

Ship 25 Youth Uniform Guide

As a Sea Scout Ship of the Boy Scouts of America, Ship 25 believes in the value of proper and consistent uniform standards for its crewmembers. Ship 25 has elected from among the options provided in the Sea Scout Manual to use a uniform that conforms to the recommendations of the National Committee on Sea Scouting yet is very traditional so as to be in keeping with the heritage of both Sea Scouting and the sea services. Both the Ship 25 youth uniform standards and sources of supply are discussed in the following paragraphs. The cost of Sea Scout uniforms is remarkably inexpensive compared to land Scout uniforms. For adult leader uniform standards, see the Skipper.

The standards for Ship 25 Sea Scout youth uniforms (male and female) are as follows:

1. **Working Blue** (used both summer and winter in situations not requiring a dress uniform):
 - a. Hat: white “Dixie cup” with Sea Scout emblem.
 - b. Shirt: blue chambray, long sleeved (winter) or short sleeved (summer).
 - c. Belt: Navy blue (black) web with silver buckle and tip.
 - d. Trousers: Navy blue (black), uncuffed.
 - e. Socks: black.
 - f. Shoes: black oxford-style shoe or black work boot
 - g. Insignia (all available from Ship 25)
 - i. Navy blue (black) “SEA SCOUTS BSA” lettering strip with white lettering sewn above and touching the wearer’s right pocket.
 - ii. Navy blue (black) “YORK” community strip sewn on the wearer’s left shoulder of the jumper at the shoulder seam, centered on the sleeve crease. We do not use the Council CSP or the PA strips.
 - iii. Navy blue (black) ship’s unit number “25” sewn on the wearer’s left shoulder of the shirt 2” below the shoulder seam, centered underneath the YORK strip on the sleeve crease.
 - iv. Navy blue (black) Ship 25 oval BSA anchor patch sewn on wearer’s right shoulder of the shirt 2” below the shoulder seam, centered on the sleeve crease.
 - v. Navy blue (black) cloth name tag with “YOURLASTNAME” in white thread sewn above and touching the wearer’s left shirt pocket
 - vi. Navy blue (black) cloth name tag with “YOURLASTNAME” in white thread sewn above and touching the wearer’s right rear trouser pocket.
2. **Dress Blue** (used in winter months from November through April)
 - a. Hat: white “Dixie cup” with Sea Scout emblem.
 - b. Jumper: Navy style, wool or gabardine, two white piping stripes on cuffs and flap (remove center cuff and flap stripe from normal three-stripe Navy jumpers), Navy blue (black) Sea Scout 1st Class Anchor emblems (bugs) in place of the stars on the flap, anchor stocks at 45° angle.
 - c. Belt: none required – trousers are self-supporting.
 - d. Neckerchief: standard Navy black, with square knot.
 - e. Trousers: Navy blue bell-bottom, 13-button, wool or gabardine.
 - f. Socks: black.
 - g. Shoes: black.
 - h. Insignia: (all available from Ship 25)
 - i. White “SEA SCOUTS BSA” lettering embroidered above and almost touching what would be the wearer’s right pocket if there were one. Ship 25 can arrange the embroidering for you. There is only a wearer’s left pocket, so with the Sea Scout wearing the jumper, take a string and hold it horizontally with one end of the string on the top edge of the wearer’s left breast pocket. The wearer’s right end of the horizontal string will show where the lower edge of the white “SEA SCOUTS BSA” embroidery should be sewn.
 - ii. Navy blue (black) “YORK” community strip with white lettering sewn on the wearer’s left shoulder of the jumper at the shoulder seam, centered on the sleeve crease. We do not use the Council CSP or the PA strips.
 - iii. Navy blue (black) ship’s unit number patch with white “25” sewn on the wearer’s left shoulder of the jumper 2” below the shoulder seam, centered underneath the YORK strip on the sleeve crease.
 - iv. Navy blue (black) Ship 25 oval BSA anchor patch with white stitching sewn on wearer’s right shoulder of the 2” below the shoulder seam, centered on the sleeve crease.
3. **Dress White** (used in summer months from May through October-sometimes called “crackerjacks”)

