

SSS INVINCIBLE, Ship 502

By-Laws

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Article I

The objectives for Ship

- A. Have fun.
- B. Learn.
- C. Cooperate and share responsibility.

Article II

Membership

- A. Open to all ages 14 through 21.
- B. No application will be denied based on race, creed or socio-economic group.
- C. Members are expected to behave in accordance with the standards set by the Boy Scouts of America.
- D. An active member is defined as a youth that has attended 75% of the ship meetings and activities for the two months preceding an election or other vote of active members unless they have been away for college.

Article III

Officers

- A. Elections
 1. Will be held yearly in September or earlier if called by the quorum.
 2. No one can nominate themselves.
 3. Secret ballot.
 4. No term limit.
 5. Must have a quorum to commence the voting process (see article X).
- B. Qualifications
 1. Have at least six months tenure with the ship or have complete Apprentice rank.
 2. Must attend 75% of all meetings before and after election.
 3. Must want responsibility of office.
 4. Officer candidate must be able to recite the *Sea Promise* from memory
 5. Must set a good example to the ship.
- C. Chain of command, job descriptions and responsibilities of officers stated in *Sea Scout Manual*.
- D. An officer who fails to carry out his/her duty for two months after consultation with the Boatswain and the Skipper will be removed from office.

Article IV

Ship Business

- A. When there is work to be done, we all work together and have fun.

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Meetings (General):

- A. Start at 7:30 p.m., ends at 8:30+ p.m.
- B. Monthly calendar:
 1. First Monday: Business.
 2. All other Monday meetings will be devoted to program and advancement.
- C. Good behavior is mandatory.

Article VI

Dress Code:

- A. No excessive display of skin, profane shirts. Must always wear appropriate shoes for activity.

Article VII

Dues

- A. \$3.00 per month.
- B. Members owing money cannot participate in outings until back dues are paid unless waived by Ship Committee due to extenuating circumstances.
- C. Dues must be current in order to advance in rank.
- D. If any college student member attends any ship function (meeting and/or activity) during any given month, he/she should owe that month's dues; otherwise they are exempt from monthly dues.

Article VIII

Activities

- A. Planned by officers under the guidance of Ship adult leaders and approved by the ship.

Article IX

By-laws Changes

- A. Any active member may make a proposed change to the by-laws to any current officer.
- B. The officers must be in unanimous agreement before proposed by-law changes are brought to the general membership.
- C. Proposed by-law changes must be read and discussed during three meetings prior to the vote.
- D. By-law changes may pass by simple majority of the quorum.

Article X

Quorum

- A. A quorum is defined as 75% of active members (as defined in Article II D).