

The Central Region Flotilla Log



Winter 2012

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Notes from the Central Region Boatswain

Happy New Year Central Region,



2012 was a great year for Sea Scouting in the Central Region. We hosted two National Centennial Events, the Central Region Rendezvous in May, and the Lake Huron Cruise in July. Together over 200 Sea Scouts participated in these events. Other events around the region celebrated the centennial too. The final event of the Centennial was the Christmas Tree Ship in Chicago, and what a better way to finish off a great Centennial than by giving back to the community. With your help I can see the next 100 years of Sea Scouting being better than the first!

Peter Schmidt

Central Region Boatswain

Christmas Tree Ship

On November 31st, about 70 Sea Scouts and Ventures gathered at the Columbia Yacht Club for the Annual Christmas Tree Ship event. The evening of November 31st will have a dance followed by sleeping on the decks of the Columbia Yacht Club Ship. Saturday December 1st started early as the scouts walked to Navy Pier to meet the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw to begin offloading trees. Trees were be offloaded and donated to local families. After offloading all of the trees, scouts had the opportunity to tour the Coast Guard Cutter and head back to the Columbia Yacht Club for lunch. After lunch scouts headed home, beginning their Christmas Season on a good note.



Seabadge CR-IX

Seabadge CR-IX-2012 was held in Springfield Illinois at Camp Illinek. Course Director, Bill Hamilton Area 3 Commodore, held a very successful Seabadge with over 20 participants. Staff from around the region worked hard to bring the participants the best course possible. Highlights of the course included a visit from Rear Admiral Thurman and a presentation from a US Navy Boatswain's Mate who talked about his job and National Security. Guests at the course included Central Region Boatswain Peter Schmidt and Central Region Commodore Dr. McNeal. The region would like to thank Abraham Lincoln Council and Scout Executive Mr. Dan O'Brien for his work with the course.



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](#).



Calendar of Events

- January 12 [Area 3 Venturing Conference](#)
- June 17-23 [Area 3 and Bridge of Honor](#)
- January 24-27 [Strictly Sail Show at Navy Pier](#)
- February 15-18 [Sea Scout Area 3 Wisconsin Ski Trip](#)
- February 16 [Winter Amidships](#)

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

A Centennial Review



Task Force Area 1

Commodore: [Dr. George Battis](#)

Boatswain: George J.M. Battis

News:

To Celebrate the Centennial in Area 1, we hosted Bajammer in Menominee Wisconsin this summer.



Task Force Area 2

Commodore: [Mr. Jay Howse](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

For our Centennial Celebration, we lead a group of Sea Scouts on a trip to return sailboats from the Race to Mackinaw. We sailed from Mackinaw City to Port Huron and worked on lots of Sea Scout advancement!



Task Force Area 3

Commodore: [Mr. Bill Hamilton](#)

Boatswain: Katie Bruton

News:

Area 3 had a very productive Centennial, we spent a week running a Sea Scout Base at Swift this Summer, sent a Crew to the Lake Huron Centennial Cruise, and attended the Fall Fun Rally. We installed our new Boatswain Katie Bruton and Boatswain's Mate Courtney Palm. And are already making plans for 2013, like our Bridge of Honor and Ski Trip!



Task Force Area 4

Commodore: [Mr. Tom Ross](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

To Celebrate the Centennial, we held a Rendezvous in Ohio!



Task Force Area 5

Commodore: Selection In Progress

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

Know someone who wants to make a difference in the program? Have them fill out the Area Boatswain Application [here](#).



Task Force Area 6

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

Boatswain: [Rebecca Oelker](#)

News:

Know someone who wants to make a difference in the program? Have them fill out the Area Boatswain Application [here](#).



Task Force Area 7

Commodore: [William Muraski](#)

Boatswain: [Alex Zoiopoulos](#)

News: To Celebrate the Centennial, Area 7 hosted the Smith Regatta in July, the Christmas Tree Ship event, and had two sailors compete in the Koch International Sea Scout Cup!



Central Region Flotilla Sea Scout Service Committee

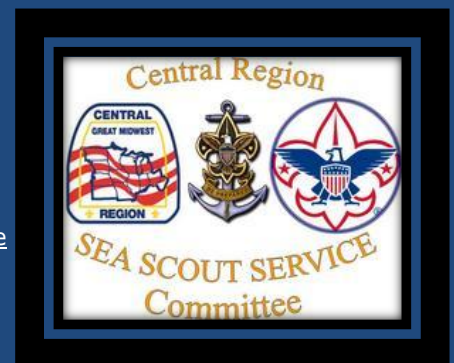


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- Regional Vice Commodore of Training: Mr. John T. Paprocki
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- Regional Youth Training and Leadership Coordinator: Mr. David Whiteside
- Regional Regatta Coordinator: Mr. Thomas Jacobson
- Regional Ships Store Coordinator: Mr. Ray Bartlett
- Sea Scouting Communications Coordinator: Mr. Norbert Paul



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 Articles

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