

the year—in the fall, winter, and spring—holding meetings at least once a week under a competent Sea Scoutmaster. Such boys could not at the same time attend meetings and hikes of the land Scouts without taking too much of their time away from their work at school, business, or home.

It is probable, however, that land Scouts who go to the seashore for the summer may want to take up Sea Scouting to a certain point, although they may not care to confine themselves to this branch of Scouting all the year round. Such boys may qualify themselves as Landsmen or Apprentice Seamen, according to their age—a Landsman being a boy from twelve to fourteen years of age and an Apprentice being fourteen years old or over. They cannot, however, qualify as Ordinary or Able Seamen until they have joined some company of Sea Scouts which is working as such all the year round, or have taken a cruise of at least a week under a qualified Sea Scoutmaster, and have proved themselves efficient to his satisfaction.

In troops or patrols of land Scouts organized in this way for summer Sea Scouting, the organization of the land Scouts should be preserved, and the titles, patrol leader and assistant patrol leader, retained. It is absolutely necessary, however, that they should be in charge of a Scoutmaster who is familiar with the water.

ETIQUETTE

The most necessary and universal rule for Sea Scouts is prompt and respectful obedience.

"Standing at attention" consists of standing straight with the hands at the sides, and the face and eyes directed toward the object of attention. It is a useful way of showing respect, when the salute would be obtrusive or unnecessary and when uncovered.

It is the duty of every seaman on going over the ship's side, whether arriving on board or leaving, to salute the quarter-deck, and also when coming on deck from below. This is out of respect for the flag, whether it be flying at the time or not.

Every seaman must salute when addressing a superior officer.

When an order is given to a seaman he should salute and repeat the order to show that he has understood it; when he has carried out the order he should return and report the fact to the officer of the deck.