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The year 2002 will mark the 90th anniversary of BSA's Sea Scout program. To help celebrate Sea Scouting's 90th birthday, BoatU.S., the Boat Owners Association of The United States, has offered to reinstate the **National Sea Scout Flagship Competition**. This annual award, now sponsored by the nation's largest recreational boating organization, will recognize the top Sea Scout Ship in the country for excellence in program quality, youth achievement, and adult commitment. We invite you and your Ship to compete for this venerable and prestigious award.

Flagship recognition will take the form of a trophy to be awarded to the Ship and its Chartered Organization, as well as individual mementos of the achievement for each Sea Scout member of the Ship. Additionally the Ship name will be added to a perpetual Sea Scout Flagship plaque to be kept on display at BoatU.S. national headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia near our nation's Capital.

The 2002 National Sea Scout Flagship Award will be presented at the Sea Scout 90th anniversary, to be celebrated concurrently with the BSA Annual Meeting in New Orleans in June.

The attached *Sea Scout Ship Achievement Scoresheet* will provide the standard against which all Sea Scout Ships will be measured. Any Ship meeting the criteria for "Local Standard Ship," "Regional Standard Ship," or "National Standard Ship" is recognized by affixing 2, 3, or 4 stars

respectively on their Ship flag. These stars are ordered thru normal unit flag ordering procedures.

Ordinarily this form will be filled out by the Ship at the time that it re-charters. In order for there to be a pool of applicants to be recognized in 2002, all Ships should fill out this form by the end of the year and submit it to their local council office.

The form from any Ship that achieves “National Standard Ship” must be forwarded to the National Venturing Division office by March 15th. Forms from these Ships will be used to select a National Sea Scout Flagship. This is an outstanding opportunity for you to spotlight the achievements of your best Sea Scout Ships.