

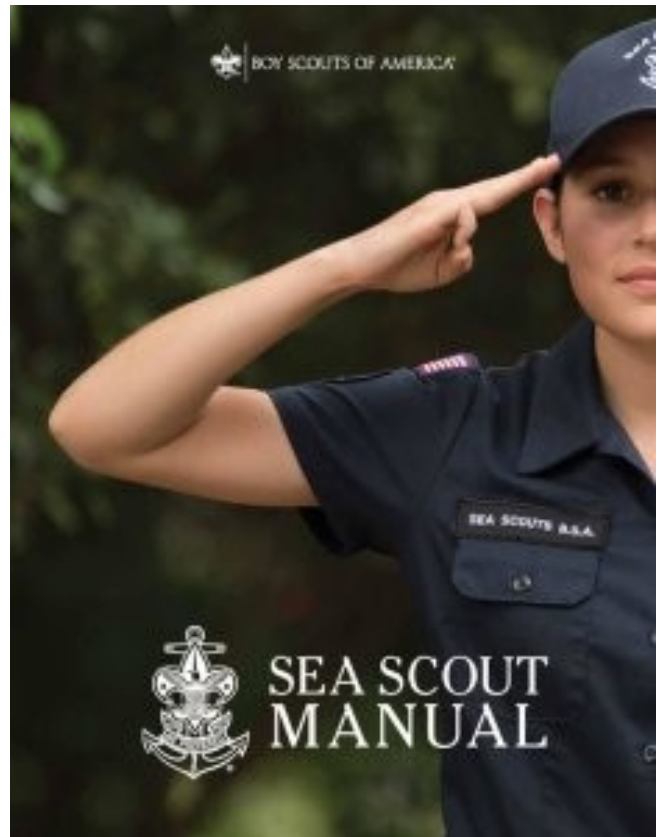


New Sea Scout Manual Available

by Cassie Johnson

The 2016 edition of The Sea Scout Manual is now available. A quick glance will reveal some significant changes and additions.

- Rank requirements for advancement now include paddlesport alternatives for several of the requirements. Expanding program options for youth who don't live near the coast should encourage membership growth.
- A section supporting paddlesports has been added to the Manual.
- The appendix includes a complete list of all the insignia worn by Sea Scout youth and adults for New Century Uniforms and traditional uniforms. The BSA supply bin number is included for each item so they can easily be ordered through ScoutStuff.org or through your local Scout Shop.
- The information that was found on the CD with the previous manual can be found online at seascout.org. The videos can be found there as well, and they can also be found on YouTube.



For Sea Scouters who prefer a spiral bound manual, businesses such as Office Depot and Office Max, for a small cost, will drill and spiral bind the pages.

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Your National Sea Scout Support Committee

The times, they are a changin' -Bob Dylan 1964

At the National Sea Scout Committee we focus on providing direction, policy, procedures, training, and program materials for the Sea Scout program nation-wide. We maintain and improve the Sea Scout program, start new initiatives, and oversee change. To some, it may seem as though we are always changing. Most people, including me, don't like too much change.

Here is a key point. As we add new things to the Sea Scout program, we carefully avoid "breaking" anything. We know that tried and true methods work. We also know that our membership continues to dwindle; despite everyone's best efforts. So, we have to match our program to the times. A simple example is the inclusion of electronic navigation and GPS.

A time-traveling youth member from 50 years ago would find a very familiar Sea Scout program today: Leadership, teamwork, character-development, high adventure, safety, and seamanship--all in a maritime environment. The program continues to provide opportunities to prepare for a vocation or avocation--in, on, under, or around the water. Even the time-traveler's uniform would fit right in with the continuing use of traditional uniforms in many Ships.

If your Ship wants to keep doing things mostly the old way, and that works for you, carry on. You may have strong feelings that you don't like some recent changes: national strategy, new elective requirements, emphasis on the Scout Oath and Law, status as a full-up BSA program, paddlesports, New Century universal uniform, new badges, etc. All of these are additions to the Sea Scout program. The original program and traditions are still there.

If you want to help steer the Sea Scouts into our second century, work with your Council, Area/Flotilla, or Regional Commodore. Help us select items to emphasize in 2017



Charles Wurster, VADM Ret.
National Commodore

from the national strategy map: <http://seascout.org/download/national-sea-scout-strategy-map/>.