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- a. Hat: "Dixie cup" with Sea Scout emblem.
- b. Jumper: white cotton, with flap and white Sea Scout 1st Class Anchor emblems (bugs) in place of the stars on the flap, anchor stocks at 45° angle.
- c. Belt: white web with silver buckle and tip. (Female white trousers do not require a belt).
- d. Trousers: white cotton bell-bottom, zipper fly.
- e. Socks: black.
- f. Shoes: black.
- g. Insignia:
 - i. Black "SEA SCOUTS BSA" embroidering sewn above and almost touching what would be the wearer's right pocket if there were one. There is only a wearer's left pocket, so with the Sea Scout wearing the jumper, take a string and hold it horizontally with one end of the string on the top edge of the wearer's left breast pocket. The wearer's right end of the horizontal string will show where the lower edge of the black "SEA SCOUTS BSA" embroidery should be sewn.
 - ii. White "YORK" community strip with black lettering sewn on the wearer's left shoulder of the jumper at the seam. We do not use the Council CSP or the PA strips.
 - iii. White ship's unit number "25" sewn on the wearer's left shoulder of the jumper 2" below the shoulder seam.
 - iv. White Ship 25 oval BSA anchor patch sewn on wearer's right shoulder of the 2" below the shoulder seam, centered on the sleeve crease.

4. Options:

- a. When underway on the water, crewmembers may wish to wear the official Ship 25 baseball-style cap, as the visor shades the eyes and provides glare protection. The white Dixie cup hat should be kept available, however, for going ashore on liberty.
- b. Ship 25 has also has available a black polo-style shirt with white embroidery available for informal summer occasions.
- c. A silver belt buckle is available from Ship's Stores in Modesto, CA that displays the Sea Scout First Class Anchor emblem. This is a nice optional upgrade from the plain silver buckle, but is not, however, required.
- d. In cold or wet weather, in dress situations, a standard Navy wool peacoat, black gloves, and black wool scarf may be worn as an addition, if desired. In cold working situations, the standard Navy wool sweater and wool watch cap may be worn as an addition, if desired. Large black Ship 25 oval BSA anchor patches are available for use on sweaters, to be worn over the wearer's left breast.

5. Recommendations on how and where to obtain the proper Sea Scout uniforms:

- a. For new Sea Scouts, the easiest and most useful first uniform to obtain is the working blue, since it can be used both winter and summer in all situations not requiring a dress uniform. Also, the Dixie cup hat with Sea Scout emblem, black belt with silver buckle and silver tip, and the black shoes and socks can be used as well with the dress blue and dress white uniforms when obtained later.
 - i. The long or short sleeved blue chambray work shirt and navy blue trousers can be obtained from the Navy supply system or from a supplier of working clothes such as Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart carries the "Dickie" brand of blue chambray shirt and Navy blue (black) trousers that are acceptable, although the "Dickie" label should be carefully removed. The chambray work shirts obtained from Navy supply, however, seem to be a more attractive shade of chambray blue and are preferred by youth members. Black socks and black plain shoes are readily available. Either the plain black oxford style shoe or black work boot is acceptable.
 - ii. The Dixie cup hat with Sea Scout Emblem and the black web belt with silver buckle and silver tip may be conveniently ordered from Ship's Stores.
 - iii. Ship 25 maintains a supply of the YORK, 25, and Ship 25 oval BSA anchor patches in both Navy blue (black) and white as well as a large version of the black Ship 25 oval BSA anchor patch suitable for sweaters and as a jacket patch. Ship 25 will also arrange for embroidery of name tags, and SEA SCOUTS BSA on uniforms as appropriate.
- b. To put together a Sea Scout dress blue uniform, once the working blue uniform has been obtained, it is only necessary to add the black neckerchief, blue wool or gabardine jumper, and blue wool or gabardine 13-button bell-bottom trousers. All these items may be obtained from Ships Stores. The "SEA SCOUTS BSA" embroidery and insignia patches can be obtained through Ship 25. Navy blue jumpers cost only \$15, and the 13-button bell-bottom trousers cost only \$6.
- c. To put together a Sea Scout dress white uniform, once the working blue and dress blue uniforms have been obtained, it is only necessary to add the white CNT (certified Navy twill) jumper, white CNT bell-

