

# HQ News and Info for Parents and Cadets 07 OCT 23

#### **NEW**

## **Exciting Seamanship Training in November**

November 5th - 12th, Baltimore, MD - ON-MD-2302

This training is a unique, hands-on experience aboard the World War II-era ship the SS John W. Brown and allows cadets to learn and put to use a variety of shipboard seamanship skills while learning what shipboard life is like.

- All interested cadets and parents must read detailed information on the training site, and online requirements must be completed prior to arrival.
- Must be 14 years of age by Thursday, 09 NOV 23.
- Must be a 3rd class swimmer.
- Other requirements are listed online.
- Training includes one day underway; cadets will live and work onboard the ship and learn basic shipboard seamanship.
- Registration ends Friday, 27 OCT 23.

#### REMINDERS

## Navy Mile Registration

Cadets and their units are eligible to register for the 2023 Navy Mile. The Navy Mile is a virtual event celebrating the U.S. Navy's birthday on Friday 13 OCT. The event allows runners from any location to participate between Oct 1-20.

All participants will receive a commemorative Navy Mile t-shirt, medal, and bib to be mailed to them directly. This year, there will be prizes for the top 3 Sea Cadet units with the most participants. Let's get cadets and volunteers ready and register online at <a href="The Navy Mile Run">The Navy Mile Run</a>. Share the Navy Mile with your friends and family and get them involved with supporting the Sea Cadets!

### Effective 01 OCT 2023:

- Recruit Training Length: standardized to 9 days (curriculum forthcoming).
- Recruit Orientation (RO): required prior to attending recruit training. Please refer to: Quarterdeck>Homeport>Advancement Training>Recruit Orientation. The RO requirement accompanies the removal of the E2-T rank.

### Effective 15 OCT 2023:

- PRT Standards: The standards for satisfactory, good, and excellent remain unchanged. We have added a category, "Progressing," for below satisfactory performance to account for cadets who are not quite fit enough to pass the PRT, but who still may be eligible to participate in our program. Details and charts are attached to this email. Note: The Spring Policy Update outlined 5 categories. At this time, we are adding only the one for a total of four categories. A fifth category is still under consideration.
- Program Age Requirements: These requirements are slightly modified from the Spring
  Policy Update to allow flexibility for current League Cadets and to allow new Sea Cadets to
  attend RT during their first summer.

To join the NLCC, one must be 10 years old and have started fifth grade. League Cadets may remain in the NLCC through the end of eighth grade regardless of age.

To join the NSCC, one must be 13 years old and have reached 01 MAR of their eighth-grade year. This allows cadets time at the end of their eighth-grade year to complete RO and attend a recruit training in their first summer as a Sea Cadet.

**Grandfather clause**: League Cadets who joined prior to September 2022 may transition to Sea Cadets at age 13 regardless of academic grade. They may remain as League Cadets through the end of eighth grade if they prefer.

• Cadets may remain in the program throughout their high school years. When a cadet turns 19 years old yet is still in high school, a waiver will be required and sent through the chain of command for approval. Once the approved cadet graduates high school, they have the option of becoming an adult volunteer (midshipman) in order to assist at trainings. If a cadet graduates high school yet is younger than 18 years old, they may request a waiver to remain in the program until they turn 18 years old.

### **OCTOBER**

13 Navy's Birthday 2023 Navy Mile

