

The Central Region Flotilla Log



Summer 2012

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Keep Up With Us!



Notes from the Central Region Boatswain

Greetings Central Region,



The summer is upon us and the Sea Scout Centennial is in full swing! Hopefully everyone is planning to celebrate the centennial. The four pillars are Social, Seamanship, Scouting, and Service. Centennial events are posted online and are available in the events page or the newsletter. I also encourage all scouts to archive the Centennial gold award and the Centennial Long Cruise award. Our 2012-2013 Central Region Youth Corps is shaping up with a new Area 6 and 7 Boatswain. However, we are still accepting applications for any openings that remain open.

Peter Schmidt

Central Region Boatswain

Central Region Rendezvous a Success

Over 100 Sea Scouts and Venturers gathered in Springfield, Illinois on Lake Springfield to Celebrate the Sea Scout Centennial. They gathered to participate in over 30 completions and activities, a dance, a luau, training, and time to gather with Sea Scouts from around the nation. Scouts from 2 Regions, 6 Areas, and 13 States attended this year's Rendezvous. Also in attendance was the National Sea Scout Director Keith Christopher, Central Region Commodore Mac McNeal, Central Region Boatswain Peter Schmidt, as well as many others. Extra souvenirs like hats, coins, and shirts are available at the [Rendezvous website](#). Some event photos are [available here](#), and more will be available soon at the website.



National Flagship Fleet

The Central Region Sea Scout Service Committee would like to recognize Sea Scout Ship Challenge #5111 of Chicago, Illinois for being selected as a member of the 2012 Boat US National Flagship Fleet. They join the National Flagship Albatross #72 of Martinez, California and five other ships on the fleet. Congrats Sea Scout Ship Challenge, its Boatswain, Skipper, Committee, Crew, and Council!



National Flagship Fleet 2012

Sea Scout Ship Albatross (72)

Mount Diablo-Silverado Council, Martinez, CA

Centennial Gold Award

The Gold Centennial Sea Scout Award is available for all Sea Scouts and Leaders to earn in 2012. To learn more about the award and how to earn it download the award packet. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity available to all Sea Scouts and adult leaders, after the centennial is over the award is gone, so don't delay! Gold Centennial Sea Scout Order Form Packet.



Centennial Long Cruise

When Eagle Sea Scout Paul Siple returned from Antarctica, the National Sea Scout Committee presented him with a Special Long Cruise Award; the border around the patch was gold instead of the standard red. This year the National Sea Scout Committee has authorized the reissue of this historic emblem in celebration of the Sea Scouts, BSA Centennial.

The Centennial Long Cruise badge may be awarded to any Sea Scout or Sea Scout adult leader who meets the Long Cruise requirements during the 2012 Centennial year (January 1 – December 31, 2012). The badge may be continually worn after 2012 by those who have earned this special recognition.

The Centennial Long Cruise Badge is available for purchase after January 1, 2012 at The Ship's Store. Sales of the badge will be discontinued at the end of 2012.

Central Region Youth Officer Corps

The time to fill our Central Region Youth Officer Corps is upon us. The Central Region Youth Officer Corps serve as the youth leadership for the region. We are looking for applicants for the following positions to serve for the 2012-2013 term begging June 1st and expiring May 31st the following year.

Boatswain's Mate (Administration)

Boatswain's Mate (Program)

Task Force Boatswains (Areas 1-7)

Any youth in Sea Scouting who has served in a ship level office is eligible to serve. We encourage all youth to apply because there are 15 positions to fill. The officers are expected to attend out two planning meetings, one in May and the other in October. If you know a youth with capable of taking on the responsibility I encourage them to apply. For more information or to get an application please contact Central Region Boatswain [Peter Schmidt](#).



Centennial Blog

The Centennial Blog has been up for about a year promoting various events and new topic from around the country. You can visit the blog by clicking [here](#). Be the first to know what is happening when, where, and how! Stay on top of the ball and check it out today.



Calendar of Events

June 17-23 Area 3 Sea Scout Week at Swift Base
 June 20-July1 Central Region Planning Conference
 July 20-22 [Bay Jammer](#)
 July 17-25 [Lake Huron Cruise*](#)
 July 22-28 [Koch International Sea Scout Regatta*](#)
 July 28 [Blackhawk Area Regatta](#)
 August 17-19 Area 6 Sea Scout Rendezvous
 October 12-14 Central Region Operation Rising Tide
 December 1 [Christmas Tree Ship Offloading](#)

*Denotes as a National Centennial Event

Full Sea Scout and Venturing Calendar with details [Click Here](#).
[Submit events here.](#)

Seabadge CR-IX-2012

Seabadge CR-IX-2012 will be held in Springfield Illinois at Camp Illinek. Training and Lodging will be in the Abraham Lincoln Council's Sailing Training Center at Camp Illinek. The Course Director for the Course is Bill Hamilton, the Central Region Sea Scout Area 3 Commodore. Seabadge is the highest training available for Sea Scout Leaders. The cost for the course is the \$154 and the first 20 participants will get lodging. [Contact Bill Hamilton](#) with questions about the course. Registration is online at the Abraham Lincoln Council website. [Click here to register.](#)

Rendezvous Photos



2012-2013 National Boatswain

The National Sea Scout Support Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Matt Miller of Katy, Texas as 2012-2013 National Sea Scout Boatswain. Matt will serve from June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013. He is a member of Ship 24, Jolly Roger of the Sam Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Matt will represent Sea Scouts from across the United States as the youth representative on the National Sea Scout Committee. He will report to the National Commodore and the National Director of Sea Scouts. He will serve as the liaison with the Regional Boatswains' and other youth leaders.