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bottom trousers, white web belt with silver tip (you already have the silver buckle), and insignia. Females do not need the white belt since the female white trousers are self-supporting. The white jumper, white bell-bottom trousers, and white belt with silver tip may most conveniently be obtained from the U.S. Navy supply system by phone or mail order, or from the Navy Exchange at Naval Station Annapolis by walk-in accompanied by your current valid Sea Scout registration card. An advantage to the walk-in at Annapolis is that free hemming and tailoring is included at no extra charge. The “SEA SCOUTS BSA” embroidery and insignia patches may be obtained through Ship 25, as well as a large version of the black Ship 25 oval BSA anchor patch suitable for use on sweaters and as a jacket patch.

6. **The Sea Scout Manual is required for all Sea Scouts.**

- a. It may be purchased through Ship’s Stores, or from the York-Adams Area Council, BSA Service Center at 2139 White Street in York (just southwest of the intersection of Route 30 and Carlisle Road).
- b. The Council doesn’t always have the Sea Scout Manual in stock, despite their best efforts to do so. It is best to call first at 717-843-0901 to be sure they have it in stock. They can order it for you, if it is not in stock, but you can also order it through Ship’s Stores. If you order it through the Council office, you don’t pay shipping. If you order it through Ship’s Stores, you pay shipping, but that shipping can be combined with the rest of the items you’d be ordering through Ship’s Stores anyway.

7. **Sources of Supply with points of contact:**

- a. **Ship’s Stores** – Ship’s Stores, run by Sea Scout volunteer Jackie Wantanabe, has a web site at <http://ships-store.org>. Orders are mailed to PO Box 7803, Stockton, CA 95267 – Telephone (209) 334-5381 or email jackie@ships-store.org. All orders must be in writing, and paid by check or money order (no charges or COD). There is a \$10 minimum order, not including tax and shipping. Because of the way the shipping rate chart works, it is most cost-effective to order as many Ship’s Stores items as practicable in a single big order, rather than several small orders.
 - i. To get the stock numbers and size availability of clothing items, consult the Ship’s Stores web page, or consult a Ship 25 handout called **Ship 25 Ship’s Stores Catalog & Shipping Chart & Order Form** which is a condensed version of the on-line catalog, reduced to the items most commonly ordered. Copies may be downloaded from the Forms section of the Ship 25 web site.
 - ii. To determine the correct size to order, and how to tailor the jumpers and trousers once they are received, consult the Ship 25 handout **How to Measure a Sea Scout for Dress Blues**. Copies may be downloaded from the Forms section of the Ship 25 web site.
- b. **Navy Uniform Support Center** – 1545 Crossways Boulevard, Suite 200, Chesapeake, VA 23320 – Telephone **800-368-4088, then press 1** for customer service. **NOTE CAREFULLY:** The Navy Uniform Support Center is geared to sell to active duty service men and women in the United States Navy. Sea Scouts are permitted to order from the Navy Uniform Support Center **ONLY IF** they have been previously entered “into the system”. In other words, they will ask you for your social security number, and if it doesn’t come up on their computer, they won’t proceed with the order. Here’s how to get your name and social security number entered into the system as a Sea Scout: 1) once you have filled out your regular Sea Scout registration papers, you will shortly receive your official Sea Scout registration card. 2) The skipper of Ship 25 will then fax a copy of the registration card to the Navy with a cover letter that will get you “entered into the system.” This takes several working days. However, once you are in the system, you seem to remain in the system forever. The Navy Uniform Support Center is convenient because you can pay by credit card, and shipping (via US Mail) is free. When talking to the Navy Uniform Support Center, don’t be alarmed if they have you listed as a “Sea Cadet” instead of as a “Sea Scout”. To the Navy Uniform Support Center, Sea Cadets and Sea Scouts are interchangeable. We, however, know that Sea Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America, whereas Sea Cadets is a youth program run directly by the U.S. Navy.

