

a special manoeuvre which adds to the impressiveness of the ceremony. The object of the land Scout guard is to symbolize the union of the land Scouts and Sea Scouts as co-ordinate branches of the Boy Scouts of America. The Sea Scouts in their "whites" on shore are thus accompanied by boys in the more familiar "khaki" of the land Scouts. It is a special honor to belong to the guard, and its members are exempted from mess duty during service.

THE FLAG

The National ensign is flown from a staff on the quarter-deck when at anchor, and from the peak of the mainsail when at sea.

The flag of the Sea Scouts consists of two crossed foul anchors in blue on a white ground with a large red arrow-head in the centre. This is to be flown at the foremast head.

The Sea Scout pennant consists of a red arrow-head on a white ground at the hoist and two tapering stripes of blue and white. This should be flown at the mainmast head. On Sundays and other dress occasions, when at anchor, the Union Jack should be flown from a staff in the bow. On the Fourth of July and other national holidays the ship should be dressed with all the bunting on board.

Flags are hoisted at sunrise, when at sea, and at eight o'clock in the morning, when at anchor, and lowered at sunset. When at anchor the ceremony of colors would be performed both morning and evening, but when at sea the colors are hoisted and lowered without ceremony.

LAND SCOUTS AND SEA SCOUTS

It is obvious that full justice could not be done to either branch of Scouting if a boy were to try to be a thorough land Scout and a thorough Sea Scout at the same time, although it is quite possible to be a land Scout for a few years and then to become a Sea Scout, or vice versa. The pursuits of woodcraft and of seamanship each require a certain amount of sustained interest and a certain length of time before the characteristic habits of each pursuit can be confirmed. The directions for cruising here given presuppose that Sea Scouts who use them are engaged in Sea Scouting activities ashore for six months in