



Ceremonies - Landship

Ceremonies

Ceremonies are a natural part of the Sea Scouting program. Carried out at ship meetings and as a part of some social activities, they satisfy the desire of young adults for ritual. They also help develop habits of conduct essential to the salty atmosphere and discipline of a program based on nautical traditions and activities.

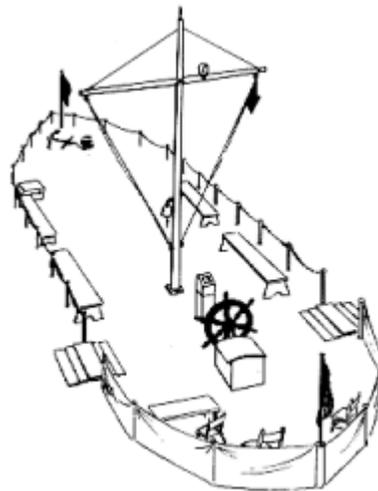
The Ceremonies of Sea Scouting are colorful and should be carried out with promptness, smartness, and dash. This gives your crew the utmost pride and satisfaction that can come from membership in a first-rate Ship. By far the most essential elements in successful ceremonies are the dignified atmosphere and enthusiastic leadership provided by the Skipper and Petty Officers.

Landships

The overall deck plan for a landship is based on the customs and traditions of our Navy. All members should learn the proper terminology as well as the basic layout.



Simple landship

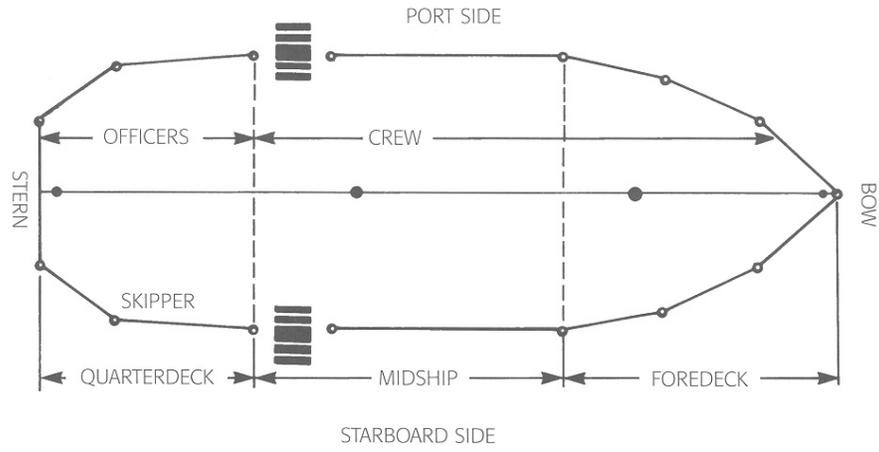


Formal landship

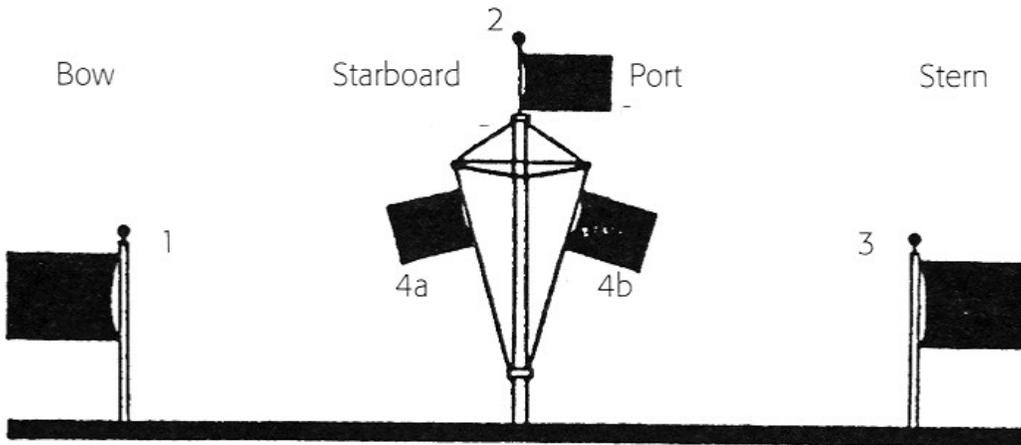
Landship Ceremony

The following script is for a routine Ship meeting landship. Other scripts may also be used (such as Appendix K of the 1997 printing of the *Sea Scout Manual*.) Whenever "dignitaries" are present such as for Bridges of Honor, the script for boarding should be modified accordingly. Specifics are provided at end of this appendix.

