)

“Aye aye, sir.”

RECEIVING THE SKIPPER

OOD:

“Standby to receive the SKIPPER.”

BOS’N: (Salutes)

“Aye aye, sir.”

BOS’N: (About face)

“Standby to receive the SKIPPER. COLOR GUARD, SIDE BOYS, post.” (COLOR GUARD and SIDE BOYS take one step back and, walking behind their respective crews, report to their assigned duty stations. The BOS’N, BOS’N’S MATE, or a CREW LEADER will take up station one step forward of the forward line of sideboys and one step inboard to pipe the side.)

OOD:

“Columbia Ranger arriving.” (Two bells, with piping.)

BOS’N:

“COLOR GUARD, SIDEBOYS, return to your crews.”

OOD: (Welcomes the SKIPPER aboard, and then

facing the SKIPPER)

“Sir, do you wish to inspect the Ship?”

SKIPPER:

“Yes, I do.”

INSPECTION

OOD: (Left face, now facing the BOS'N)
“Prepare the Ship for inspection.”

BOS'N: (Salutes)
“Aye aye, sir.” (The OOD returns the salute, the BOS'N drops his salute and faces about.)
“Prepare for inspection.” (The CREW LEADERS face about and quickly look over their crews. When satisfied, they face inboard and in ascending order by crews, each turns his head and eyes toward the BOS'N, salutes, gives his report, and when his salute is returned, drops his salute and brings his head and eyes front.)

CREW LEADER: (Salutes)
“Starboard Alpha, ready for inspection, sir.” (The BOS'N will return the salute without comment. The remaining CREW LEADERS report in like manner. When the last salute is returned, the BOS'N faces above to the OOD.)

BOS'N: (Salutes)
“Sir, the Ship is ready for inspection.”

OOD: (Returns the salute)
“Very well, put the Ship at ease and take your post.”

BOS'N: (Drops his salute, faces about to the Ship)
“Columbia Ranger, at ease.” (The BOS'N remains at Attention and stands ready to be inspected. As the BOS'N puts the Ship at ease, the OOD turns to the Skipper and salutes.)

OOD:
“Sir, the Ship is ready for inspection.”

SKIPPER: (Returns the salute)
“Very well.” (The SKIPPER moves off the quarterdeck and inspects the BOS'N. The SKIPPER may direct the OOD or the BOS'N to join him and take notes during the inspection. When so directed, the OOD or BOS'N places himself to the left rear of the SKIPPER and accompanies him throughout the inspection. As the SKIPPER approaches the BOS'N'S MATE'S station at the port

gangway, the BOS'N'S MATE comes to Attention. The SKIPPER halts, centered one step from the BOS'N'S MATE and facing him.)

BOS'N'S MATE: (Salutes)
“Boatswain's Mate [late name], ready for inspection, sir.” (The SKIPPER returns the salute. The BOS'N'S MATE drops his salute. The SKIPPER inspects the BOS'N'S MATE; he may comment, but normally the SKIPPER reserves any criticism, informing the BOS'N of any discrepancies at the conclusion of the inspection. When the Skipper is finished, he and the BOS'N'S MATE exchange salutes. Then the SKIPPER moves to the after crew on the port side. As the SKIPPER departs, the BOS'N'S MATE comes to the position of At Ease.)

CREW LEADER Bravo: (As the SKIPPER approaches, comes to Attention and to his crew)
“Port Bravo, attention.” (The SKIPPER halts centered one step from the CREW LEADER and facing him. The CREW LEADER salutes.)
“Port Bravo, ready for inspection, sir.” The SKIPPER returns the salute. The CREW LEADER drops his salute. The SKIPPER inspects the CREW LEADER, moves around to the left of the CREW LEADER, and halts in front of the first person to be inspected. At this time, the CREW LEADER executes an about faces and places himself to the right rear of the SKIPPER and accompanies him throughout the inspection of the crew. The party passes down the front of the crew, beginning at the right of the line. When the party has cleared the end of the crew line, the CREW LEADER commands:)
“One step forward, march.” (The party then passes behind the crew. When the party has cleared the rear of the line, the CREW LEADER commands:)
“One step backward, march.” (The CREW LEADER then marches to a position in front of the seaman at the right of the crew line, faces inboard and awaits the SKIPPER. The SKIPPER may comment briefly on the results. After concluding his remarks to the CREW LEADER, the SKIPPER and CREW LEADER exchange salutes, then the SKIPPER moves to the next crew. As the SKIPPER departs, the