8. Typical uniform costs are set out in the following table. Actual prices may vary slightly.

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Item	Supply Source	Stock #	Qty	Unit Price	Extended Price
Sea Scout Manual	Council Office or Ship's Stores	33239B	1	\$12.95	\$12.95
WORKING BLUE UNIFORM					
White "Dixie cup with bug	Ship's Stores	Varies	1	\$3.75	\$3.75
Belt, black w/ silver tip and buckle	Ship's Stores	BS-39	1	\$3.50	\$3.50
Blue chambray shirt (l/s or s/s)	Navy Supply or Wal-Mart	Varies	1	\$12.86	\$12.86
Navy blue (black) trousers	Navy Supply or Wal-Mart	Varies	1	\$17.86	\$17.86
Black oxford-style shoes	Wal-Mart or anywhere	Varies	1	\$17.86	\$17.86
Black acrylic crew socks (pair)	Wal-Mart or anywhere	Varies	1	\$1.00	\$1.00
SEA SCOUTS BSA embroidery	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
Embroidered Name Strip for Shirt and Trousers	Ship 25	None	2	\$3.00	\$6.00
Black YORK cloth strip	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
Black 25 cloth unit numeral	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
Black Ship 25 oval anchor patch (small)	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
TOTAL WORKING BLUE UNIFORM					\$74.83
OPTIONAL: Sea Scout silver buckle	Ship's Stores	1CB4	1	\$6.50	\$6.50
OPTIONAL: Sea Scout bumper sticker	Ship's Stores	OE11	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
OPTIONAL: Navy blue (black) wool ball cap with SHIP 25 - S.S.S. YORKSHIRE embroidered on back and black Ship 25 oval anchor patch (small) for front	Ship 25	None	1	\$15.00	\$15.00
TOTAL WORKING BLUE OPTIONS					\$24.50
DRESS BLUE UNIFORM					
Black Neckerchief	Ship's Stores or Navy Supply	2170A	1	\$4.50	\$4.50
13-Button Navy blue (black) bell-bottom trousers	Ship's Stores	Varies	1	\$15.00	\$15.00
Navy blue (black) jumper	Ship's Stores	Varies	1	\$6.00	\$6.00
Navy blue (black) 1st Class Anchor bugs	Ship's Stores	BB	2	\$0.70	\$1.40
SEA SCOUTS BSA embroidery	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
Black YORK cloth strip	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
Black 25 cloth unit numeral	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
Black Ship 25 oval anchor patch (small)	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
TOTAL DRESS BLUE UNIFORM					\$38.90
DRESS WHITE UNIFORM					
White enlisted jumper, E-1 to E-6, CNT	Navy Supply	Varies	1	\$12.65	\$12.65
White enlisted trousers, E-1 to E-6, CNT	Navy Supply	Varies	1	\$18.10	\$18.10
White belt with silver tip	Navy Supply	Varies	1	\$3.50	\$3.50
White 1st Class Anchor Bugs	Ship 25	None	2	\$1.00	\$2.00
SEA SCOUTS BSA embroidery	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
White YORK cloth strip	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
White 25 cloth unit numeral	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
White Ship 25 oval anchor patch (small)	Ship 25	None	1	\$3.00	\$3.00
TOTAL DRESS WHITE UNIFORM					\$48.25
TOTAL HANDBOOK, WORKING & DRESS BLUES, WHITES, & ALL OPTIONS					\$174.93

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Photo showing Ship 25 Sea Scouts in working blue uniform with optional black Ship 25 ball cap.



Photo showing optional Navy-style sweater with large Ship 25 black oval anchor patch.



Photo showing wearer's left sleeve, undress whites. Note that bottom patch is a badge of office (in this case Yeoman), which is supplied by the Ship to office holders as needed.



Photo showing youth and adult in Sea Scout white uniforms.



Photo showing name strip above wearer's right back pocket on working blue trousers.