

THE BYLAWS OF SEA SCOUT SHIP 623

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I. VISION

I. SSS 623 seeks to develop the leadership skills of its youth, promote community service, and expand the role of Sea Scouting in the Indian Nations Council by means of water-based activities.

II. Each registered Sea Scout in SSS 623 shall participate in rank advancement program, leadership development courses, the planning and execution of community service projects, and successful completion of all skill-based courses and tests mandated by SSS 623 and Sea Scouts BSA.

II. PROGRAM

I. The program of SSS 623 shall be youth-led and supported by adults.

II. The Annual Ship Program shall consist primarily of sailing and SCUBA diving Other program items may be added or amended as the ship sees fit.

III. There shall be a minimum of three meetings each month.

a. Two meetings will be reserved for program and advancement

b. One meeting will be reserved for member fellowship

Ship members are to plan and execute community service initiatives outside of weekly meetings (see Article V. Sections I and II).

III. ADVANCEMENT

- I. Youth Sea Scouts of SSS 623 shall participate in the rank advancement program as outlined by Sea Scouts BSA.
- II. Sea Scouts are to complete the rank advancement program at their own pace, but not exceeding the age of 20 years old as set by Sea Scouts BSA.
- III. Only Quartermaster Award recipients and the ship's mates may sign off on rank advancement requirement completion for youth.

IV. STANDARDS

- I. All Sea Scouts and Scouters of SSS 623 shall conduct themselves in accordance with the BSA's Scout Oath, Scout Law, Outdoor Code, and Sea Scout Promise, both in and out of uniform.
- II. All Sea Scouts and Scouters of SSS 623 shall attend ship functions in complete Class-A uniform unless otherwise directed by the ship's Boatswain. Complete Class-A uniforming consists of the following;
 - i. Dark Navy Dickies Short-Sleeve Work Shirt
 - ii. Dark Navy Dickies 874™ Work Pants
 - iii. BSA Sea Scout Dark Navy Web Belt
 - iv. Insignia: council strip, american flag, world crest, Sea Scouts BSA strip, unit number, position, name plate, and rank

- v. The usage of pins, medals, and temporary patches will be minimal to ensure consistency of uniforming among ship members, overall cleanliness, and professional appearance.