Matt is an Able Sea Scout and is expected to qualify for his Quartermaster Award this summer. He is a member of Ship 24, and during his tenure in Sea Scouts, he has served his ship as Ship Boatswain and Ship Purser. He is a graduate of Sea Scout SEAL (Miami - 2010). During the summer of 2011, he sailed on the U. S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle. Matt is also an Eagle Scout, Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow. He has received the Hornaday Silver Award, his God and Church and God and Life religious awards, and has the Triple Crown of High Adventure Base participation by having attended all three National Boy Scouts of America High Adventure Bases.

Matt is homeschooled and will graduate this spring. He plans on attending Lone Star College in the fall of 2012, followed by attendance at Texas A&M Galveston, the USCG Academy, or the Maine Maritime in the fall of 2013 to study for a degree in Marine Engineering.

Matt shares his reasoning for wanting to serve as the National Boatswain. He would like to further his own leadership experience while being able to give something back to the Sea Scout program. Sea Scouts has been a great program for him and it has helped him develop critical leadership skills and confidence while building his basic seamanship skills. The program has helped him to realize his interest in the maritime industry and has decided to become a marine engineer.

While serving as the National Boatswain, he plans to specifically work on ways to advertise for and recruit new Sea Scouts. He feels that membership is critical to the success of our program. He plans on taking every opportunity to spread the word about Sea Scouts. He plans on connecting to Sea Scouts through social media outlets and to gather information on what works and what does not work in their regions, councils, and ships. He plans on reaching out to all Sea Scouts to determine what they like about the program and what they want to get out of the program.



Task Force Area 1

Commodore: [Dr. George Battis](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

Bay Jammer in Mnemosyne Wisconsin is approaching fast.

The event is bound to be a great experience

With so many great challenging events.



Task Force Area 2

Commodore: [Mr. Jay Howse](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

We will be leading a group of Sea Scouts on a trip to return sailboats from the Race to Mackinaw. We Will sail from Mackinaw City to Port Huron!



Task Force Area 3

Commodore: [Mr. Bill Hamilton](#)

Boatswain: [Lucas Shapland](#)

News:

Area Three will be busy this summer, we will be hosting the Central Region Rendezvous, then Sea Scout Week at Swift Base, then our Long Cruise on Lake Huron, and to wrap it up a Sea Bade Course! What a way to celebrate the Centennial.



Task Force Area 4

Commodore: [Mr. Tom Ross](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

We are ready to Celebrate 100 years of Sea Scouting with Scouts from all around Area 4 with our Rendezvous in August.



Task Force Area 5

Commodore: Selection In Progress

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

Area 5 is ready to take on the Sea Scout Centennial, Ships from around the area will be celebrating all summer long!



Task Force Area 6

Commodore: [Mr. Donald Allen Shields](#)

Boatswain: [Rebecca Oelker](#)

News:

Please welcome our new Area 6 Sea Scout Boatswain Rebecca Oelker, have you ship boatswain contact her and begin working with her!



Task Force Area 7

Commodore: [William Muraski](#)

Boatswain: [Alex Zoiopoulos](#)

News:

Please welcome our new Area 7 Sea Scout Boatswain Alex Zoiopoulos, have you ship boatswain contact him and begin working with him!



Central Region Flotilla Sea Scout Service Committee

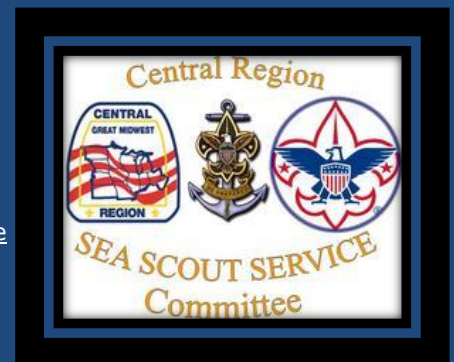


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About Us

Sea Scouting is a Scouting program for male and female youth ages 13-21 that lets youth experience new activities, build leadership skills, earn awards, make new friends, and of course have fun with a strong focus on water activities including but not limited to sailing, canoeing, kayaking, SCUBA, rafting, board sailing, and power cruising. The Central Region is one of four regions of the Boy Scouts of America. This region includes the states of: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.

Credits

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Newsletter Re-Launch

As you have probably noticed, the Central Region Sea Scout Newsletter, *The Flotilla Log*, is back! If there is anything you want other Sea Scouts to know about send us the information here and we will see it gets into the next *Flotilla Log*. Due dates for Articles will be April 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st respectively for each edition. We look forward to continue to publish this on a Quarterly basis, with a spring edition, summer edition, fall edition, and a winter edition. To submit articles, send them [here](#).

Fair Winds,

Newsletter Team