

NOTE:—It is not necessary, however, for the messenger to report the fact that the ship's bell has been struck.

Seamen observe the general rule of allowing ladies, officers, and guests to precede them *except* when entering a boat. In this case the officers, etc., enter last.

When seamen who are sitting down are addressed by a senior officer, they should rise and stand at attention with a salute.

Sea Scouts should always salute senior officers, officers of the land Scouts, and members of their local council when meeting them at any time. If spoken to they should stand at attention and answer courteously any questions.

When saluting ladies the head should be entirely uncovered. Sea Scouts should also always remember to rise and stand at attention on the arrival of ladies.

Sea Scouts are not allowed on the quarter-deck except when necessary in the line of duty. In such cases the quarter-deck should be approached on the port side, when at anchor, and on the leeward side when at sea.

The use of the expressions "if you please" and "thank you" in giving orders or in acknowledging the execution of orders is particularly inappropriate on board ship, for it is always assumed that duty is to be done as a matter of course and without any question of personal obligation. Commendation or acknowledgment may be given in other ways, and the spirit of courtesy is rather enhanced than discouraged by this assumption. (See "Her Majesty's Ship, 'Pinafore,'" by Gilbert and Sullivan.)

Sea Scouts should have a habit of alert attention which will make them instinctively courteous at every opportunity. Quick to see, quick to hear, quick to respond, quick to obey, and quick to serve.

EVENING PRAYERS

Evening prayers (at about eight o'clock) is the best time to review the day's work in an informal way, and to ask for and give explanations of the meaning of the Scout oath and law. The application of the principles involved to occurrences with which all are familiar is an effective way of stimulating the interest of both boys and men in the spirit of the Scout law, and of helping them to "be prepared" to carry it into effect.