

SEABADGE – UNDERWAY



Advanced Course for Sea Scout and Scout Adult Leaders Conducted at Sea
Sea Scouting- Teaching Leadership through Seamanship for 100 years!

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: MARCH 1, 2014

SEABADGE UNDERWAY COURSE DIRECTOR'S **COURSE**

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April 26, 2014- May 4, 2014

**Boy Scout Florida Sea Base
Islamorada, Florida**

Cost: \$350.00 per participant

MISSION STATEMENT of Seabadge Underway

It is the mission of Seabadge Underway Training to provide basic vessel operation training to Sea Scout and other adult Scout leaders, with little vessel experience, to help prepare these leaders to operate a Sea Scout vessel in a safe and productive way under moderate conditions. It is also the mission of this course to provide experienced vessel operators with training in the methods and objectives of operating a Sea Scout vessel to achieve maximum benefit to the youth involved in Scouting's programs on the water.

COURSE MANAGEMENT

The Seabadge Underway Course is a national training program of the Boy Scouts of America open only to registered Sea Scout leaders and other Scout Leaders and Professional Scouters. All applicants must have completed a BSA health and medical record form in the past 12 months and must meet all High Adventure standards including weight standards. All applicants must have completed SSALBT, youth protection training and be current in basic first aid and CPR. The location of this Course is the Maryland Yacht Club. The point of contact is Jim Elroy, National Sea Scout Training Coordinator, Telephone: 305- 798-8130, Email: seawolf410@aol.com, Fax: 805-798-8130, Address: 1746 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite F 396, Ventura, Ca 93003.

FLORIDA SEA BASE DIRECTIONS

Fly into Miami International Airport. Arrangements will be made for your transport to and from the Florida Sea Base.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS- SEABADGE UNDERWAY COURSE

This Seabadge Underway Course is available to adult leaders registered in the Sea Scout or Boy Scout program and to professional scouters. Applicants do not need **any** prior on the water experience. Applicants must have current CPR and basic first aid certificates, SSALBT and Venturing youth protection training. All applicants must have completed a BSA Health and Medical Record in the past 12 months and must meet High Adventure standards including weight standards. This is a tough course and it is likely that not everyone who attends this course will pass this course. **Preparation** is the key. Contact Jim Elroy for an application at seawolf410@aol.com

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS-SEABADGE UNDERWAY COURSE DIRECTOR'S COURSE

There are special requirements to become an SBU Course Director. Please contact Jim Elroy for an application at seawolf410@aol.com

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A SEABADGE UNDERWAY COURSE DIRECTOR

- 1 *Possesses a Council Operator Certificate in conformance with the "New BSA Safe Boating/Sailing Standards for vessels owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America" dated November 28, 1994.*
- 2 *Must have 365 days at sea since age 14 on any vessel.*
- 3 *Must have 90 days at sea on a vessel at least 35 ft. in length.*
- 4 *Must have at least five years Sea Scout adult leadership experience.*
- 5 *Completed USCG Auxiliary or United States Power Squadrons advanced navigation courses or military navigation courses or the equivalents OR USCG Master's License.*
- 6 *Must have a college degree in business administration, public administration, or experience as an administrator or supervisor.*
- 7 *Completed Seabadge Training.*
- 8 *Completed the SBU Course Director Training Course.*

- 9 *Be a trainer of known ability.*
- 10 *Be knowledgeable of the practices, policies, and procedures of the Boy Scouts of America and dedicated to seeing that they are effectively carried out.*
- 11 *Completed BSA hazardous weather training.*
- 12 *Completed Venturing Youth Protection Training.*
- 13 *Completed BSA Safety Afloat Training.*
- 14 *Completed BSA Safe Swim Defense.*
- 15 *Completed BSA Trainer's Edge.*
- 16 *Hold a current basic first aid and CPR training certificate.*
- 17 *Must be able to swim 200 meters.*
- 18 *Must pass a BSA medical examination and certified for high adventure activities.*
- 19 *Must pass all exams, written and practical with a score of 80% or better.*

COURSE OBJECTIVES- (SBU)

By the end of this course the SBU student should be able to:

- Properly inspect a vessel to determine if it is properly equipped to get underway and has aboard the safety equipment that is required by law and is recommended for prudent operation.
- Demonstrate ability to navigate using dead reckoning, GPS, and other navigation equipment that may be on the training vessel.
- Demonstrate basic deck skills including tying basic knots, handling ground tackle, and deploying line utilized for coming along side.
- Set the watch and supervise the navigator, helmsman, lookouts.
- Properly identify aids to navigation.
- Conduct safety drills including man overboard, fire, abandon ship and rescue.
- Have a working knowledge of the international and inland rules of the road.
- Have a working knowledge of the responsibilities of the Sea Scout Skipper and other adult leaders and knowledge of proper unit operations including adult leader relationships with Sea Scout youth leaders.

