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Dear Mr. Holmes:

Thank you very much for your kind comments regarding the article about Sea Scouting in *BOAT/U.S. Magazine*. The article certainly struck a chord with our members and it is gratifying to know that it has produced the results outlined in your letter. After the article was published, I learned that two members of the BoatU.S. National Advisory Council are Sea Scout veterans. Dean Clarke, Executive Editor of *Sportfishing* and *Marlin* Magazines, was a Sea Scout in Connecticut and Ray Finley, former Chief Commander of the U.S. Power Squadrons, participated while growing up in New Jersey and even met his wife through Sea Scouting. While I was never in Sea Scouting myself, I was active in Explorer Scouting and completed all requirements for Eagle Scout.

I agree with your suggestion that BoatU.S. and BSA Venturing develop a partnership and I propose that this letter serve as an agreement that commits both organizations to helping each other grow while advancing the common interests of boating and youth development.

For our part, BoatU.S. will extend Cooperating Group status to all Sea Scout ships, thereby making adult leaders, Scouts and their families eligible for membership at $9.50 which is half the regular BoatU.S. dues rate. In addition, BoatU.S. will promote a "volunteer corps" of association members who will be encouraged to contribute their time and boating expertise to assist local ships.

BoatU.S. will include Sea Scouting in our wholesale purchasing program that qualifies Ships to purchase boating equipment and supplies at discounted prices, at our marine centers or through catalog sales, for the fitting out, maintenance and repair of Sea Scout vessels.

Furthermore, BoatU.S. will establish a "Crewmate Apprenticeship" program among the 52 retail Marine Centers that this organization operates nationwide. As job openings arise, positions will be made available to eligible Sea Scouts who are interested in part-time paid employment and/or in fulfilling high school work-study requirements.

Because boat donations are such an important fund-raising element for Sea Scouting and Venturing, as well as a source of vessels for scouting activities, BoatU.S. will refer potential donations to BSA Venturing.

In return for the above-named programs, we ask that BSA Venturing facilitate distribution of BoatU.S. membership materials to Sea Scout ships and to adult leaders periodically, at BSA expense. In addition, BSA Venturing will publish articles or news items concerning BoatU.S. programs and activities at least twice annually in publications that reach adult leaders and volunteers.

Further, BSA Venturing will endorse BoatU.S. and TowBoatU.S. as providers of marine insurance and towing services, respectively, to Sea Scout ships, BSA Councils or other sponsoring individuals who own recreational vessels used for scouting programs.

I believe that there are many other less formal ways that our two organizations will continue to work together. Publicity about Sea Scouting in *BOATU.S. Magazine* continues with an article in our May, 2000 issue featuring the two scouts who attended the America's Cup. Links between the BoatU.S. Web site, www.boatus.com, and the Sea Scout Web page already are in place. Another good example is the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety free on-line course that we can promote directly to Sea Scouts. Successful completion earns a certificate that is approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators. Please note that the BoatU.S. Speakers Bureau is available as a resource to Sea Scout ships, too, as is the Foundation's Grass Roots Grants Program that supports worthwhile local projects.

If you find all of the above agreeable, you need only sign below and I will ask Ryck Lydecker to begin working with you immediately. His position on the National Sea Scouting Committee can only serve to facilitate successful implementation of this agreement.

We truly are excited to be working with Sea Scouting to advance the interests of recreational boating and youth, and I look forward to a fruitful partnership and to meeting you personally.

Sincerely,

Richard Schwartz

Agreement acknowledged:

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