CREW LEADER commands:
“At ease.” (He then marches to his station, front and center of the crew, faces inboard, and comes to the position of At Ease. The SKIPPER proceeds clockwise around the deck, inspecting each crew in a similar manner. After inspecting the after crew on the starboard side, the SKIPPER may wish to discuss the results with the BOS’N, in which case the approaches the BOS’N’s station forward of the bridge. The SKIPPER and BOS’N exchange salutes and the SKIPPER comments on the results of the inspection. After concluding his remarks, they again exchange salutes and the SKIPPER returns to the quarterdeck. As the SKIPPER departs, the BOS’N to the Ship:)

BOS’N:
“Columbia Ranger, attention.” (As the BOS’N brings the Ship to attention, the SKIPPER enters the quarterdeck and after exchanging salutes, normally directs the OOD to proceed with the meeting program.)

OOD: (Faces the BOS’N)
“Proceed with the scheduled activity.”

BOS’N: (Salutes)
“Aye aye, sir.” (The OOD returns the salute, the BOS’N drops his salute and faces about. The commands given at this time will vary depending upon the activity. Normally, the BOS’N will give the following command:)
“Columbia Ranger, uncover, seats.”

CLOSING

OOD:
“Boatswain.”

BOS’N: (Marches by the most direct route to his station forward of the quarterdeck and salutes.)
“Boatswain [last name], reports.”

OOD: (Returns the salute)
“Call all hands, stations for Final muster.”

BOS’N:
“Aye aye, sir.” (Drops his salute, faces about, pipes ‘All Hands’ on the boatswain’s pipe, and then commands:)
“All hands to stations for Final muster.”

(When all crews are facing inboard, the BOS’N faces about to the OOD and salutes.)
“Sir, the Ship is at quarters.”

OOD: (Returns the salute)
“Very well, proceed with announcements.”

BOS’N:
“Aye aye, sir.” (Drops his salute, faces about.)
“Columbia Ranger, uncover, seats.” (The BOS’N proceeds with the announcements. When others are called upon to speak, the BOS’N seats himself at a post by the starboard gangway. When the announcements are completed, the BOS’N stands and introduces the Skipper’s Minute. When the SKIPPER is finished, he moves to the quarterdeck. As the SKIPPER enters the quarterdeck, the BOS’N covers and takes his station forward of the bridge, facing aft.)

SKIPPER:
“Sir, I am about to leave the Ship.”

OOD: (Faces SKIPPER, salutes.)
“Aye aye, sir.”

OOD*: (Left face towards BOS’N)
“BOS’N, the SKIPPER is about to leave the Ship.”

BOS’N: (Salutes)
“Aye aye, sir.” (Faces about to the Ship.)
“Columbia Ranger, attention, covers. The Skipper is about to leave the Ship. COLOR GUARD, SIDE BOYS, post.” (The members of the SKIPPER’s party march to the starboard gangway, execute the double salute and exit the landship. As each officer passes between the sideboys, the Petty Officer ‘pipes the side.’ The OOD returns each salute to the quarterdeck. He then escorts the SKIPPER to the port side of the quarterdeck. As the SKIPPER leaves the quarterdeck, he shakes hands with the OOD, then walks to the starboard gangway.)

OOD:
“Columbia Ranger departing.” (Two bells, with piping. The SKIPPER’s flag is hauled down. As the SKIPPER clears the gangway, the BOS’N returns to his station forward of the bridge and faces forward.)

BOS’N:

“COLOR GUARD, SIDE BOYS, return to your crews.”

BOS'N: (Turns and faces OOD, salutes)

“Sir, the side is secured.”

OOD: (Returns salute.)

“Stand by for colors.”

BOS'N:

“Aye aye, sir.” (Drops salute and faces about to the Ship.)

“COLOR GUARD, post.” (The COLOR GUARD marches by the most direct route to their posts at the flagstaff. They free the halyard and stand by to lower the Ensign. When all is ready, the BOS'N commands:) “Hand salute.” (The CREW LEADERS in unison ‘pipe the side’, repeating the call once. The Ensign is slowly run down in time to reach the hands of the Color Guard at the end of the call. At the last note, the BOS'N faces about.)

