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Save the Date: National Change of Watch

The NQD will host the National Change of Watch ceremony on Saturday, May 21st at 8 pm CT. We will be recognizing our National Commodore, T.W. Cook, our National Boatswain, Cassidy Christian, and the 2021-2022 National and Territory officers. Come join us as they hand over the reins to their successors: the National Commodore-elect, Ben Feril; National Boatswain-elect, Jewell Norris; and the 2022-2023 National and Territory officers!

If you would like to attend the National Change of Watch, please use this link to register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/2216496277732/WN_d1uXaTF1QdyndXsUEUDGhQ

Welcome our National Officer-elects



Jewell Norris
National Boatswain-elect



Tyler Clendenning
National Boatswain's Mate-elect



Matthew Irsfeld
National Yeoman-elect

Message from National Boatswain-elect Jewell Norris

As we enter a new term, I wanted to take some time to share with the community my vision for our program. Recently, I participated in Wood Badge course "SHAC 22-1." When I was asked to formulate my vision for Scouting, naturally I chose to focus on Sea Scouts; however, I found I wasn't able to collect all of my thoughts into a lengthy vision statement. Instead, the vision statement I currently have written in my workbook is: "I want people to know about Sea Scouts." This program has provided me with unforgettable memories, long-lasting friendships, and countless opportunities to spread my wings and grow. Now, I want to share these experiences with youth all over the country.

One major area of emphasis is growth in members and ships. We have an amazing program that offers opportunities for youth to challenge themselves, gain servant leadership abilities, and have fun both on the water and ashore. Ben Feril, our incoming National Commodore, has set us on a path to reach a goal of 5,000 Sea Scout youth members. I am excited about the possibilities of expanding our activities and growing our community, especially in underserved areas around the country.

Increasing the knowledge and visibility of our program will not happen overnight. We need your help to make this happen. This term, the National Quarterdeck will be focusing on three things: fundraising, friends, and fun. Fundraising may seem out of place, but it is very intentional. We want Sea Scouting to be available to every youth in America no matter their financial situation. This year we encourage ships to start looking into fundraising opportunities to support both their members and their ship program. My favorite part about scouting is the people, which is why we are focusing on friendship and fellowship in our program. Encourage your scouts to invite a friend to a meeting or check up on one that hasn't been as active. Finally, our number one priority is having fun. Get out on the water, take a trip to a local museum, partner with Coast Guard Auxiliary members and attend a Flotilla meeting or visit a Coast Guard base. Ask your scouts what they want to do and do it! With summer approaching, now is the time to start planning fun activities.

- Jewell Norris

National Virtual Bridge of Honor

The NQD would like to thank everyone who attended our National Virtual Bridge of Honor. We had the opportunity to recognize some Sea Scout ships that went above and beyond in certain program areas as well as recognize our SEAL programs and graduates in 2021. We also had the opportunity to introduce our incoming National Officers! But, if you did not attend, do not fear! Below are the Sea Scout Ships that were recognized at our Bridge of Honor.

National Volunteer Service Award:

Ship 1808 from the Baltimore Area Council

As part of the National Volunteer Service Fleet, we would like to recognize:

- Ship 1942 of National Capital Area Council
- Ship 25 of Baden Powell Council
- Ship 129 of Jersey Shore Council
- Ship 99 of Rio del Oro Council

National SCUBA Ship Award:

Ship 1 from Potawatomi Area

As part of the National SCUBA Fleet, we would like to recognize:

- Ship 450 from Las Vegas Area Council
- Ship 314 from Nevada Area Council

National Paddlecraft Award:

Ship 46 of the Great Smoky Mountain Council

As part of the National Paddlecraft Fleet, we would like to recognize:

- Ship 1808 of Baltimore Area Council
- Ship 19 of Mecklenburg County Council
- Ship 244 of Occoneechee Council

National Small Boat Sailing Award:

Ship 5 of Spirit of Adventure

As part of the National Small Boat Fleet, we would like to recognize:

- Ship 1908 of Northern New Jersey Council
- Ship 123 of Del-Mar-Va Council
- Ship 123 of Abraham Lincoln Council
- Ship 851 of Middle Tennessee Council
- Ship 4019 of Old North State Council

National Power/Motor Boat Award:

Ship 280 of the Simon Kenton Council

As part of the National Power/Motor Boat Fleet, we would like to recognize:

- Ship 228 of Patriot's Path Council
- Ship 09 of Golden Gate Area Council

National Keelboat Award:

Ship 1886 of San Diego Imperial Council

As part of the National Keelboat Fleet, we would like to recognize:

- Ship 609 of Rip Van Winkle Council
- Ship 5111 of Pathway to Adventure Council
- Ship 25 Baden Powell Council

**National Sea Scout Leadership Award 2021 Honorees**

Sea Scouts, BSA has a successful program and membership growth because of dedicated Commodores, Skippers, Mates, Committee Members, and Sea Scouts. The National Sea Scout Leadership Award was established to recognize those who have gone beyond and above for service to our program at the national level. The following individuals below have worked tirelessly to increase Sea Scout membership, start new Sea Scout ships, and create opportunities for youth.