Deck plan of a landship



Flag Placement on a Landship



1. Union Jack
2. Ship's Flag
3. U.S. Ensign

- 4a. Starboard spreader for guest officers
- 4b. Port spreader reserved for making signals

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Personnel Requirements:

SKIPPER

George Hay Kain, III

OOD – Officer of the Deck

Wesley E. Garrod

BOS’N – Boatswain

Matthew Ryan Wagner

BOS’N’S MATE – Boatswain’s Mate

Amanda Rose Klinedinst

STARBOARD CREW

STARBOARD CREW LEADER

Drew Kenneth Brenneman

STARBOARD CREW MEMBER #1

Alexander V. Krynock

STARBOARD CREW MEMBER #2

Amanda Josephine Grove

PORT CREW

PORT CREW LEADER

Leah Jane Snyder

PORT CREW MEMBER #1

Cody McNeil

PORT CREW MEMBER #2

Ashley Marie Nearhoof

SHIP’S BUGLER

Timothy Andrew Klinedinst

Equipment Requirements:

National Ensign

Northeast Region Commodore’s flag

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania flag?

Boatswain’s pipe

Ship’s bell

Bugle

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- PRELIMINARY -

(10 minutes before the start of the ceremony, the BOS'N's MATE ensures the COMMODORE's personal flag is available and is taken onboard with her, or at least is already onboard).

(6 Minutes before start of ceremony the BOS'N'S MATE comes aboard by the port gangway, renders the double salute, first to the mast, then to the stern, and then commences to ring the Ship's bell as follows: 5 minutes before the start of the ceremony, the ship's bell is rung 5 times; 4 minutes before the start of ceremony the ship's bell is rung 4 times; 3 minutes before start of ceremony, the ship's bell is rung three times; 2 minutes ... two times; 1 minute ... one time. The BOS'N'S MATE should ring the bell from a position of Attention, but may stand at Parade Rest in-between times.)

- OPENING CEREMONY -

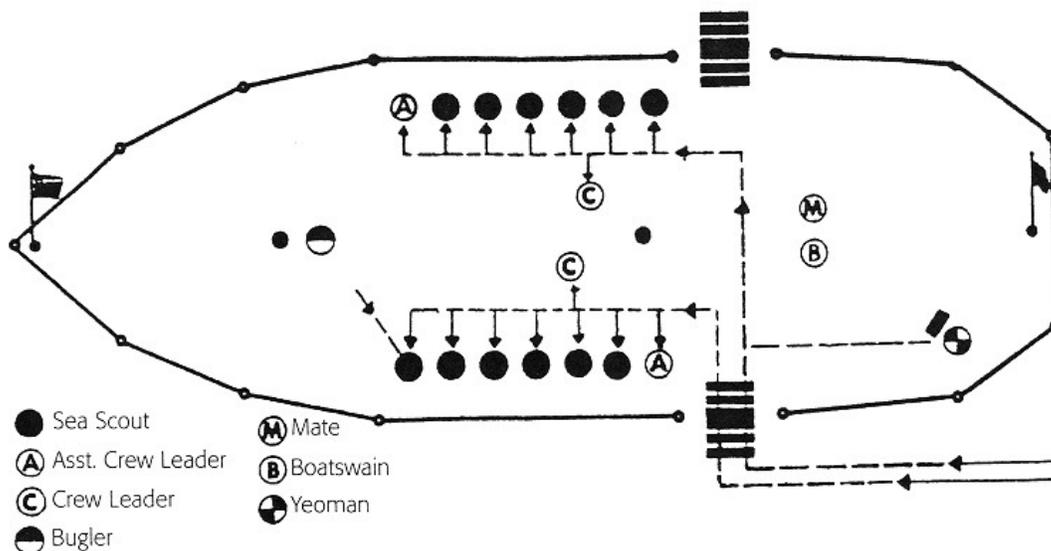
OFFICER OF THE DECK (shown as (M) or Mate is accompanying diagrams) boards ship from starboard gangway with the Ship's National Ensign folded in tri-corner fashion and the Union Jack folded square both carried under his left arm, leaving his right arm free for saluting. BOATSWAIN boards ship from Port gangway. At the rail they render the double salute, first to the masthead, then to the stern (to God and Country). The BOS'N'S MATE returns both salutes. The OOD and the BOS'N salute each other after laying aboard. Upon boarding, the OOD enters the quarterdeck from the port side and takes his station on the port side of the bridge, just off the keel-line, facing the bow; the BOS'N faces the OOD one step forward of the bridge.)

