

S.S.S. SEA DEVIL

SEA SCOUT SHIP 1009 CODE, STANDARDS, AND BYLAWS

A. PREAMBLE

1. THE VENTURING OATH

As a Venturer,

I promise to help strengthen America,

To be faithful in my religious duties,

To help others, and,

To seek truth, fairness, and adventure in our world.

2. THE VENTURER'S CODE

As a Venturer, I believe that America's strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, and traditions of our people.

I will, therefore, be faithful in my religious duties and will maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life.

I will acquire the Venturing attitude that seeks the truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.

3. THE SEA PROMISE

As a Sea Scout I promise to do my best:

1. To guard against water accidents.

2. To know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices on every' . boat I board.

3. To be prepared to render aid to those in need.

4. To seek to preserve the motto of the sea, "women and children first."

A. SHIP MINIMUM STANDARDS-

1. Ship 1009 is chartered by the BSA and sponsored by the Christian Community Presbyterian Church of Bowie, Maryland and operative subject to all the rules established by Scouting and our sponsor.

2. Members will know the Venturing Oath and Sea Promise by memory and will be familiar with the Venturers Code and the ideals of Sea Scouting.

3. Members will make a continuous and progressive effort in advancement.
4. Wearing the uniform of Sea Scout Ship 1009 is both a privilege and an obligation.
5. The uniform, when prescribed, will be complete and worn in the proper manner.
6. Members will respect and honor the customs and traditions of the sea as outlined in the Sea Scout manual.

The authority and responsibility of Ship 1009 petty officers and officers will be respected. Deal with your immediate superior. Secure your immediate superior's permission if you wish to take a problem to higher authority. Such a request will not be denied, but must be made first. If an order is objected to, carry it out before requesting such permission.

8. Members are subject to the supervision and control of the Ship during any Ship 1009 activity until dismissed.
9. On weekend activities tent flaps or doors will be left open when inside occupancy includes both sexes. Segregated sleeping areas will be designated for male and female members.
10. On weekend activities the Skipper or other Ship officer in charge will set a curfew. Curfew means in bed or your sleeping bag and quiet until daybreak.
11. Official communications with outside affiliated or related organizations or individuals will be conducted through the Skipper. No other person can make any commitment for the Ship.

12. General meetings of Ship 1009 are mandatory formations. If absence is unavoidable, notify your immediate superior. Special activities are not mandatory formations (with the exception of fundraisers). However, if you sign up, YOU MUST ATTEND. If absence is unavoidable, notify the person in charge in advance. Two consecutive unexcused absences are grounds for a Captain's Mast.

13. Drugs or alcohol are strictly forbidden at any Ship 1009 meeting or activity. A violation of this standard subjects a member to immediate suspension from the Ship. Reinstatement to Ship membership can only be accomplished by a majority vote of the Ship Committee.

14. Smoking at Ship 1009 meetings and activities by members under the age of 18 is not permitted. Smoking by those members over the age of 18 is discouraged but permitted in designated areas only.

15. Members will respect the belongings of other members at all times.

16. The upkeep of Ship equipment and boat maintenance is considered the responsibility of all members. Designated equipment and boat workdays are mandatory formations for all active members.

17. Whenever a question or uncertainty exists about proper conduct, rules or orders, a member is obligated to ask the person in charge. If that person does not have the answer, he or she is obligated to admit so first, make a temporary ruling only if circumstances require, and find out the answer as soon afterward as possible.

B. SHIP BYLAWS

1. Objectives: The objectives of Ship 1009 are to:

a. Learn

b. Experience

c. Share leadership and responsibility

d. Grow and develop as individuals

e. Have FUN.

2. Membership:

Membership shall be open to all young adults having graduated from the 8th grade or are at least 14 years of age. No prospective member shall be disqualified because of race, color, creed, or sex. All members must be registered as Venturers and agree to sign the Ship Code, Minimum Standards and Bylaws.

3. Officers:

a. The elected Petty Officers shall be Boatswain, Boatswain's Mate of Administration, Boatswain's Mate for Program, Storekeeper, Yeoman, Purser and Crew Leaders. The duties of the officers are prescribed in the Sea Scout Manual.

b. The normal term of office shall be for one year starting on June 15. Elections shall be held yearly at a regular Ship meeting after May 15 but before June 15.

c. No member shall serve more than 2 successive terms in the same office.

d. In April of each year the Boatswain shall appoint a nominating committee which shall consist of three members. All three members of the nominating committee may not be the same sex. The committee shall present a complete slate of candidates who have agreed, if elected, to serve to the best of their abilities.

e. On the night of the elections, any member may present nominations from the floor. If the nomination is seconded and the candidate agrees to serve, he or she must be included--on the ballot.

f. All contested ballots shall be secret.

g. Nominees must be willing and able to serve in the position elected for the full term of the office.

4. Ship Business:

Ship business will be conducted under the principles outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.. Voting on all issues will be by simple majority, with the exception of changes or amendments to the Bylaws which will require a two-thirds vote of the total active membership. A quorum shall consist of one more than half the active members for votes on routine business.

5. General Meetings:

General Meetings will be held on Monday nights beginning at 7:15 PM unless otherwise announced by the Boatswain. The Boatswain as needed may call special meetings.

6. Petty Officer's Meetings:

Quarterdeck meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise specified. The Boatswain as needed may call special meetings.

7. Dues:

Dues will be \$5.00 per month, payable at the first meeting of every month. College Reserve Members dues will be \$15.00 per year, payable in advance by September 1 of each year. Delinquent dues make the member inactive and ineligible to participate in weekend activities.

8. Fund Raising:

Dues will be supplemented by fund raising activities involving the participation of all members. Each member shall work a minimum of three Navy Home Football game Concession Stands each year and sell a minimum of 50 pounds of nuts during the annual Ship Nut Sales fund raiser to remain on active member status and eligible to participate in Ship weekend activities.

9. Service Projects:

Ship 1009 recognizes that service to others is -an important part of Sea Scouting and under the planning and direction of the Ship Quarterdeck will undertake at least one major service project each year.

10. Boat Maintenance:

The maintenance required on Ship 1009 vessels shall be the responsibility of all members. A minimum of 16 hours of work on ship vessels and equipment is expected of each member each Sea Scouting Year.

11. Activities:

It shall be the intention of the Ship's leadership to provide monthly outside activities and a superactivity each year.