

The Central Region Flotilla Log



Fall 2012

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Notes from the Central Region Boatswain

Greetings Central Region,



Another great Summer of Sea Scouting has passed, and what a summer it was. The Central Region has been busy celebrating the Sea Scout Centennial. We hosted several events for Sea Scouts across the country. Our 2012-2013 Central Region Youth Corps is shaping up with the Selection of an Area 1 and 3 Boatswain and Boatswain's Mate. We also have a central Region Boatswains Mate. However, we are still accepting applications for any openings that remain open.

Peter Schmidt

Central Region Boatswain

Centennial Cruise

Blue Water Squadron Commodore Wayne Hastings coordinated a National Centennial Cruise on Lake Huron for Sea Scouts around the region. A Fleet of boats departed from Mackinaw City on July 18th 2012 headed for Port Huron and Detroit Michigan. Scouts spent 5 days sailing over 350 miles across Lake Huron. Scouts had the opportunity to work on rank advancement, meet with other Sea Scouts from across the Region, and learn all about sailing on the Great Lakes. A complete photo album is available online [here](#). Look for the June 2013 Boys Life Issue for a complete story.



Christmas Tree Ship

On November 31st, Sea Scouts and Ventures will gather 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 will start early as the scouts walk to Navy Pier to meet the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw to begin offloading trees. Trees will be offloaded and donated to local families. After offloading all of the trees, scouts will have the opportunity to tour the Coast Guard Cutter and head back to the Columbia Yacht Club for lunch. After lunch scouts will head home, beginning their Charismas Season on a good note.



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](#).



Central Region Conference

Central Region Sea Scouts were represented at the Central Region Planning Conference by Peter Schmidt, Regional Boatswain, Alex Zoiopoulos, Area 7 Boatswain, and Dr. McNeal, Regional Commodore.



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.](#)

LHHAC Photos



More photos to come in our Centennial Wrap up in December!

Operation Rising Tide

The Operation Rising Tide (ORT) is a group of Venturing and Sea Scout Schools including leadership, advancement, socialization, specialty skills, and other knowledge & skill bases associated with Sea Scouting and Venturing Programs. This knowledge & skills base is demonstrated in competitions, contests and challenges that show the application of the knowledge and skills in real and simulated experiences. The ORT Activity has been presented in different Areas with differing emphasis and venues but all have worked to improve leadership and have a good time doing it. The friendships and relationships between Ships, Venturing Crews, Sea Scouts, Venturers, Venturing Advisors, and Sea Scouter's have lasted for years and may last for a lifetime.

The ORT Activity has been a Central Region activity since 1998. When we play the game we play to learn and raise all Ships Venturing Crews, to a higher level of Venturing and Sea Scout knowledge & skills. When we play the game we have fun. We play the game for all to have fun and win the game of life. We play the game for all to learn and enjoy the Venturing and Sea Scout Programs. The advancement activities & challenges range thorough all of the Sea Scout & Venturing activities, which are requested and supported by advanced registration.

Contact Commodore McNeal or Boatswain Peter Schmidt with questions.



Task Force Area 1

Commodore: [Dr. George Battis](#)

Boatswain: George J.M. Battis

News:

Please welcome our new Area 1 Sea Scout Boatswain George J.M. Battis, have your ship boatswain contact him and begin working with him!



Task Force Area 2

Commodore: [Mr. Jay Howse](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

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:

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.



Task Force Area 4

Commodore: [Mr. Tom Ross](#)

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 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: Join us for the Christmas Tree Ship event on November 30th - December 1st, 2012 at the Colombia Yacht Club in Chicago, Illinois.



Central Region Flotilla Sea Scout Service Committee

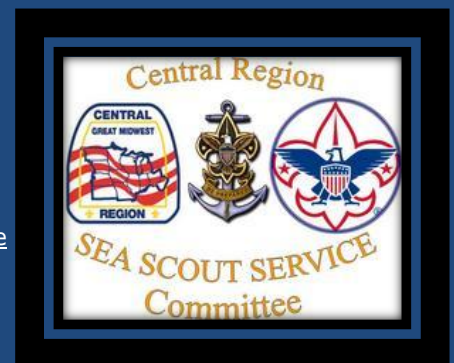


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About Us

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