OOD: **"BOS'N, proceed with the opening ceremony."**

BOS'N: (Salutes) **"Aye aye, sir."** (OOD returns salute.)

BOS'N: **"CREW LEADERS, muster your Crews."**

Crews Mustering on Shipboard



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(The STARBOARD CREW LEADER marches to the port gangway.)

CREW LEADER: (Salutes) "Starboard Crew, request permission to lay aboard, sir."

BOS'N: "Permission granted." (BOS'N returns salute.)

CREW LEADER: (Drops his salute, executes the double salute, then to his crew)

"Starboard Crew, lay aboard." (The Starboard Crew will lay aboard in normal order, with the STARBOARD CREW LEADER at the head of the column. Each individual as he or she boards renders the double salute. When the entire crew is on deck and at quarters, the STARBOARD CREW LEADER commands:)

"Inboard face. At close interval, dress right, dress." (The CREW LEADER verifies the alignment and then commands:)

"Ready, front."

(The PORT CREW LEADER marches to the port gangway.)

PORT CREW LEADER: (Salutes) "Port Crew, request permission to lay aboard, sir."

BOS'N: "Permission granted." (BOS'N returns salute.)

CREW LEADER: (Drops his salute, executes the double salute, then to his crew)

"Port Crew, lay aboard." (The Starboard Crew will lay aboard in normal order, because they cross the midship line and then simply do a column left and proceed to position. The Port Crew, however, needs to lay aboard in inverse order, because they will do a column left toward the bow immediately upon boarding. The Port Crew Leader will be the last of his crew to lay aboard, but will then be in the correct position when the crew does an inboard face. Each individual as he or she boards renders the double salute. The BUGLER is the last man in the Port Crew, so that when all is in position, he will be closest to the mast. He carries the Bugle under his left arm in a dignified fashion, leaving his right hand free to salute. When the entire crew is on deck and at quarters, the PORT CREW LEADER commands:)

"Inboard face. At close interval, dress right, dress." (The PORT CREW LEADER verifies the alignment and then commands:)

"Ready, front."

BOS'N: (Salutes the OOD) "Sir, the ship is at quarters."

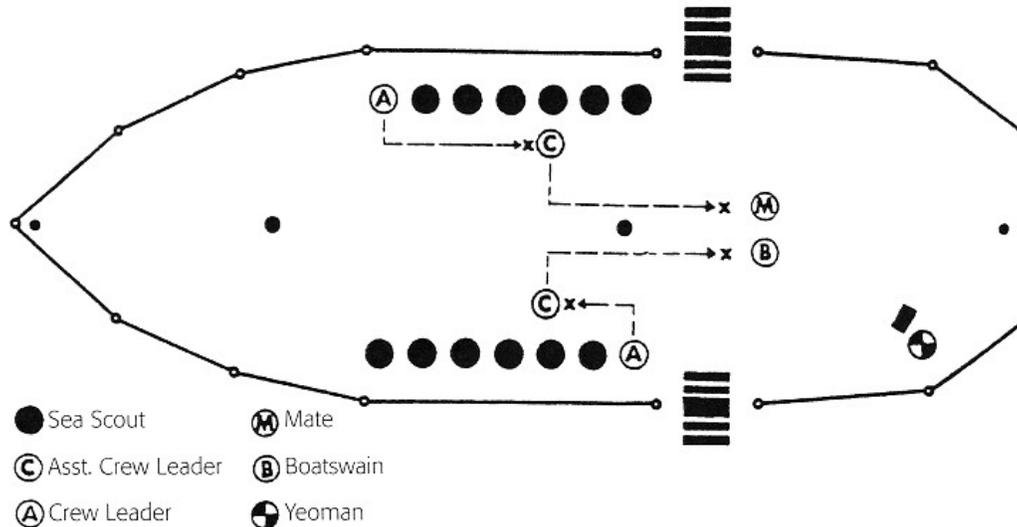
OOD: (OOD returns salute.) "Very well, receive the report."