“Ready, two. Inboard, face.” (The COLOR GUARD folds the Ensign in the prescribed manner and when finished, quickly march to a position front and center of the BOS'N, pass the Ensign to him, take one step backward, salute, drop their salutes, and then return to their crews. The BOS'N does not return the salutes. He then faces about, passed the Ensign to the OOD, salutes, drops his salute and awaits instructions. The OOD secures the Ensign on the bridge. The OOD does not return the BOS'N's salute.)

OOD:

“Boatswain, dismiss the Ship.”

BOS'N: (Salutes)

“Aye aye, sir.” (Drops his salute and faces about to the Ship.) “CREW LEADERS, dismiss your crews.” (The crews face to the right and the CREW LEADERS march to their post at the head of the crew. The crews leave the landship by the port gangway. Normally, the after crew on the port side exits first, then the remaining crews in clockwise order around the deck.)

CREW LEADER BRAVO: (Leads his crew to the port gangway, halts, faces the BOS'N and salutes.)

“Port Bravo, request permission to lay ashore, sir.”

BOS'N: (Facing the CREW LEADER, returns the salute.)

“Permission granted.”

CREW LEADER BRAVO: (Drops his salute, executes the double salute, then to his crew:) “Port Bravo, lay ashore.” (The Crew Leader exits the Landship. Each crew member marches to the gangway, executes the double salute, then lays ashore. The OOD and BOS'N return each salute to the quarterdeck. The remaining crews lay ashore in like manner. When the last crew has cleared the gangway, the BOS'N'S MATE marches to the gangway, halts, and faces the BOS'N.)

BOS'N'S MATE: (Salutes)

“Boatswain's Mate [late name], requests permission to lay ashore, sir.”

BOS'N: (Returns the salute)

“Permission granted.” (The BOS'N'S MATE drops his salute, executes the double salute, then exits the landship. As the BOS'N'S MATE clears the gangway, the BOS'N faces the OOD and salutes.)

BOS'N:

“Sir, the Ship is dismissed.”

OOD: (Returns salute)

“Very well, stand by to lay ashore.”

BOS'N:

“Aye aye, sir.” (Drops his salute. OOD passes to right of BOS'N, proceeding towards respective starboard and port gangways, exchange salutes, the double salute, and exit the landship.)

NOTE:

1. “Ma'am” is interchangeable with “Sir.”
2. Side boys render salutes when piping aboard/departure commences. The salutes drop when the piping stops.
3. If dignitaries included, add into script “and dignitaries” wherever (*) shown.
4. Strokes of the ship's bell for arrival/departure of dignitaries:

2 BELLS - Columbia Ranger, arri-

ving/departing (and ship's officers, visiting ships' officers ship committeemembers)

4 BELLS - ____ Council Commodore, arriving/departing - ____ Council Vice Commodore, arriving/departing (any district and council officers)

6 BELLS - ____ Region Commodore, arriving/departing - ____ Region Vice Commodore, arriving/departing (any officers related to the regional office)

8 BELLS - National Commodore arriving/departing - National Committeeman, arriving/departing (any officers related to the National Council)

It is suggested for expediency to have the number side boys required for senior-most dignitary line up all at once. As dignitaries come aboard together (junior first), and as their (above) titles are announced, let the ship's bell toll their status. Departure is in reverse order.

ADMISSIONS CEREMONY

The BOATSWAIN'S MATE FOR ADMINISTRATION is in charge of the ceremony, under the guidance of the First Mate. The ceremony is carried out aboard a landship or in a room with chairs set to outline a landship.

The BOATSWAIN'S MATE FOR ADMINISTRATION instructs the CANDIDATE beforehand in his/her part of the ceremony. If there is more than one CANDIDATE, they are handled as a group and speak out in unison. Chairs should be set up on the outside of the landship for parents and guests. They should be sent invitations and be ushered to their seats by Sea Scouts before the ceremony begins.

The following items are necessary for the admissions ceremony:

- The National ensign
- Venturing Code* poster
- Venturing Emblem and Motto* poster
- Sea Promise* poster
- Small table
- Ship's Logbook placed on table
- Ship's Code
- The Sea Scout Manual*
- Recruit's membership certificate

Sea Scout ships can add a special touch to their

admission ceremony by using lighting effects and recorded background sound effects (e.g., sound of breaking waves). They can use their imagination so long as they remember that the purpose of the admission ceremony is to give both the CANDIDATE and HIS/her parents a serious look at the ideals and responsibilities of Sea Scouting as well as the program opportunities.