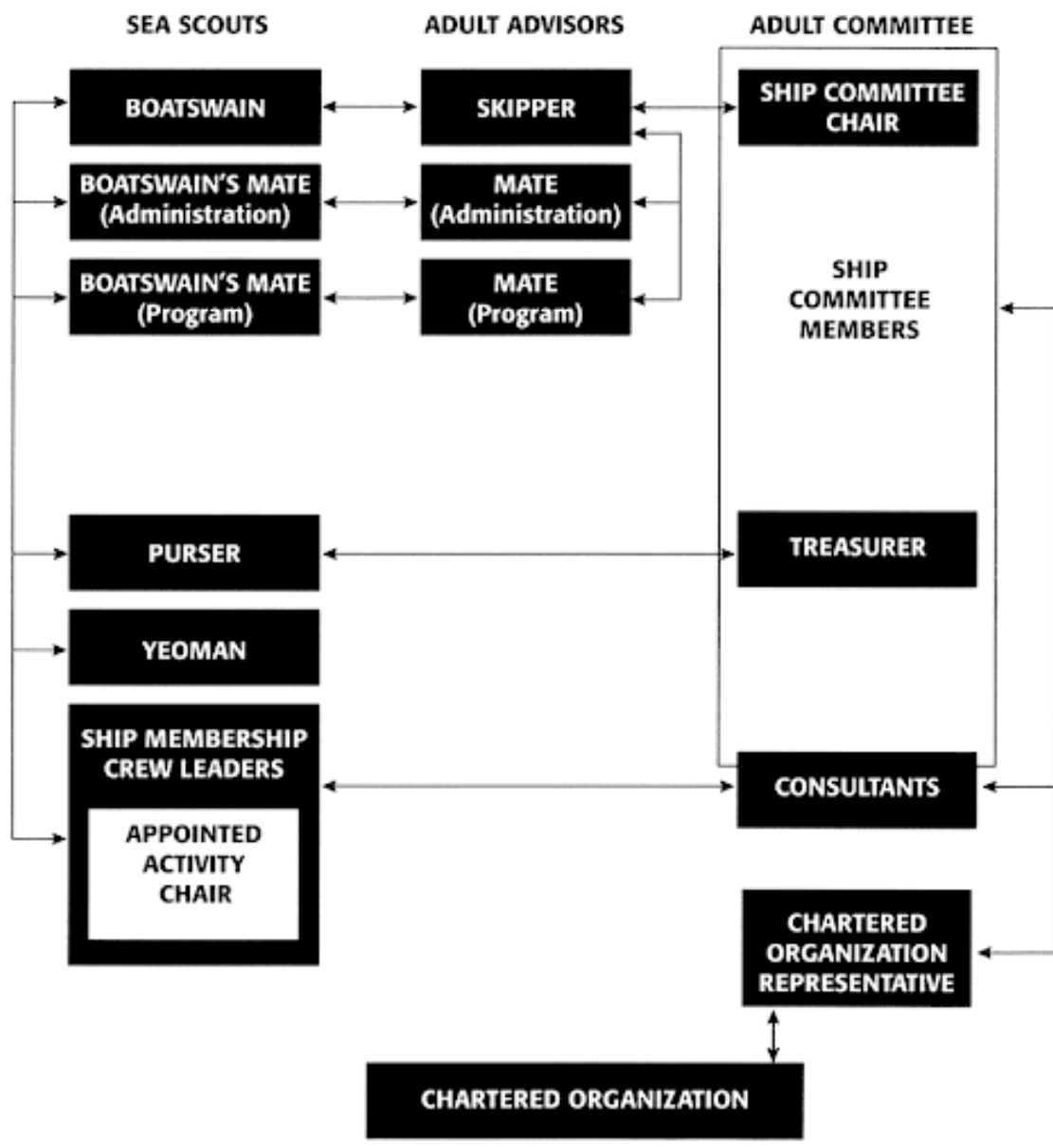
V. SERVICE

- I. Sea Scouts and Scouters of SSS 623 shall participate in community service initiatives as planned and executed by the Boatswain and their Mates, or the appropriate delegated individual.
- II. A number of required service hours shall be established at the beginning of each term by the incoming Boatswain. The Quarterdeck will plan the outing.

VI. MEMBERSHIP

- I. Sea Scouts and Scouters of SSS 623 *will not* be required to pay annual dues.
- II. All Sea Scouts and Scouters of SSS 623 aged 18 and older must complete the BSA's Youth Protection Training and a BSA Background Check.
- III. All Sea Scouts and Scouters of SSS 623 must be registered members of the BSA in order to participate in ship functions.
- IV. All Sea Scouts and Scouters of SSS 623 must have current, valid medical forms (Form A, B1, B2, and C) in order to participate in special events and outings.

VII. LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE



VIII. ELECTIONS

- I. Ship elections are to be held every twelve months in accordance with Sea Scouts BSA's advancement program requirements pertaining to offices of responsibility.
- II. Elections shall be conducted using an anonymous, physical ballot.

- III. The number of candidates running for office determines the voting method.
 - i. If two candidates are running for office, the individual with the majority number of votes wins.
 - ii. If three or more candidates are running for office, the individual with the most total votes wins (plurality).
- IV. In the event of a tie, the Ship Committee will convene and cast a single, anonymous vote on behalf of the committee.
- V. If less than 50% of SSS 623's membership is present on the night of an election, the election will be pushed to the next available meeting date.

IX. AMENDMENT PROCESS

- I. Amendments to the Ship Bylaws may be presented by any member of the ship. In order for an amendment proposition to be brought to the Quarterdeck, it must contain the following:
 - i. The original document, or a copy of the section being amended.
 - ii. A finalized draft of the amendment.
 - iii. A short paragraph detailing the reasoning behind the proposed amendment, followed by the author's name and date written.
- II. Once the proposed amendment has been read aloud during the "New Business" portion of the Quarterdeck agenda, it must be brought to a vote.

i. The author of the amendment may be present for a brief questioning and discussion period in the Quarterdeck meeting, but will not be permitted to vote on its ratification.

ii. Sitting members of the Quarterdeck who author amendments are not permitted to vote on its ratification.

III. A $\frac{2}{3}$ (two-thirds) majority vote is needed to ratify the amendment.

i. An anonymous vote is not required

ii. At least 50% of the Quarterdeck's members must be present in order to bring the proposed amendment to a vote. If that number is not met, it will be pushed to the next available Quarterdeck meeting date.

IV. The Yeoman or delegate thereof shall be the individual tasked with updating the Ship Bylaws upon ratification.

V. If the proposed amendment does not meet the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote requirement for ratification, the author may request to be redirected to the Ship Committee for guidance in reformulating their amendment proposal.

VI. After initial ratification, the Bylaws are to come up for revision every six months, and up to two years after initial ratification. After that period of time, propositions for Bylaws amendments may be brought to the Quarterdeck at any time deemed necessary.

*We The Sea Scouts and Scouters of Sea Scout
Ship 623 Do Affirm, We Shall Adhere
To The Ship Bylaws, So Help Us God.*

Name

Date