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BOS'N: (Salutes) "Aye aye, sir."

BOS'N: (Turns and faces crews) "Crew Leaders, report."

Crew Leaders Reporting



CREW LEADERS: (One at a time each takes one step forward, salutes. The BOS'N returns each salute. Each crew leader takes one step back after his salute has been returned.)

"Starboard Crew, all present or accounted for, sir."

"Port Crew, all present or accounted for, sir."

BOS'N: (Salutes OOD) "Sir, all crews present or accounted for."

OOD: "Very well. Assign COLOR GUARD and 2 SIDE BOYS."

BOS'N: "Aye aye, sir." (Faces crews)

"Color guard, National Ensign Starboard 1 and 2, Union Jack Starboard 3; Sideboys, Port 1 and 2."

BOS'N: (Bos'n turns to face OOD, salutes) "Sir, COLOR GUARD and SIDE BOYS have been assigned."

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OOD: "Very well, stand by for Colors." (Passes the Ensign and Jack to the BOS'N and salutes the Colors.)

BOS'N: "Aye aye, sir." (Receives the Ensign and Jack with both hands, does not return the salute. Faces about to the Ship.)

"Color Guard, Bugler, Post!" (The COLOR GUARD lays aft and obtains the Ensign and Jack from the BOS'N, who passes it to the bearer and salutes. The COLOR GUARD does not return the salute. When the BOS'N drops his salute, the COLOR GUARD quickly proceeds to their posts, and makes ready the Ensign on the halyard and the Union Jack on the Jack staff. The Bugler takes his position near the mast, facing aft. When all is ready, the BOS'N commands:

"Aft face! Bugler, Sound Off!" (The Bugler then plays "To the Colors")  At the first note of the bugle call, the BOS'N commands:

"Hand salute!" (The "aft face" command has the effect of getting both crews to face the stern where the Ensign will be raised. The Ensign and Jack are run smartly aloft while the bugle call is sounding. As the Ensign leaves the bearer's hands, he takes one step backward and salutes. Upon securing the halyard, the guard takes one step backward and salutes. At the last note of the bugle call, the BOS'N commands:)

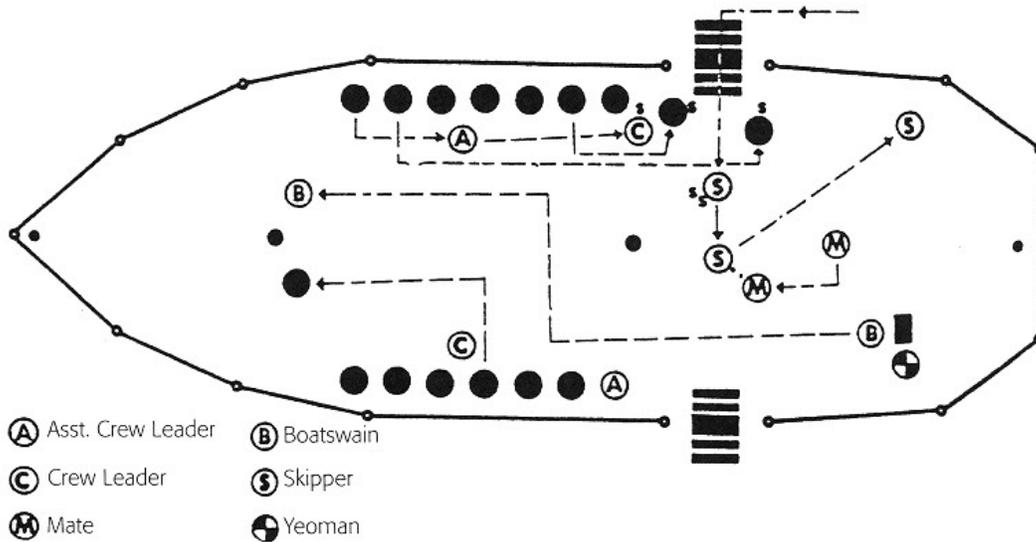
"Ready, two! Inboard face! Color Guard, Bugler, return to your crews!" (The COLOR GUARD and BUGLER return to their crews. When they have returned to their stations, the BOS'N turns and faces the OOD.)