The admission ceremony generally follows the regular opening ceremonies of a Sea Scout ship. It is a short and impressive ceremony with the entire membership standing in formation (either at ease or at attention, as directed by their officers). The YEOMAN and CREW LEADER of the crew to which the CANDIDATE is assigned take part.

The BOATSWAIN'S MATE FOR ADMINISTRATION begins the ceremony by inviting the parents of the RECRUIT to come aboard. The Honor Guard then escorts them over the port gangway to the quarterdeck where he/she introduces them to the SKIPPER and then offers them seats for the ceremony.

The BOATSWAIN'S MATE FOR ADMINISTRATION then calls for the RECRUIT and meets the new RECRUIT at the port gangway and escorts him/her to the FIRST MATE, who is stationed at the mainmast. Stationed also at the mainmast is the BOATSWAIN'S MATE FOR PROGRAM, rolled up under his/her arm, the Venturing Code Poster and the Venturing Emblem and Motto Poster. As the RECRUIT approaches, the BOATSWAIN'S MATE FOR PROGRAM unrolls the Venturing Code and holds it in full view.

BOS'N'S MATE:

"HONOR GUARD. Escort the RECRUIT's parents aboard Ship." (The HONOR GUARD escorts them over the port gangway to the Quarterdeck where he/she introduces them to the SKIPPER and then offers them seats for the ceremony.)

BOS'N'S MATE:

"Will the new RECRUIT please come forward to the port gangway." (The BOS'N'S MATE meets the RECRUIT at the port gangway and escorts them to the FIRST MATE, who is stationed at the main mast.)

BOS'N'S MATE: (Approaches and salutes the

FIRST MATE)

"Sir, I present SEAMAN RECRUIT _____ for membership in our Ship."

FIRST MATE: (Shakes hand with the RECRUIT)

"Welcome aboard. Sea Scouting as a part of the Venturing program has its guiding principles expressed in the Venturing Code, which I will read to you now." (The BOS'N'S MATE FOR PROGRAM unscrolls the Venturing Code. The FIRST MATE reads the Venturing Code loud enough for the entire company to hear.)

FIRST MATE:

"SEAMAN RECRUIT _____ will you subscribe to that Code? If you do, say, 'I do.'"

RECRUIT:

"I do."

(The BOS'N MATE FOR PROGRAM then unfolds the second poster and reveals the Venturing Emblem and Motto for all to see.)

FIRST MATE:

"You now see before you the Venturing Emblem and Motto. This is the dynamic emblem of Venturing that calls in turn for your dynamic support of Sea Scouting. You can best give that support by ever seeking to abide by the motto, 'Our best today – for a better tomorrow.' BOS'N'S MATE, will you take the SEAMAN RECRUIT to the bow of the Ship." (There, at the bow of the Ship, the BOS'N is stationed with a rolled-up copy of the Sea Venturing Promise Poster under his/her left arm.)

BOS'N'S MATE: (Salutes the BOS'N)

"Mr. BOS'N, I present SEAMAN RECRUIT _____."

BOS'N:

"Welcome aboard, SEAMAN RECRUIT _____." (BOS'N unrolls the poster and reveals the Sea Promise.)

BOS'N:

"SEAMAN RECRUIT _____, I now ask you to listen to the Sea Promise." (The BOS'N reads the Promise from the Poster.)

BOS'N:

"Do you subscribe to that Promise, SEAMAN RECRUIT _____?"

RECRUIT:

"I do."

BOS'N:

"BOS'N'S MATE, take the SEAMAN RECRUIT to the SKIPPER on the Quarterdeck."

BOS'N'S MATE: (As he/she approaches, salutes the SKIPPER)

"Sir, I present SEAMAN RECRUIT _____."

SKIPPER:

"Thank you, BOS'N'S MATE. SEAMAN RECRUIT _____, I welcome you aboard our Ship." (SKIPPER turns to the ensign)

SKIPPER:

"Loyalty to our nation and respect to the flag are basic parts of Sea Scouting. With that in mind, I would ask you to be ever mindful of the heritage and freedoms we share in this great country." (Briefly in own words, the SKIPPER outlines to the RECRUIT and his/her parents first the privileges of membership and second, the responsibilities of membership.)

SKIPPER: (Turning to BOS'N'S MATE)

"Take the SEAMAN RECRUIT to the YEOMAN'S station."

BOS'N'S MATE: (Salutes)

"Aye aye, sir." (THE BOS'N'S MATE then presents the RECRUIT to the YEOMAN.)

