

WINTER ROUTINE AND INSTRUCTION ASHORE

It is a good preparation for cruising in the summer to learn during the winter those subjects which can be easily learned ashore. This leaves the time of the cruise free for learning the things which can only be learned at sea. Companies of Sea Scouts should, therefore, attend regularly their weekly meetings during the winter season, and a minimum of three months of such attendance is required to qualify as Ordinary Seamen, with the alternative of a cruise of at least a week. The following is a convenient routine for such winter meetings:

P. M.

- 7.30. Put on uniforms.
- 7.45. Reveille. Special duties, such as setting side lights, bulletin-board, compass-card, knot and splice board, and other gear in place.
- 7.55. Bugler sounds first call to morning colors.
- 8.00. Eight bells. Morning colors (with music, if possible).
- 8.03. Morning quarters.
- 8.10. First instruction period begins (boatswain's call).
- 8.30. One bell.
- 8.35. First instruction period ends.
- 8.40. Second instruction period begins (boatswain's call).
- 9.00. Two bells.
- 9.05. Second instruction period ends (boatswain pipes, "stow away instruction gear").
- 9.08. First call to evening colors.
- 9.10. Evening colors.
- 9.15. Boatswain pipes, "stow away side lights, bulletin-board, and other gear." Take off uniforms. Meetings of officers and petty officers.
- 9.30. Taps.

Calls.—The regular calls for reveille, taps, tattoo, mess, quarters, fire, boats, and colors are sounded by the bugler. All other calls are piped on the boatswain's call.

SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION

Care should be taken, as far as possible, to give instruction in matters which can be taught best at sea while on the summer