

Sample Simplified Landship Bridge of Honor – Date

See page 3 for more comments and the setup checklist.

BOSN = Boatswain

BM = Boatswain's Mate

SK = Skipper

MT = Mate

CC = Committe chair

MC = Ship committee members

Family and guests are asked to take seats.
American and ship flag are already posted.

OOD and BOSN execute double salute and board.

BOSN – “Bosn Mates, muster your crew.”

BMs (Names) – “Crew requests permission to lay aboard.”

BOSN – “Permission granted.” BM and crew execute double salute individually and take place on port and starboard side of ship, facing inward, in front of chairs.

BOSN – “Two side boys, post.” Piper takes position behind one side boy.

Lead MT – “Mates and committee request permission to lay aboard.”

BOSN – “Permission granted.” MTs and MCs execute double salute individually and take places in the stern of the ship, facing forward, in front of chairs.

BOSN – “Stand by to receive the Skipper. Two side boys, post.”

MT (OOD) – “Defiant arriving.” Pipe the side.

BOSN - “Two more side boys, post.”

MT (OOD) - “Stand by to receive SHAC” (Commodore, commissioner, etc.) Piping - (Name)

BOSN – “Side boys, return to your crews.”

OOD – “Sir, do you wish to inspect the ship?”

SK – “No. Carry on with the Bridge of Honor.”

BOSN – “Sea Scout _____, please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.”

BOSN – “Crew, take your seats.” Provide words of welcome to the parents, and to the other members of the ship to this Bridge of Honor. Explain the name, and say a little about the nautical tradition from the days of sail.

RECRUIT ADMISSION CEREMONY

BOSN – “Ceremony team, take positions.”

BM Admin – Approach and salute MT (Name) “Sir, I present Sea Scout Recruits (Name), (Name), (Name), for membership in our ship.

MT admin (Name) – “Welcome aboard. Sea Scouting as a part of the Venturing program has its guiding principles expressed in the Scout Oath and Law, which I will read to you now. READ Recruit, will you subscribe to that code? If you will, say ‘I do.’”

RECRUIT(S) – “I do.”

BM - “Mate (Name), I present our new recruit(s).”

MT Program (Name) – “Welcome aboard. I now ask you to listen to the Sea Promise.
READ Do you subscribe to that promise, recruit?”

RECRUITS – “I do.”

BM – “Aye, aye, sir.” MOVE “Yeoman, I present the recruits for membership in our Sea Scout ship.”

YEOMAN – “Welcome aboard, shipmate. Before you become a member, you must agree to abide by our ship’s code, standards and bylaws. We call these the Ship’s Articles. Do you agree to abide by them?”

RECRUITS – “I do.”

YEOMAN – “Please sign the Ship’s Articles.”

RECRUITS – Sign the articles.

BM – (Salute Skipper.) “Sir, the recruits have signed in. I present our new recruits.”

SK – “Thank you. I welcome you aboard our ship. (**Present membership cards** if available. Turns to the ensign.) 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.” (Improvise, outline to the recruits and their parents the privileges and responsibilities of Sea Scouts.) “Please join your assigned crew.”

AWARDS – (Select appropriate people to make these presentations):

Year Pins – Year and name

Merit badges – Badge and Name

Aquatics and other Awards – Badge and Name

ILSS - Names

Small Boat Handler – Names

**Long Cruise Badge and Arcs – Name
SEAL**

Qualified Seaman – Name

**ADULT AWARDS AND
QUALIFICATIONS** (as appropriate)

**Authorized Vessel Operator
Scouter's Training Award**

Other awards and announcements – JTE, etc.

CHANGE OF WATCH – SK
Outgoing and incoming officers are brought up, introduced, outgoing officer presents badge(s) of office to incoming officer.

Boatswain
Boatswain's Mate Admin
Boatswains Mate Program
Yeoman
Purser
Storekeeper
Crew Leader
Assistant Crew Leader

Skipper presents Specialist badges when appropriate.

RANK ADVANCEMENT –
(Select appropriate people to make these presentations):

Star, Life, or Eagle Palms – Name

**Venturing Award, Discovery Award,
Pathfinder Award – Name**

Sea Scout Apprentice – Name

Sea Scout Ordinary – Name

Sea Scout Able – Name

SK – Provide a Skipper’s Minute.

SK – (Faces MT) “Our guests and I are about to leave the ship.”

MT – “Bosn, the guests and the Skipper are about to leave the ship.”

BOSN – “Attention. Defiant, the guests and Skipper are about to leave the ship.
Two/four side boys, post.”

OOD – “SHAC departing.” Pipe the side, SHAC departs, reduce to two sideboys.

OOD - “Defiant, departing.” Pipe the side, SK departs, double salute.

All MT and MC – Depart, double salute, etc.

BOSN – “Side boys, post.” “Port crew, dismissed ashore.” “Starboard crew, dismissed ashore.”

BM Port – “Port Crew, lay ashore.” Double salute, etc.

BM Starboard – “Starboard crew, lay ashore.” Double salute, etc.

BOSN – Lays ashore with double salute. Refreshments.

Modify this Bridge of Honor program to meet the needs of the moment. Eagle, Summit and Quartermaster are not normally included in a quarterly Bridge of Honor, but this program may be used in general for special Bridges of Honor.

CHECKLIST for ceremony

Chairs: Set up for audience.

Chairs: Set up for landship. Entrances for officers and crew.

Table: Set up with Ship’s Articles, Membership Log, and pen, plus all awards to be presented.

Ensign: Set up at stern of landship.

Ship flag: Set up at bow of landship.

Mast: Set up forward of amidships.

Skipper’s flag attached to shroud or pulley.

Bell in place.

Bosun’s pipe: In the hands of bosun or appointed piper.

MT Admin: Has a copy of Scout Oath and Law

MT Program: Has a copy of Sea Scout Promise

Yeoman (Purser): Has a copy of Ship’s Articles, Membership Log and pen on a table near officers.

Things to do:

Induction of recruits

Presentation of Service Stars

Presentation of Sea Scout Awards - SBH, QS, Long Cruise, MBs, VWCA, etc.

ILSS

Promotion to adult

Adult awards - STA, AVO, etc.

Change of youth leadership

Presentation of Awards – Star, Life, Palms, Venturing Award, higher Venturing awards, Hornaday, etc.

Presentation of ranks - Apprentice, Ordinary, Able, QM

CHECKLIST for preparation.

For Youth:

Rank advancement report filed.
Merit Badge advancement report
filed.
Award advancement report filed
Rank, MB and Award badges
procured
Rank, MB and Award certificates
procured
Hornaday, etc.
Other recognitions: Small Boat
Handler, Long Cruise, Qualified Seaman,
ILSS, VLA, Kodiak-X, NYLT, etc.
September - Long Cruise
September - SEAL

Service Star earned - card and star
Badges of Office - BN, BM, YO, PU,
ST, SP

For Adults:

Long Cruise
Training completion (SSALBT,
Seabadge, Crisis Afloat, AVO, etc.)
Training Awards - Skipper's Key,
Scouter's Training Award
Other recognitions: VLA, DAM,
Silver Beaver, etc.
Badges of Office - SK, CC/MC/MT

Buy: badges as needed.

SEA PROMISE

As a Sea Scout I promise to do my best

- * To guard against water accidents
- * To know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices on every boat I board
- * To be prepared to render aid to those in need
- * To seek to preserve the motto of the sea:
Women and Children First

Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country,
to help other people at all times,
and to keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent