



S.S.S. Northland Apprentice Requirements



1. Ideals	Date	SO
a. Qualify as a member of the S.S.S. Northland, Ship 52, by taking part in the ship's admission ceremony.		
b. Repeat from memory and discuss with an adult leader the Sea Promise. Discuss the BSA Mission Statement, the BSA Vision Statement, the Scout Oath and Law, and agree to carry out the provisions of Ship 52's code and bylaws. (Inside front and back covers of SSM)		
c. Demonstrate acceptable courtesies used aboard a Sea Scout vessel. (pg. 39 SSM)		
d. Demonstrate proper procedure for boarding a Sea Scout vessel and landship. (pgs. 40, 41 SSM)		
2. Active Membership		
a. Provide evidence that you are fulfilling your financial obligations to your ship, including helping with fund-raisers.		
b. Obtain the Sea Scout uniform. Describe the Sea Scout work and dress uniforms. Tell how and when the uniforms are worn and explain the care of uniforms. (pgs. 17-25 SSM)		
3. Leadership		
a. Describe your ship's organization, including the youth and adult leadership positions. (pgs. 11-16 SSM)		
b. Demonstrate your ability to identify officer and adult leader insignia. Explain the chain of command in your ship. (pgs. 13-15 SSM)		
4. Swimming		
a. Jump feet first into water over your head, swim 75 yards/meters in a strong manner using one of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen or crawl; then swim 25 yards/meters using the elementary backstroke. The 100 yards/meters must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating on your back, remaining as motionless as possible. (Refer to the BSA's Swimming merit badge instruction if you need to improve your swimming strokes.)		
b. Discuss the BSA Safe Swim Defense plan and explain how it is used to protect Sea Scouts and other groups during swimming activities. (pgs. 69-72 SSM)		
5. Safety		
a. Explain the uses, advantages and disadvantages of the five types of U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets. Demonstrate the proper use and care of lifejackets used by your ship. (pgs. 73, 74 SSM)		
b. Identify visual day and night marine distress signals and know their location and proper use for the ship 52's vessels. (pgs. 78, 79 SSM)		
c. Use the Distress Communications Form to demonstrate the procedure to send the following VHF messages: Mayday, Pan Pan and Security. (pgs. 92, 93 SSM)		
d. Know the safety rules that apply to vessels and equipment used by ship 52 and safety standards in the use of power tools, machinery, lifting heavy objects, and other safety devices used by your ship. (pgs. 100, 101 SSM)		
6. Marlinspike Seamanship		
Using both large and small lines, tie and explain the uses of the following knots: overhand, square, figure eight, bowline, two half hitches, clove hitch, sheet bend, and cleat hitch. (pgs. 107-113 SSM)		
7. Boat Handling		
Demonstrate the ability to use a heaving line. (pg. 143 SSM)		
8. Service		
Log at least 16 hours of work on ship equipment, projects or activities other than regular ship meetings, parties, dances or fun events.		