Volunteer to serve on a team or task force to implement these ideas. It's easy to say, "You should..." It's much more productive to say, "We should..." and help with workload to improve Sea Scouts--the best program in BSA. Send your questions to the Commodore's Corner: <http://seascout.org/commodores-corner/>.

If you're like me, you really believe in the value of Scouting, and the values Scouting teaches. That's why I am personally involved. Scouting has been a tremendous influence in my life and my children's lives. I want to share that with young people today and into the future. To do that, we need to change to reach America's youth and increase membership in Sea Scouts. Not as an end in itself, but to share the program with as many youth as possible.

Charlie Wurster
Chairman, National Sea Scout Support Committee
Commodore, Sea Scouts, BSA





National Director's Update

The fall is here and things are going great with the Sea Scouts.

- **NEW SEA SCOUT MANUAL:** We have rolled out the new Sea Scout manual, 2016 edition, available through our Supply Group. You can order your personal copy from Scoutstuff.org or pick up or order from your local Scout Shop at your BSA Council Service Center.
- The William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup was a great success with 82 youth from 10 countries participating. Go to the web to learn and see more about the happenings. Great job in leadership by Jim Elroy and his staff.
- **ONLINE TRAINING:** Our six modules for Basic Adult Leader Training are now available on the MyScouting Learning Management System site. After completion of all six modules, your training record will be updated in the BSA system.
- **NEW LONG CRUISE MODULES TO BE RELEASED:** We are on the final round of completing two modules for long cruise—Planning and Execution. These will be loaded on the web as soon as they are finished later this fall.
- **NEW BADGES OF OFFICE FOR NEW CENTURY UNIFORM AVAILABLE:** There is a series of badges of office to be worn on the New Century uniform for unit, council, area/flotilla, region, and national levels. They can be seen and ordered on www.scoutstuff.org.
- **NATIONAL FLAGSHIP AWARD APPLICATION:** Next year's application to apply for the National Flagship award is now available on the website.



Keith Christopher
National Director

Download your copy now and begin to put your package together to apply.

- **NEED SPECIALTY ITEMS FOR YOUR SHIP'S MEMBERS:** Go to S & G Trading Post for custom items to purchase. You can purchase one or more of each items at good prices. Choose from a variety of items—t shirts, jackets, mugs, hats, towels, swim suits, polo shirts, belts, and more. If there is something you do not see but would like for us to consider, let us know by emailing: nationaldirector@seascout.org.

Thanks for your involvement with the Sea Scouts, either as a youth or adult member.

Keith Christopher
National Sea Scout Director





National Boatswain's Report

It is an exciting time to be involved in Sea Scouting. We are surrounded by change and we have the opportunity to reinvent the way we think about Sea Scouting. We have a chance to preserve the traditions of the past while simultaneously working to forge a path forward. We cannot do it alone! That is why one of my primary goals as National Boatswain this year is learn about different people's experiences in Sea Scouting and what we can do to improve the program.

This summer, I joined the crew of Texas Gulf Coast SEAL in Galveston, Texas and witnessed the future of our program. There were so many inspiring moments during the SEAL course. I got to see a great crew get to know each other, work together as team, grow as leaders, and to sail successfully through the end of the course. I also had the opportunity to staff to William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup. During this experience I had the opportunity to talk with the international teams as well as scouts across the United States about their experiences and what they loved about their Sea Scouting experience. To follow along with my travels and to see what other Sea Scouts are up to, you should check out our National Sea Scout Blog at blog.seascout.org. Sea Scouts around the country have been contributing stories and best practices since our centennial.



Rachel West
National Boatswain

I firmly believe that Sea Scouting provides some of the greatest opportunities available to young people in nation, and we should continue to develop the Sea Scouting program so that those opportunities and many more like those are available in the future. We, the Scouts who have lived the program, are our greatest assets. Please, join me in making a difference in our second century. Do not hesitate to reach out to me at nationalboatswain@seascout.org to share your story or provide some suggestions on the future of our program.

Rachel West
2014-2015 National Boatswain
Sea Scouts, BSA



THE SEA SCOUT LOG



Announcing the National Organization of Sea Scout Alumni

by Eva Hogan, NOSSA Chair

It was over one hundred years ago that Sea Scouts was brought to life as a Scouting program to teach youth life skills through on the water activities. The program has survived through many generations and it's had many names, but the traditions and values have always been constant. While Scouters joke that Sea Scouts is the "red headed stepchild" of Scouting, the organization has made much progress in the last year to expand beyond "the hidden program" and step into the forefront of Scouting, in order to share those historical traditions and values. With Sea Scouts new position as a standalone program, there have been organizational shifts. One such shift is to create an alumni affinity group to better foster relations between current and former Sea Scouters – adult and youth.