OOD: "Standby to receive the SKIPPER."

BOS'N: (Salutes) "Aye aye, sir."

BOS'N: (About face) "Standby to receive the SKIPPER." He next **pipes 1 veer for 2**  **sideboys,** then commands: **"SIDE BOYS, post!"** (SIDE BOYS take one step back and, walking behind their respective crews, report to their assigned duty stations. The BOS'N, BOS'N'S MATE, or a CREW LEADER will take up station one step forward of the forward line of sideboys and one step inboard to pipe the side.)

Receiving the Skipper



OOD: rings two bells  and announces: "YORKSHIRE arriving." He then raises the Skipper's flag to the top of the mast.

The BOS'N pipes the side .

BOS'N: "COLOR GUARD, SIDEBOYS, return to your crews."

OOD: (Welcomes the SKIPPER aboard, and then facing the SKIPPER) "Sir, do you wish to inspect the Ship?"

SKIPPER: "Yes. Prepare the Ship for inspection."

- INSPECTION -

OOD: (Salutes the SKIPPER, then faces the BOS'N) "Prepare the Ship for inspection."

BOS'N: (Salutes) "Aye aye, sir." (The OOD returns the salute; the BOS'N drops his salute and faces about.)

"Prepare for inspection." (The CREW LEADERS face about and quickly look over their crews. When satisfied, they face inboard and in ascending order by crews, each turns his head and eyes toward the BOS'N, salutes, gives his report, and when his salute is returned, drops his salute and brings his head and eyes front.)

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STARBOARD CREW LEADER: (Salutes) "Starboard Crew, ready for inspection, sir."
The BOS'N will return the salute without comment. The remaining CREW LEADERS report in like manner.

PORT CREW LEADER: (Salutes) "Port Crew, ready for inspection, sir." The BOS'N will return the salute without comment.

When the last salute is returned, the BOS'N faces about to the OOD.)

BOS'N: (Salutes) "Sir, the Ship is ready for inspection."

OOD: (Returns the salute) "Very well, put the Ship at ease and take your post."

BOS'N: (Drops his salute, faces about to the Ship) "YORKSHIRE, at ease." (The BOS'N remains at Attention and stands ready to be inspected. As the BOS'N puts the Ship at ease, the OOD turns to the Skipper and salutes.)

OOD: "Sir, the Ship is ready for inspection."

SKIPPER: (Returns the salute)

"Very well." (The SKIPPER moves off the quarterdeck and inspects the BOS'N. The SKIPPER may direct the OOD or the BOS'N to join him and take notes during the inspection. When so directed, the OOD or BOS'N places himself to the left rear of the SKIPPER and accompanies him throughout the inspection. As the SKIPPER approaches the BOS'N'S MATE's station at the port gangway, the BOS'N'S MATE comes to Attention. The SKIPPER halts, centered one step from the BOS'N'S MATE and facing him.)

BOS'N'S MATE: (Salutes)

"Boatswain's Mate Klinedinst, ready for inspection, sir." (The SKIPPER returns the salute. The BOS'N'S MATE drops his salute. The SKIPPER inspects the BOS'N'S MATE; he may comment, but normally the SKIPPER reserves any criticism, informing the BOS'N of any discrepancies at the conclusion of the inspection. When the Skipper is finished, he and the BOS'N'S MATE exchange salutes. Then the SKIPPER moves to the after crew on the port side. As the SKIPPER departs, the BOS'N'S MATE comes to the position of At Ease.)

STARBOARD CREW LEADER: (As the SKIPPER approaches, comes to Attention and commands to his crew)

"Starboard Crew, attention." (The SKIPPER halts centered one step from the CREW LEADER and facing him. The CREW LEADER salutes.)