BOS'N'S MATE:

"YEOMAN, I present SEAMAN RECRUIT _____ for membership in our Sea Scout Ship."

YEOMAN:

"Welcome aboard, shipmate! Before you sign the Ship's log, you must agree to act by our Ship's articles, which we call our Ship's Code, Minimum Standards and Bylaws. I shall now read them to you." (In a loud, clear voice, YEOMAN reads the article to the RECRUIT and to the entire Ship's company and guests.)

YEOMAN:

"Do you subscribe to the Code, Minimum Standards and Bylaws of Sea Scout Ship 361, the S.S.S. Columbia Ranger?"

RECRUIT:

“I do.”

YEOMAN:

“You will now sign your name in the Ship’s log.”

RECRUIT: (Signs their name in the Ship’s log. After which BOS’N’S MATE then guides CANDIDATE back to the SKIPPER.)

BOS’N’S MATE: (Salutes SKIPPER)

“Sir, SEAMAN CANDIDATE _____ has signed the Ship’s log.”

SKIPPER: (Returns the salute and then shakes hands with the CANDIDATE)

“Welcome aboard, SEAMAN CANDIDATE _____. On behalf of the officers and crew of this Ship and the Boy Scouts of America, I present you with your certificate of membership. The Sea Scout Manual, which you received earlier, should be your guide as you become a participating member of this Ship’s company. BOS’N’S MATE, take this seaman to his/her assigned crew.”

BOS’N’S MATE: (Salutes the SKIPPER)

“Yes, sir. This way, SEAMAN CANDIDATE _____.” (BOS’N’S MATE takes CANDIDATE to assigned crews and presents CANDIDATE to the CREW LEADERS.)

BOS’N’S MATE:

“CREW LEADER _____, SEAMAN CANDIDATE _____ is now a member of this Ship and is assigned to your crew.”

CREW LEADER: (Salutes the BOS’N’S MATE.

Then facing CANDIDATE):

“Welcome to our crew.”

BOS’N’S MATE:

“HONOR GUARD. Escort the parents of the CANDIDATE ashore.” (Parents of the CANDIDATE are escorted ashore off the port gangway and the HONOR GUARD return to their crew(s).)

BOS’N’S MATE: (Reports back to the BOS’N and salutes him/her):

“Sir, the CANDIDATE is now an official member.”

BOS’N:

“Very well, BOS’N’S MATE, I am ready to

relieve you of command.”

BOS’N’S MATE: (Salutes)

“Aye aye, sir.”

BOS’N:

(Turns and faces the SKIPPER, salutes.)

“Sir, the admissions ceremony has been completed and the CANDIDATE is now an official member.”

SKIPPER:

“Thank you. Carry on.”

Awards and other business is conducted at this time

CHANGE-OF-COMMAND FOR SKIPPERS

OOD:

Introduction of outgoing SKIPPER. Outgoing SKIPPER makes appropriate comments as desired.

OOD: Introduction of incoming SKIPPER/orders

“S.S.S. Columbia Ranger, Attention!”

INCOMING SKIPPER:

“I will now read ‘The Skipper’s Orders.’ The Skipper’s duties include, but are not limited to the following:

As Skipper, you are:

- to be the key adult leader of the Sea Scout ship, an advisor, a friend and a counselor to Sea Scouts;
- to be the adult leader who gives direction to the ship program while carrying out the most important duty – advising and coaching the officers as they plan, organize, and conduct the activities of the ship;
- to be the leader, though you make most of your significant efforts behind the scenes;
- to coach and give leadership to your Quarterdeck officers; who, in turn, conduct the program of the ship;
- not expected to do and know everything. The crew will listen to your advice and carry out the program. They will count on you to help in recruiting people who have the skills and equipment that will enhance the ship program; and,
- to accept the BSA Declaration of religious

principle and be of the highest moral character.

If you accept these terms and conditions of a Sea Scout skipper, report to SKIPPER (*first/last name*) and relieve him/her as Skipper, Sea Scout Ship Columbia Ranger.”

OUTGOING SKIPPER: Stands.

INCOMING SKIPPER: Approaches OUTGOING SKIPPER, salutes/states,
“Sir, I am ready to relieve you.”

OUTGOING SKIPPER: Salutes/states,
“I stand relieved.”

INCOMING SKIPPER:
“I accept command.” Once OUTGOING SKIPPER is seated, SKIPPER Commands, “Columbia Ranger, be seated.” Makes comments as desired.

Continue Program