The Sea Scout National Committee, in conjunction with Scouting Alumni Association, has been working to create this alumni affinity group, and so the National Organization of Sea Scout Alumni (NOSSA) was born. The mission of NOSSA is serve those previously involved in Sea Scouts, who still believe in the program, and provide ways for them to stay informed and involved.

So what does this mean for the rest of the Sea Scouts out there that are interested in participating? Does your ship have a yearly alumni sail? Let NOSSA know! Other ships may want to do

the same and want some advice on how to start. Let's face it, reinventing the wheel is something everyone would like to avoid! Does your ship have an open position that can be filled by an interested alum or a relocated Sea Scouter? Post it on the job board! Are you that interested alum or relocated Sea Scouter who wants to fill an open position? Check out the job board! Has

Sea Scouts impacted your life for the better? Tell NOSSA your story – who knows, it may inspire someone!



NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF SEA SCOUT ALUMNI

There are many ideas floating around about what the committee should do – but this is a committee for alumni – so if you have ideas, then let the committee know. NOSSA is here to serve. You can contact the board by going to the 'About' section of the NOSSA page here –

www.seascout.org/alumni. If you just want to stay informed, join the Scouting Alumni Network 1.0 by clicking the link on the right-hand side of the page.

Let's continue to keep the traditions and values alive in Sea Scouts. Let's continue to honor those alumni who have taken the skills they learned through Sea Scouting (as either an adult or as a youth) and applied it in their daily lives. Let's continue to foster youth, and help them achieve success through alumni support. Let's continue the journey to make Sea Scouts one of the best known programs of the Boy Scouts of America.





Sea Scout Leadership Award Available in 2017

by Peter Schmidt

For over two years, a team of dedicated volunteers has been working for to develop and advocate for the approval of the Sea Scout Leadership Award. Beginning in 2017, we will now have the opportunity to recognize the efforts of the youth and adult leaders who make Sea Scouting happen everyday.

The application and associated information packet are currently at the publishers and should be available soon at seascout.org/leadership-award.

To be eligible for the SSLA, one must:

- Be registered and involved as a Sea Scout or Sea Scouter for at least one year,
- Hold a leadership position or an office at the unit, district, council, area, region, or national level.
- Show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Sea Scouting and to Sea Scouts (at the level appropriate for the award).

The nomination process largely resemble the process used for the Venturing Leadership Award.

Nomination deadlines are as follows:

- Council - Dates are set by the local council; turn forms in to the local council.
- Area - April 1 to the national service center, Office of the Sea Scout Director
- Region - March 1 to the national service center, Office of the Sea Scout Director



- National - March 1 to the national service center, Office of the Sea Scout Director

The current annual quotas are as follows:

- Council - 1 per council with up to 5 ships, 1 for each additional 5 ships or fraction thereof
- Area - Up to 2
- Regional - Up to 2
- National - Up to 2

There will be a balance of awards; if more than one award is presented, at least 50% of the awards will be presented to youth. For example, if 2 awards are presented at least one must be awarded to a youth; and so on.

Additional details including the selection process, SKU numbers, reporting requirements, and nomination suggestions will be included in the Sea Scout Leadership Award Information Packet that will be published in October with the Nomination Form.

Councils should begin planning when their first Sea Scout Leadership Award will be presented so that an appropriate nomination deadline can be set.





New Partnership with the American Canoe Association

by Katie Jacobson

This past quarter, Sea Scouts and the American Canoe Association (ACA) have teamed up to provide both organizations with additional member benefits. Recent updates to the Sea Scout Manual and Sea Scout advancement requirements create the opportunity to make paddle craft – such as canoes, kayaks and stand up paddleboards (SUPs) – a larger part of the Sea Scout program.

There are many reasons why a Sea Scout Ship might want to include paddle craft, and it's important for Sea Scouts to understand what paddling can offer.

- Paddling is on one of the most popular outdoor activities in the U.S. More than 20 million people paddle each year. Adding paddle craft allows Sea Scouts to recruit from this huge pool of boaters.
- Compared to power boats and sailboats, pad-

dle craft are relatively easy and inexpensive to store, transport, obtain, and maintain.