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"Starboard Crew, ready for inspection, sir." The SKIPPER returns the salute. The CREW LEADER drops his salute. The SKIPPER inspects the CREW LEADER, moves around to the left of the CREW LEADER, and halts in front of the first person to be inspected. At this time, the CREW LEADER executes an about faces and places himself to the right rear of the SKIPPER and accompanies him throughout the inspection of the crew. The party passes down the front of the crew, beginning at the right of the line. When the party has cleared the end of the crew line, the STARBOARD CREW LEADER commands:)

"One step forward, march." (The party then passes behind the crew. When the party has cleared the rear of the line, the CREW LEADER commands:)

"One step backward, march." (The CREW LEADER then marches to a position in front of the seaman at the right of the crew line, faces inboard and awaits the SKIPPER. The SKIPPER may comment briefly on the results. After concluding his remarks to the CREW LEADER, the SKIPPER and CREW LEADER exchange salutes, then the SKIPPER moves to the next crew. As the SKIPPER departs, the CREW LEADER commands:)

"At ease." (He then marches to his station, front and center of the crew, faces inboard, and comes to the position of At Ease. The SKIPPER proceeds clockwise around the deck, inspecting each crew in a similar manner.

PORT CREW LEADER: (As the SKIPPER approaches, comes to Attention and commands to his crew)

"Port Crew, attention." (The SKIPPER halts centered one step from the CREW LEADER and facing him. The CREW LEADER salutes.)

"Port Crew, ready for inspection, sir." The SKIPPER returns the salute. The CREW LEADER drops his salute. The SKIPPER inspects the CREW LEADER, moves around to the left of the CREW LEADER, and halts in front of the first person to be inspected. At this time, the CREW LEADER executes an about faces and places himself to the right rear of the SKIPPER and accompanies him throughout the inspection of the crew. The party passes down the front of the crew, beginning at the right of the line. When the party has cleared the end of the crew line, the STARBOARD CREW LEADER commands:)

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"At ease." (He then marches to his station, front and center of the crew, faces inboard, and comes to the position of At Ease. The SKIPPER proceeds clockwise around the deck, inspecting each crew in a similar manner.

After inspecting the after crew on the starboard side, the SKIPPER may wish to discuss the results with the BOS'N, in which case the approaches the BOS'N's station forward of the bridge. The SKIPPER and BOS'N exchange salutes and the SKIPPER comments on the results of the inspection. After concluding his remarks, they again exchange salutes and the SKIPPER returns to the quarterdeck. As the SKIPPER departs, the BOS'N commands to the Ship:)

BOS'N: "YORKSHIRE attention." (As the BOS'N brings the Ship to attention, the SKIPPER enters the quarterdeck and after exchanging salutes, normally directs the OOD to proceed with the meeting program. In this case, the OOD notices that the Northeast Region Commodore is about to come onboard. He reports this to the SKIPPER.

- ARRIVAL OF THE NORTHEAST REGION COMMODORE -

OOD: (Salutes the SKIPPER) **"Sir, the NORTHEAST REGION COMMODORE and National Committeeman Lydecker are arriving."**

SKIPPER: (returns the salute) **"Standby to receive the NORTHEAST REGION COMMODORE and NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN."**

OOD: (returns the salute; turns to the BOS'N and commands, **"Standby to receive the NORTHEAST REGION COMMODORE and NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN. Assign 8 SIDE BOYS. I will handle colors."**

BOS'N: "Aye aye, sir." (Faces crews)

" Sideboys, All Hands!"

BOS'N: (Bos'n turns to face OOD, salutes) **"Sir, SIDE BOYS have been assigned."**

OOD: **"Very well, stand by Standby to receive the NORTHEAST REGION COMMODORE and NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN."**

BOS'N: (Salutes) **"Aye aye, sir."**

BOS'N: (About face) **"Standby to receive the NORTHEAST REGION COMMODORE and NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN."** He then pipes four veers 8 for side boys  and commands: **"SIDE BOYS, post."** (SIDE BOYS report to their assigned duty stations. The BOS'N will take up station one step forward of the forward line of sideboys and one step inboard to pipe the side.)

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OOD: Rings eight bells  and announces: “NORTHEAST REGION arriving. He rings eight bells again and announces “NATIONAL COMMITTEE arriving!” He then hoists the 4-star Flag to the starboard spreader.

The BOS’N pipes the side.  as the Commodore and the National Committeeman come onboard. The salute begins on the first note of the pipe, and is dropped automatically on the last note of the pipe.

BOS’N: “SIDEBOYS, return to your crews.”