- Develop the ability to determine if an adult vessel operator is competent, safe and in compliance with local and federal law and is managing the vessel in accordance with BSA and Sea Scout policy.
- Identify tools available to assist in training of Sea Scout youth leaders.
- Safely operate a small vessel with outboard (dink).
- Know and demonstrate Sea Scout customs while underway.
- Have knowledge of the Sea Scout philosophy regarding the development of leadership skills and seamanship skills in youth members while underway.

COURSE DESIGN

This course is being taught at the Maryland Yacht Club and is therefore unique. This is a 7 day course. This course will be taught entirely underway.

STUDENT PREREQUISITES

COURSE DESIGN

This course serves two types of Scouting Adult leaders:

- 1 The experienced vessel operator who is new to Sea Scouting and must learn the proper Sea Scout unit and vessel operation procedures so as to benefit the youth onboard.
- 2 The inexperienced adult leader that must learn both unit operations and safe vessel operations.

SBU STUDENT PREREQUISITES

A student does not need sea experience to attend this course but must come prepared. For the inexperienced vessel operator, a great deal of effort must be expended to prepare for this course. Failure of this course is always the result of poor preparation.

Please review the below prerequisite tasks and training:

- 1 Applicants must have a good working knowledge of basic coastal navigation. This may be obtained by reading the *Sea Scout Manual*, taking a US Power Squadrons (USPS) or a US Coast Guard Auxiliary course in piloting. It is **highly recommended** that the student successfully complete the USPS Piloting course prior to taking this course. Applicants will be given a

navigation test to be completed at home and must pass this test. Mastery of these basic skills is imperative for applicants to be successful in the course. A similar test will be administered during the course. All students must pass this navigation test.

- 2 Applicants must be able to tie all 15 knots required for Sea Scout Apprentice and Ordinary ranks including a cleat hitch within a three minute time period. See section on knot tying.
- 3 Applicants must be in good physical condition, able to manage 16 hour days, and must submit a pre-qualification BSA Medical Examination Form and be qualified for “High Adventure” activities including meeting the height and weight standards. Applicants must be able to swim 200 meters. BSA Health form may be downloaded from_
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/part_c.pdf
- 4 Applicants must currently be registered as an adult Sea Scout leader, Scout leader or Professional Scouter. *(If not a Sea Scout leader, there is a great deal of preparation that will be required)*
- 5 Applicants must study and **master** the contents of the “*Safety and Seamanship*” chapter of the current *Sea Scout Manual*. A test covering this chapter will be given to applicants to complete at home. Applicants must pass this test prior to attending this course. All students must pass a final test on seamanship during the course.
- 6 Applicants must have completed Venturing Youth Protection Training.
- 7 Applicant must have a complete dress white, dress blue, or New Century official Sea Scout Leader’s uniform with insignia placed as set out in the Sea Scout Manual or if in another Scouting program, must have a dress uniform for that program.
- 8 Applicants must have completed basic first aid and CPR in the past 12 months and have a current card.
- 9 Applicants must have completed Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training (SSALBT).

COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

The student will have successfully completed the course when he or she has done the following:

- Completed the entire 7 day course.
- Passed the navigation test with a score of 70 percent or greater.
- Passed the seamanship test with a score of 70 percent or greater.

- Passed the deck and vessel management practical evaluation, leadership evaluation and navigation practical evaluation with a score of 70 percent or better.
- Passed inspection in a dress Sea Scout Adult uniform exactly as set out in the Sea Scout Manual.(Prefer Dress White) If you are a Scouting Leader other than Sea Scout, you must have a dress Scout uniform.
- Passed the knot tying test in 3 minutes or less.
- Able to pipe certain basic calls (*ALL HANDS, PIPE THE SIDE, CARRY ON*)
- Passed all deck skill evaluations with a score of 70 percent or greater
- Accumulated a cumulative score of 75 percent or greater.

COST OF THE COURSE

The cost of this course will be \$350.00 and will include all food, vessel, fuel, dockage, transport from Miami Int airport round trip and course materials. The cost does not include getting to and from Miami or cost of uniforms, a Sea Scout Manual or personal items.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE COURSE

During this course each student will be treated as a youth leader in the Sea Scout program. Each student will function as Boatswain for a day and will serve as crew for the remainder of the training. Each student will function as helmsman, navigator, deck hand, and cook. The Course Director will model the Sea Scout skipper's responsibilities to train, monitor, and insure the safety of the vessel and crew. Each student will be evaluated each day.

What to Bring

Once you apply and are accepted, you will be given a list of personal equipment that will be required, as well as additional information needed.

APPLICATION PROCESS

If you believe you are qualified and wish to attend this course, please contact Jim Elroy at seawolf410@aol.com or 305-798-8130 to obtain an application. This course will fill up quickly, so apply now.