Recruitment Quiz

Recruiter’s Questions

Join the crew!

Answer the recruiter’s question to see if a sailor’s life is for you. Keep a tally of your “yes” answers, and then see where you rank in Constitution’s crew!

1 and 2: Have you ever swung in a hammock? Are you willing to sleep next to 200 of your closest friends who are badly in need of baths? Ships are crowded places, and there is no way to escape the sounds and smells of your shipmates!

3 and 4: Do you have all of your teeth? Do you have all your fingers and toes? A sailor must move quickly and learn to tie many knots – hard to do without fingers and toes!

5: Are you willing to eat biscuit as hard as a brick? At sea, sailors eat hard bread called ship’s biscuit. They dunk it in their stew to make it easier to chew.

6: Are you healthy and free from scurvy, rickets or gout? There is no place in the Navy for sick sailors. Yet the lack of fresh food on board ship makes many of them ill!

7: Are you afraid of heights? Sailors must climb high up the masts and balance on a thin ropes while they haul in heavy sails.

Recruiter’s Scorecard

1. [ ] Yes [ ] No
2. [ ] Yes [ ] No
3. [ ] Yes [ ] No
4. [ ] Yes [ ] No
5. [ ] Yes [ ] No
6. [ ] Yes [ ] No
7. [ ] Yes [ ] No

Scoring Summary

0–2 Yes: You’re better off ashore, mate! But I’m short of recruits, and I will take you on if you promise to shape up.

3–5 Yes: I’ve seen worse, so welcome to the Navy. Be sure not to step out of line, though.

6–7 Yes: Hey, you are a natural sailor! Are you sure you have never been to sea before? I’m proud to have you aboard.