SKIPPER: (Welcomes the NORTHEAST REGION COMMODORE and NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN aboard, and then facing the COMMODORE) “Sir, do you wish to inspect the Ship?”

NORTHEAST REGION COMMODORE: (The Commodore has the prerogative to conduct a second inspection if he wishes, but will likely decline in the interest of saving time. He will likely direct the ship’s company to be seated, and then will proceed on his own to conduct the bridge of honor recognition and awards ceremony.

BOS’N: (Salutes) “Aye aye, sir.” (The OOD returns the salute; the BOS’N drops his salute and faces about. Normally, the BOS’N will give the following command:)

“YORKSHIRE uncover, seats!”

- AWARDS AND RECOGNITION PORTION OF THE CEREMONY -

- CLOSING -

Upon conclusion of the Awards and Recognition portion of the ceremony, the Commodore will turn to the Skipper and say, “Skipper, Committeeman Lydecker and I are about to leave the Ship.”

SKIPPER: (Faces OOD) “OOD, the COMMODORE, COMMITTEEMAN LYDECKER, and I are about to leave the Ship.”

OOD: (Faces SKIPPER, salutes.) “Aye, aye, Sir.” (The OOD then turns to the BOS’N).

OOD: “Boatswain.”

BOS’N: (Marches by the most direct route to his station forward of the quarterdeck and salutes.) “Boatswain Wagner, reporting.”

OOD: (Left face towards BOS’N) “BOS’N, the COMMODORE, the NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN, and the SKIPPER are about to leave the Ship.”

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BOS'N: (Salutes) "Aye aye, sir." (Faces about to the Ship.) "YORKSHIRE, attention. Covers. The COMMODORE, the NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN, and the SKIPPER are about to leave the Ship. He pipes four veers for eight sideboys  and then commands, "SIDE BOYS, post." (Once the OOD COLOR GUARD and the SIDE BOYS are posted, the COMMODORE, COMMITTEEMAN, and the SKIPPER march to the starboard gangway, the COMMODORE in the lead. The COMMODORE may or may not shake hands with the SKIPPER and the OOD before leaving. As the COMMODORE passes between the sideboys, the Petty Officer 'pipes the side.' The OOD returns each salute to the quarterdeck

OOD: Rings 8 bells  and announces "NORTHEAST REGION, departing!" He then rings 8 bells again and announces "NATIONAL COMMITTEE departing!"

The BOS'N pipes the side .

The OOD hauls the COMMODORE's flag down.

BOS'N: "SIDEBOYS EXCEPT CREW LEADERS, Return to your crews."

The extraneous sideboys then return to their crews by the most direct route. This has the effect of reducing the number of sideboys from 8 to 2 in preparation for the Skipper's departure.

As the SKIPPER leaves the quarterdeck, he shakes hands with the OOD, then walks to the starboard gangway and exits the Ship.)

OOD: Rings 2 bells  and announces: "YORKSHIRE departing."

The BOS'N pipes the side  as the SKIPPER departs the ship.

The OOD hauls down the SKIPPER's flag.

As the SKIPPER clears the gangway, the BOS'N returns to his station forward of the bridge and faces forward.)

BOS'N: "COLOR GUARD, SIDE BOYS, return to your crews."

BOS'N: (Turns and faces OOD, salutes) "Sir, the side is secured."

OOD: (Returns salute.) "Stand by for colors. Assign COLOR GUARD."

BOS'N: "Aye aye, sir." (Faces crews)

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"Color guard, National Ensign, Starboard 1, 2, and 3! Union Jack, Port 1 and 2."

BOS'N: (Bos'n turns to face OOD, salutes) "Sir, COLOR GUARD has been assigned."

OOD: "Very well, stand by for Colors."

BOS'N: "Aye aye, sir." (Drops salute and faces about to the Ship.) "COLOR GUARD, BUGLER, post." (The COLOR GUARD marches by the most direct route to their posts at the Ensign and the Jack Staff. They free the halyards and stand by to lower the Ensign and the Jack. The BUGLER assumes his position by the mast. When all is ready, the BOS'N commands:)

"Aft face! Bugler, Sound Off! Hand salute!" (The BUGLER then sounds "To the Colors.") 

