

Skippers,

Please make nominations for SEA SCOUT ADVANCED LEADERSHIP training during the summer of 2006. Should you have more than two, please rank them in order of merit. Nominees must submit applications NLT 1 March.

The purpose of SEAL is to provide the leadership skill set to the youth of your unit most likely to be elected as Boatswain next September. Remember that each candidate must already have mastered the piloting and seamanship skills at the "journeyman" level. That is, they must all be Ordinary Sea Scout or above to undergo training. A rigorous pre-test in navigation and seamanship will be provided to those accepted to demonstrate this required competence. They are tested again immediately after arrival, and must pass the tests to graduate. Your nominee's performance on this test reflects directly on your professional reputation as a maritime instructor and youth mentor, and Southern Region's reputation. The SEAL format is purposely conducted as an intense "crucible test". Successful students come away with the valuable life lesson of knowing how to keep "five balls in the air at once". Applicants accepted for SEAL training are required to demonstrate their retention and mastery of these advanced topics during written exams and daily evaluations. This is the most demanding course offered by the Boy Scouts of America. SEAL graduates are considered for national assignments requiring advanced competencies.

Southern Region has been well represented in previous SEAL classes with successful candidates. We urge you to submit your qualified candidates again this year.

The following *SEAL* classes are scheduled for 2006:

SEAL students are assigned to courses based on their expressed preferences and time availability, and on the needs of the SEAL committee to balance qualifications and experience. They should not expect to go to the nearest course.



**Western Region WR-7:**  
*Date:* June 13-21, 2006  
*Location:* Newport Beach, California  
*Vessel/type:* Sloop *Blacksilver* (Farr 58)  
*Cost:* TBA  
*Contact:* [Mike Walker](#)



**Southern Region SR-8:**  
*Date:* June 17-25, 2006  
*Location:* Miami, Florida  
*Vessel/type:* TBA  
*Cost:* TBA  
*Contact:* TBA



**Northeast Region NE-8:**  
*July 7-15, 2006*  
*Location:* Chesapeake Bay. Departure point: Annapolis, Maryland  
*Vessel/type:* [SSTV Der PeLiKan](#) (44' Morgan ketch)  
*Cost:* TBA  
*Contact:* [Skipper Doug Yeckley](#)



**Southern Region SR-9:**  
*Date:* July 8-15, 2006  
*Location:* Houston, Texas  
*Vessel/type:* 38' Hinckley sloop  
*Cost:* \$190.00  
*Contact:* [Mike Walker](#)



**Northeast Region NE-9:**  
*July 21-30, 2006*  
*Location:* Long Island Sound. Departure point: Southport, Connecticut  
*Vessel/type:* SSTV Resolution (40' Hinckley sloop)  
*Cost:* \$200  
*Contact:* [Skipper Noel Guzman](#)

May your Ships be blessed with the gift of qualified youth leaders in 2006.

YISS,

*Mike*

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SEAL Course Director

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