Cassidy Christian, Baden-Powell Council

Max Rothschild, Northern New Jersey Council

Beatriz Bisceglia, Greater New York Council

Savannah Letson, Denver Area Council

Evan Nazareth, Occoneechee Council

Tim Reiss, Pathway to Adventure

Ben Bratton, Simon Kenton Council

Wayne Hastings, Michigan Crossroads

Peter Sargent, Capitol Area Council

Adam Tunks, Circle Ten Council

Jim Dieker, Prairielands Council

Tom Trefny, Capitol Area Council

Robin Pope, Daniel Boone Council

Walt Witucki, Tidewater Council



Weekend on the Water

The goal of Weekend on the Water is to give units an opportunity to get their Scouts out on the water with pre-planned program possibilities. With a number of exciting activities planned by our program committee be prepared to get in the water! Whether your troop, crew, or ship decides to use a paddle craft, sailboat, or powerboat, it doesn't matter! Units will be able to compete for and complete awards no matter what type of watercraft. The program will be happening May 20-22 in 2022! Registration is brief and merchandise will be available for purchase. More information about Weekend on the Water can be found here: <http://rocktheboatbsa.com>



National Quarterdeck Initiative: Zoom-pals

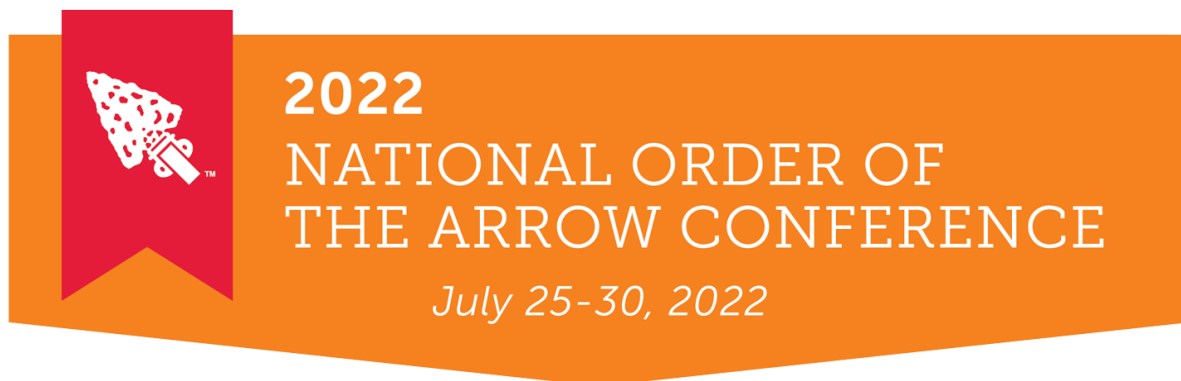
Is your ship interested in learning more about the different activities other Sea Scout ships offer? If so, the National Quarterdeck has started an initiative to pair Sea Scout ships together through Zoom to do just that. Via a virtual meeting, your ship and another one across the country will be paired to share fun stories and great ideas that your ships might find useful! If you're interested in learning more about this initiative or want to find a Zoom-pal, email nqd-communications@seascout.org. We can't wait to see where this initiative will take you!



National Quarterdeck Initiative: 50 Ships

This year, the National Sea Scout Quarterdeck is on a mission to (virtually) meet 50 Ships from across the country! During these meetings, the Sea Scout National Officers will be sharing a 20-to-30-minute presentation with your youth and adult leaders. We would love to learn about your unit's best practices for recruiting, fundraising, and volunteering, to share with the entire country on the Sea Scout website! If you're interested in participating, fill out this google form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxdPBLcyF1-bv1ufoEhCtaj742aE8Fw6Q4QvkLNm-jnphL1g/viewform>



National Order of the Arrow Conference 2022, University of Tennessee

This year's National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held at the University of Tennessee from July 25 through July 30. To attend you can register with your lodge or attend individually. You can also participate virtually for this year's NOAC. Fees vary based on housing, when you register, and how you participate (in person or virtually). Anyone who is registered with BSA and the Order of the Arrow can go! There will be fun activities like jeopardy and skill-based trainings. More information on NOAC 2022 can be found here: <https://oa-bsa.org/program/events/noac>

Sea Scouts will also have a booth set up at NOAC, where we will aim to share with Scouts across the Order of the Arrow what our great program is all about. If you're interested in helping out with the booth, email Tom McMullen (tommcmullenXhome@gmail.com) and Meredith MaGuirk (mtcaquatics@gmail.com).



National Scout Jamboree 2023, Summit Bechtel Reserve

Taking place next summer, the 2023 National BSA Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia from July 19 through the 28th (that's a whole 9 days of fun)! This event will feature a variety of activities such as hiking, rock climbing, ziplining, mountain biking, learning about the environment, and much more! Since this is a national event, you will be able to meet people from Scout units across the country and even the world! For more information, go to <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>.

As we come closer to National Scout Jamboree 2023, we, as Sea Scouts, are starting to form a contingent to go to NSJ 2023. We are just as excited as you are and cannot wait to share with you all of the opportunities that NSJ 2023 will offer. Right now, we are still in the planning stages of our contingent but we will update you all as soon as we get more information. Go ahead and save the date: July 19-28, 2023; you won't want to miss it!

Attention All Ship and Council Boatswains

If you're a ship or Council Boatswain, please take the time to fill out the Google Form below. It will only take a few minutes! This allows the NQD to have a direct line of communication with you so we can share all of the information and fun events that we are planning. If you're not a Boatswain, we encourage you to share this news with your Boatswain in case they have not filled it out. The form can be found here: <https://seascout.org/news/we-are-looking-for-all-ship-boatswains/>

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Want to get involved?

Do you like journalism? Photography? What about graphic design? Consider joining the National Communications Committee that creates this Newsletter and help us with our big upcoming plans to raise awareness about Sea Scouts! If you are interested in joining or would like to share a story to be featured in the next edition please contact Committee Chair Daphne Kunukcu (daphnekunukcu@gmail.com) and Committee Advisor Jim Graney (nqd-communications@seascout.org). We would love to hear about your experiences in Sea Scouts!