- Because paddle craft can be used on remote and shallow waterways, using them may allow the introduction of Sea Scouting to areas that aren't currently served by the program.
- Paddle craft can be carried on larger vessels, creating new boating opportunities when larger boats anchor or dock.
- Paddle craft create additional opportunities for Sea Scouts to complete advancement requirements.

The ACA website (www.americancanoe.org) is a great resource for any Sea Scout Ship that wants to learn more about paddling. The website includes links to find instructors, clubs, and paddling resources. If you have questions about paddle sports, or want suggestions on how to incorporate paddle sports into your ship's program, please feel free to contact Robin Pope, Skipper, Ship 957 in Sylva, NC at paddling@seascout.org.

Paddlesports in Sea Scouting

by Robin Pope

Overview of Paddle Craft

Paddle craft include canoes, kayaks, rafts, and stand up paddleboards (SUPs). Some paddle craft are designed for a wide range of conditions, but they'll often have design features to help them perform in specific conditions. For example, a kayak designed for the ocean wouldn't have the same features as one built for white-water rivers. When you choose a boat for paddling, make sure it's designed for your intended purpose.

Advancement and Awards

Several Sea Scout advancement requirements are written specifically for paddle craft, and many others can be met using paddle craft. Boat handling requirements for the Small Boat Handler award also can be met using paddle craft. Finally, Sea Scouts are eligible to earn the BSA Kayaking and the BSA Stand Up Paddleboarding awards. Paddling is fun, great exercise, and gives boaters another way to get on the water. Paddling also opens up non-coastal areas to the benefits of Sea Scouting. A Sea Scout's ability to earn awards and meet advancement





Paddlesports in Sea Scouting

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requirements just adds to the reasons to consider paddling.

Paddling Trips

When Sea Scouts decide to go paddling, they have a huge range of options available to them. If a Ship wants to get a first taste of paddling, a one-day rafting trip on a river or a guided canoe or kayak trip on a lake is a great place to start. On trips like this, Scouts will learn some basic boat handling skills and be introduced to the knowledge they'll later need to run their own trips.

If a one-day trip sparks interest in more paddling, the next step might be to try a more challenging guided trip. A longer trip on a lake or a whitewater trip will expose Scouts to harder paddling venues and give them a chance to further develop skills. There are many commercial outfitters that can help a Ship arrange these trips and can help settle on a trip that

best fits their needs, interests, and price range.

Guided trips are a great experience, but Sea Scouts may also want to spend time developing their personal skills by taking paddling classes. Classes are offered by camps (including BSA camps), Parks and Recreation programs, university outdoor programs, paddling schools, paddling clubs, and individual instructors. An excellent site for paddling resources is the website of the Sea Scout paddle sport partner, the American Canoe Association. Once a Ship's members have learned the basics of paddling, a world of paddling adventures becomes available.

Sea Scout Reduced Price Kayak Purchase Program

To help reduce the cost of paddle craft purchases, two boat manufacturers – Jackson Kayak and Bellyak – are offering discounted prices for Sea Scout Ships. Jackson Kayak (www.Jacksonkayak.com) is based in Sparta, TN and builds kayaks (for rivers, lakes and oceans, as well as specialized fishing kayaks) and stand up paddleboards (SUPs). Bellyak (www.Bellyak.com) is based in Asheville, NC, and builds prone paddleboards – essentially kayaks that are paddled while you're lying down. You can view the entire list of [program rules](#) at seascout.org.

For more information about Jackson Kayak's program, you can contact Jackson's Special Projects Director, Colin Kemp: ckemp@jacksonkayak.com. For more information about Bellyak's program, you can contact

their owner, Adam Masters: gobellyak@gmail.com. Before placing an order, your unit's status will have to be confirmed by the Sea Scout Paddling Specialist, Robin Pope (paddling@seascout.org). If you have any additional questions about this program, please feel free to contact Robin directly.





Seeking Volunteers for the 2017 Jamboree

Jamboree 2017 is right around the corner. The Sea Scout National Committee is sponsoring an exhibit and we need volunteers. That includes youth and adults. Youth must be 16 by the time Jamboree starts.

Every four years about 30,000 Scouts plus Scouters come together for BSA National Jamboree. This is an excellent opportunity for the Sea Scouts to reach thousands of youth and adults, in the right age group, and tell them about our great program. Our purpose is to recruit youth and adults into existing ships as well as forming new ships.