The Ensign and the Jack are slowly run down in time to reach the hands of the Color Guard at the end of the call. At the last note of the bugle call, the BOS'N faces about.)

"Ready, two. Inboard, face." (The COLOR GUARD folds the Ensign and Jack in the prescribed manner and when finished, quickly march to a position front and center of the BOS'N, pass the Ensign and Jack to him, take one step backward, salute, drop their salutes, and then return to their crews. The BOS'N does not return the salutes. He then faces about, passes the Ensign and Jack to the OOD, salutes, drops his salute, and awaits instructions. The OOD secures the Ensign and Jack under his left arm. The OOD does not return the BOS'N's salute.)

ALL HANDS sing chantey, *Leave Her, Johnny!*

OOD: "Boatswain, dismiss the Ship."

BOS'N: (Salutes) "Aye aye, sir." (Drops his salute and faces about to the Ship.) "CREW LEADERS, dismiss your crews." (The crews face to the right and the CREW LEADERS march to their post at the head of the crew. The crews leave the landship by the port gangway, Port Crew first, followed by Starboard Crew.)

PORT CREW LEADER: (Leads his crew to the port gangway, halts, faces the BOS'N and salutes.) "Port Crew, request permission to lay ashore, sir."

BOS'N: (Facing the CREW LEADER, returns the salute.) "Permission granted."

PORT CREW LEADER: (Drops his salute, executes the double salute, then commands to his crew:) "Port Crew, lay ashore." (The Crew Leader exits the Landship. Each crew member marches to the gangway, executes the double salute, and then lays ashore. The OOD and BOS'N return each salute to the quarterdeck. The remaining crews lay ashore in like manner.)

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STARBOARD CREW LEADER: (Leads his crew to the port gangway, halts, faces the BOS'N and salutes.) "Starboard Crew, request permission to lay ashore, sir."

BOS'N: (Facing the CREW LEADER, returns the salute.) "Permission granted."

PORT CREW LEADER: (Drops his salute, executes the double salute, then commands to his crew:) "Starboard Crew, lay ashore." (The Crew Leader exits the Landship. Each crew member marches to the gangway, executes the double salute, and then lays ashore. The OOD and BOS'N return each salute to the quarterdeck. The remaining crews lay ashore in like manner.

When the last crew has cleared the gangway, the BOS'N'S MATE marches to the gangway, halts, and faces the BOS'N.)

BOS'N'S MATE: (Salutes) "Boatswain's Mate Klinedinst, request permission to lay ashore, sir."

BOS'N: (Returns the salute) "Permission granted." (The BOS'N'S MATE drops his salute, executes the double salute, then exits the landship. As the BOS'N'S MATE clears the gangway, the BOS'N faces the OOD and salutes.)

BOS'N: "Sir, the Ship is dismissed."

OOD: (Returns salute) "Very well, stand by to lay ashore."

BOS'N: "Aye aye, sir." (Drops his salute. OOD passes to right of BOS'N, proceeding towards respective starboard and port gangways, exchange salutes, the double salute, and exit the landship.)

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NOTES:

1. "Ma'am" is interchangeable with "Sir."
2. Side boys render salutes when piping aboard/departure commences. The salutes drop when the piping stops.
3. Strokes of the ship's bell for arrival/departure of dignitaries are as follows:
4. This document has the piping imbedded into the text. Double click on the icon where indicated to hear the correct call. The call "to the colors" has not been located yet in a wave file, so "all hands" was temporarily substituted.
5. During the ceremony, the crew should sit at attention for appearance sake, not crossing their legs, cleaning their fingernails, etc.

QUESTIONS:

1. I assume the OOD boards carrying the National Ensign, since you wouldn't leave such a sacred object just lying on a table on the ship unattended in advance of the ceremony. Commodore Yeckley says he's seen it both ways.
2. I assume the Starboard Crew would be inspected before the Port Crew. Commodore Yeckley says he used one crew of 8 rather than two crews of 4.
3. Does Bruce Johnson rate 6 bells/sideboys as a Regional Commodore, or 8 as a national committeeman? Doug Yeckley and I think it should be 6 because he will be flying his Regional Commodore's flag, not a national committeeman's flag.
4. Uniform for OOD and SKIPPER. Doug Yeckley says winter working blue is just fine, no need for the double-breasted blouse