Your job at the Jamboree will be to man our main exhibit and provide some support to satellite areas. Our exhibit will highlight the many parts of our program and how our members can benefit by joining. What the staff provides is the ability to explain what the program is really like in a face to face encounter. Consider it your summer sales job.

Jamboree runs from July 19 to July 28, 2017. You can sign up for the entire Jamboree or either the first or second half. Sea Scout staff for session 1 and 2 will be required to arrive no later than July 13, session 3 staff will need to arrive on July 21st. The session breakdown and costs, Jamboree fees only, are as follows:

Staff Session 1 – July 15-29, 2017 (full jamboree)

- Staff 26 and over as of July 18, 2017 – \$850
- Staff 16-25 through July 18, 2017 – \$425



Staff Session 2 – July 15-22, 2017 (half jamboree) – \$425 (regardless of age)

Staff Session 3 – July 22-29, 2017 (half jamboree) – \$425 (regardless of age)

For further information and registration you can visit the Jamboree website -<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>

You are welcome to contact Ron Sunker at jamboree2017@seascout.org for further details.

If you register make sure to indicate 'Sea Scouts' in all your choices when that option appears and send an email to Ron Sunker so he can look for your registration.





82 Sea Scouts, 10 Countries, 5 Days

by Mike Philbrook

Eighty-two Sea Scouts from 10 different countries arrived in Long Beach for five days for the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup on July 31, 2016. This Sailing Regatta is put on by Sea Scouting, where every two years US and international teams compete for the coveted Koch Cup. A National Sailing Regatta was founded in the 1930s and was halted when the Sea Scouts left to serve in WWII. Koch, America's Cup 1992 winner and founder of Oxbow Carbon, revitalized the regatta in 2002 under the stipulation that it would be an International event that would bring together Sea Scouts from around the world, fostering international relations and camaraderie. Sponsored by Oxbow Carbon LLC, every two years this week-long Sailing Regatta brings together young adults from around the world with a passion for the sport.

The first day on the water is a practice day so the scouts can become familiar with the boats and the local waters. After the day of practice the participants are randomly divided into two fleets to qualify for the Koch Cup. The top 21 teams were teams were placed in the Koch fleet to compete for the Koch Cup and the remainder were placed in the Kiwi Fleet to compete for the Kiwi Cup.

After two days of very competitive sailing in various wind condition Nicholas Gardiner, 17, and Nicholas Williams, 15 from Blenheim, New Zealand, were crowned the 2016 winners of the Koch Cup. They are the first international team to win the regatta. Teagan Foley and Mick Foley from Bay Area Council in Galveston, Texas sailed in as the winners of the Kiwi Cup.

"Congratulations to all of the participants of this year's Sea Scout Cup," said Koch in a statement. "I am proud to be a part of such an important event that brings together so many young adults with a shared love for sailing. I would also like to thank the great City of Long Beach and the Long Beach Yacht Club for their generous hospitality."



This year's Sea Scout Cup participants ranged in age from 14 years of age to 20, with seven of the participating teams composed of siblings. Teams traveled to Long Beach from nine foreign countries which included Australia, Brazil, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, Norway, Ireland, Poland, and South Africa.

The Sea Scout Cup also awards participants on sportsmanship and seamanship, where each year competitors vote for the winner of the honor. This year the Polish team of Mateusz Fortunka and Joanna Jas in the Kiwi fleet, and the Finnish team of Filip Blomquist and Oscar Norstrom in the Koch fleet were recognized for the distinction.

Information about the location of the 2018 Koch Cup and information about Regional Qualifiers will be posted on the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup website at <http://seascoutcup.org> when it becomes available.





Communications & Technology Report

The Communications & Technology Group has been working diligently over the last 9 months to update our communications strategy. We certainly hope you have noticed a difference. The main areas of focus of the C&T Group include:

- Maintaining our website, seascout.org
- Maintaining our social media presence
- Facilitating two way communications with our members
- Branding
- Alumni Relations

While this list isn't nearly exhaustive, it outlines some of our current priorities. Some of the

Program Support Report

Since it's inception, the Program Support Group has been reviewing and updating our existing materials and developing new resources. The group has oversight over:

- Advancement and Recognition
- Publications
- Support Materials and Resources
- Training – Youth and Adult
- Online Resource Center

A great deal has been accomplished by the group since February. Rank Advancement and the bar awards have updated SPARs for your record keeping and the 2016 Sea Scout Manual is on the shelves. The new Sea Scout Leadership Award will be introduced in the new year to recognize exemplary youth and adult leaders. Seabadge has been updated and Seabadge Under-

group's progress includes the launch of a new website, an online helpdesk to quickly answer your questions, the monthly updates from Commodore Wurster, and a new National Newsletter.

We have several projects underway including a recruitment site, an updated uniforming page, and a branding package. We value feedback, so please don't hesitate to let us know how we are doing and what we can do to improve.

Peter Schmidt

Communications & Technology Group Leader
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way is up for review later this fall. Two new online modules covering planning and executing a long cruise are almost ready to go live, and a new adult training, Introduction to On the Water Leadership Skills is under development. This course, to be taught at the council level, will introduce new adult leaders to all the information and skills needed to help a youth reach Apprentice and Ordinary Rank.

The group is exploring new ideas to support youth and adults, and we welcome your thoughts and suggestions.

Cassie Johnson

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Central Region Update

Sea Scouting is alive and well in the great Midwest!

Presently, we serve about 850 sea scouts and 650 adult leaders through 73 ships located throughout the 18 states of the Central region. We are working hard to establish more Sea Scout ships and are ready to assist you and your local council in getting underway.

Since February, 2016, our area and region teams have been busy contacting scouting professionals and volunteers to bring the message of sea scouting to more areas within our region. We have also begun an aggressive pattern of communicating with our volunteer adult leaders throughout our units to keep them informed of what's happening in Sea Scouting.

Our youth members sail, power boat, kayak, canoe, scuba, wind surf, fish and paddleboard on our lakes, rivers and the 5 Great Lakes. They look at maritime careers as well as the leisure boating activities. We are proud of our regional system of Sea Scout regattas and our 8 crews which qualified to represent the Central Region in the recent Koch Cup sailing regatta, a bi-annual Sea Scout competition. In the past 12 months, we have advanced 5 Sea Scouts to the Quartermaster rank, the highest award in Sea Scouting.

Throughout the year, our Sea Scouts can participate with scouts from other ships and Venturers in a variety of events across the region. Ice

Breaker(IN), Bayjammer (WI), Blackhawk Regatta(IL),GSLAC Swift Sea Scout Spectacular (MO),Christmas Ship(Chicago)and the Central Region Rendezvous(IL) to simply mention a few. If you are interested in attending any, check out our Central Region Sea Scout Website at central.seascout.org for more event information. Our Sea Scouts also participate in various shooting sport clinics and training throughout the year.

We also offer our adults a variety of training programs to enhance the sea scout experience for youth and volunteer alike. Interested in learning more about Sea Scouting in the Central Region? Contact us directly at central.seascout.org.

John Paproki
Central Region Commodore
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Northeast Region Update

As the Northeast Region moves into the new century, I found that one of the areas that was lacking was the great distance that each flotilla had to cover within its territorial borders. That being stated our 1st new flotilla was the Eire Canal (our Fifth), which has now organized and has a youth quarterdeck and adult leadership. The area covers all of the north, above Albany and western to Buffalo as well as Vermont. Ships that have been floundering and alone have joined the Eire Canal flotilla. Programing and activities have been developed and has been in place. They have also had 2 Quartermaster's, 3 seal grads as well as Region sail off involvement and one crew attend the Koch Cup.

Seeing the success of this small change about six months ago I task the opening of the sixth Flotilla, called the Keystone Flotilla. This will cover the great western area of Pennsylvania. This vast area was underutilized and has gone unnoticed. The keystone will follow the same steps of organization as Eire Cannel did as well. We are expecting some new result as we go into the fall.

We have received an abundance of statistical information from National that will provide us with the ability to asses our needs for growth and retention. The utilization of the data has already provided the ability to target ships in need of help. Moving forward, we have completed three Seal courses that processed 24 grads. The Northeast Region provided 10 crews to the Koch Cup. Our Seabadge course SB-28-CT-2016 is set for Fri-

day, November 18, 2016 to Sunday, November 20, 2016 on grounds of the Mystic Seaport. The course is at 80% full and has a few openings.

Noel Guzman

Northeast Region Commodore

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Southern Region Update

The past few months have been busy for Southern Region. In June, a new Regional Commodore, T.W. Cook relieved long-serving Commodore Barry Ekle, and has focused on building a regional youth and adult infrastructure. The Region has, for the first time, a boatswain for each of the 9 Areas, giving us a fully staffed quarter-deck under the leadership of regional boatswain John Shepherd. Their first goal is to contact every ship in the region, so if you are a Southern Region Skipper or Boatwain, you should be hearing from one of them soon. We have yeomen in several of the areas, to assist the boatswains with communication and social media and to help author the new monthly regional newsletter (sign up at <http://southern.seascout.org>). Three Area Commodores have been appointed, and more are expected to be appointed soon. We have added Regional Vice Commodores to represent the region in the national Communications, Program Support, Membership Growth, and Ship Growth groups, as well as to assist with Operations and Administration.

Upcoming Southern Region events include the William Minto Memorial Rendezvous at Lost Pines Scout Reservation in Texas in September; the Cats Point Regatta in Florida and Safety at Sea in Texas in November, plus Sea Scout Academies in Texas and in Alabama in January. The Seabadge Conference being held at Sea Scout Base Galveston in September is full; Seabadge at Flaming Arrow Scout Reservation in Florida in

January is filling fast (signup at <http://florida.seabadge.info>). A Seabadge tentatively at Pamlico Sea Base in fall 2017 is in the planning stages.

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Western Region Update

The new WR Sea Scout Quarterdeck represents the diversity of Sea Scouts, BSA in the Western Region: The WR Boatswain is from Arizona; one WR Boatswain's Mate is from Hawaii; the other WR Boatswain's Mate from Colorado; and the WR Yeoman is from California. Together they are all working to encourage recruiting new members and promoting the Scout Law in all Sea Scout Ships. Stay tune for their videos and photos on Facebook and Instagram.

Sea Scouts across the West enjoyed summer cruises from the Canadian Islands to the Columbia River to the California Delta. Many Sea Scouts also had "blue water" summer cruises, with ships from Los Angeles, Orange County, Long Beach, and San Diego cruising off the coast. A flotilla of Sea Scout Ships from the San Francisco Bay Area cruised to Los Angeles for two weeks.

Our main objectives are to help Sea Scout Ships grow membership with dynamic on the water adventure. A "New Ship Coordinator" and "New Ship Mentor" have been appointed to identify councils where we can start Sea Scout Ships, find prospective charter partners, and help new Ships deliver Scouting to interested youth.

2016-2017 has many opportunities for Sea Scout competition and fun. There will be at least six major competitive regattas and rendezvous in Oregon and California for Ships from multiple areas. A Safety at Sea weekend will be held in San

Francisco. Applications are being finalized for a Seabadge in Long Beach. Volunteers in San Francisco are also working to secure a location and date for a course.

The class of 2020 has just started high school. These prospective Sea Scouts can lead a new era of growth in our program. All of us must work together to ensure our Ships continue to provide quality opportunities for the future.

Josh Gilliland

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Upcoming Events

2016

September 17

Safety at Sea Baltimore
Baltimore, MD

September 23-25

Seabadge SB-27-TX-2016
Galveston, TX

September 30– October 2

21st Annual Commodore's Cup
Atlanta, GA

October 14-23

Seabadge Underway SBU-21-
MD-2016
Pasadena, MD

October 22

Safety at Sea San Francisco
Yerba Buena Island, CA

November 5

Occoneechee Council Sea
Scout University
Raleigh, NC

November 5

Safety At Sea 2016 Galveston
Galveston, TX

November 12

2016 Napa Mini Regatta
Napa, CA

November 18-20

Seabadge 28-CT-2016
Mystic Seaport, CT

November 25-27

2016 Southwestern Rendezvous
Camp Pendleton, CA

December 3

Chicago's Christmas Ship
Chicago, IL

2017

January 13-16

Southern Region East Coast Of-
ficers Retreat
Blounts Creek, NC

January 13-16

Sea Scout Academy
Galveston, TX

January 27-29

Seabadge SB-30-FL-2017
Lake Wales, Florida

February 9-11

Winterfest 2017
Gatlingburg, TN

March 31-April 2

Seabadge SB-29-IL-2017
Springfield, IL

May 19-21

Central Region Rendezvous
Springfield, IL

July 2017

Western Region Bridge of Honor
TBA

July 15-29

National Scout Jamboree
Summit Bechtel Reserve



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