

The Central Region Flotilla Log



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Keep Up With Us!



Notes from the Central Region Boatswain

Greetings Central Region,



The days are getting warmer and the nights are getting shorter. The boating season is upon us! 2012 is going to be a very exciting year for Sea Scouts all over the country. 2012 is our Centennial, there will be several events around the nation and in our very region celebrating 100 Years of Sea Scouting. We are also looking for a New Central Region Youth Officer Corps, you can read more about that later in the Newsletter. I hope you take the time to look through this newsletter to learn a little bit about what is going on around us. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you!

Peter Schmidt

Central Region Boatswain

The Central Region Rendezvous- A Centennial Celebration

The Rendezvous, on its second year is three jam packed days of fun. On the weekend of May 18-20, 2012 Sea Scouts and Venturers from around the region will converge on Lake Springfield, in Illinois to compete in games, activities, challenges, a ball, great food and much, much, more! Friday will be a time to relax, meet new friends, partake in activities, and celebrate. Saturday will be packed with over 40 different activities to compete in or enjoy. We will have games to training, to competitions, to a Bridge of Honor, and to wrap it up a Ball with a Luau theme! Sunday will be a day for Scouts to tour the Nationally Recognized Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and head home! What a weekend. Some of the activities are fun while others are educational, here are some examples: Card Board Canoe Races, Canoe Tug of War, Leaky Bucket Brigade, Hypothermia Challenge, Volleyball Tournament, Triathlon, Titanic Rescue, a Luau and so much more! Land Lover or water enthusiast alike will find tons of activities and competitions to enjoy.

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Central Region Rendezvous Continued

Never been on a canoe, kayak, sailboat, rowboat, we have you covered, all Sea Scouts and Venturers ready to have a blast are welcome! This is not an event your ship wants to miss. We are also planning a very unique way for Central Region to Celebrate the Centennial, so be with us to launch Sea Scouting into the second century. Every week we are adding more and more to the event so check out our website [Here](#) to keep up. To register your unit simply click [here](#).

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](#).

New Sea Scout Website

The new Sea Scout website <http://www.newseascout.org/> is in Beta mode. There will be new information being updated all the time. Check it out, there are many new features that are being added, including a [downloadable](#) Sea Scout Manual that is up to date. Other new features include region pages, an updated format, calendar, resources section, leader tabs and more...

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.



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 beginning June 1st and expiring May 31st the following year.

- Boatswain's Mate (Administration)**
- Boatswain's Mate (Program)**
- Task Force Boatswains (Areas 1-7)**
- Yeoman**
- Purser**
- Storekeeper**
- Bugler (Communication)**
- Specialist**

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](#).

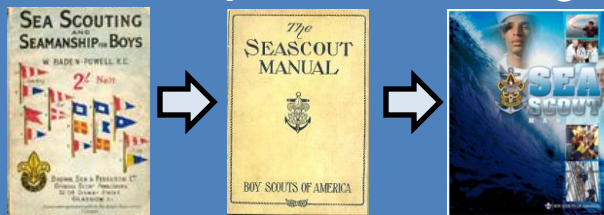


Calendar of Events

April 14 Rock River Regatta
 April 27-29 Sea Badge 11-IN-2012
 May 18-20th Central Region Rendezvous*
 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*
 August 17-19 Sea Scout Rendezvous
 October 2012 Central Region Operation Rising Tide

*Denotes as a National Centennial Event
 Full Sea Scout and Venturing Calendar with details [Click Here.](#)

The History of Sea Scouting



Sea Scouting had its beginning at a camp fire in England when Lord Baden-Powell voiced the hope that older Scouts would be interested in learning about boat management and seamanship. He stressed the need for young men to prepare themselves for service on their country's ships. (See also [A Short History of Sea Scouting in the United Kingdom](#) and [the Early History of Sea Scouting.](#))

Following the campfire, there was activity in England that resulted in Lord Baden-Powell's older brother, Warrington, writing a book called *Sea Scouting and Seamanship for Boys*. It was enthusiastically received by the young men of Britain and soon found its way to the United States.

Sea Scouting in America was founded in 1912. That year, Arthur A. Carey of Waltham, Massachusetts, had Sea Scouts using the schooner *Pioneer* and was appointed Chairman of the National Council Committee on Sea Scouting. That summer, Charles T. Longstreth organized a Sea Scout patrol on his yacht in Philadelphia. Both of these men prepared pamphlets on Sea Scouting and Carey's *Cruising for Sea Scouts* was the first literature related to Sea Scouting.

A booklet that preceded the first Sea Scout manual published in 1915 gave some direction to Sea Scouting. It was entitled *Nautical Scouting* and was compiled by Charles Longstreth.

Since its beginning, the Boy Scouts of America had been aware of the need for an older-boy program. Mr. Carey made the first real effort to satisfy that need when he helped promote Sea Scouting with his pamphlet.

In a report to the National Executive Board, Mr. Carey recommended that Sea Scouting be recognized as a special department of the Boy Scouts of America. He suggested that the pamphlet *Cruising for Sea Scouts* be accepted as a supplement to the Handbook for Boys until a more complete Sea Scout manual could be written.

From 1912 to 1917, Sea Scouting struggled through a difficult period. And yet, with little or no national guidance, it managed to grow.

In addition, G. V. L. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy, in February 1913, encouraged the development of Sea Scouting and extended the cooperation of the Navy Department. This was the beginning of a fruitful period of cooperation for Sea Scouting with the nation's armed services.

Sea Scouting received a real boost in October 1917, when James Austin Wilder (a veteran sailor, global traveler, artist, and devoted Boy Scout volunteer) was secured as Director of the Department of Sea Scouting of the Boy Scouts of America. For several years, as a volunteer, Mr. Wilder worked full time for Sea Scouting with the title of Chief Sea Scout.

Wilder organized the scattered Sea Scout units into a national organization that generated the first widespread interest in Sea Scouting. Gathering all of the experience and scattered bits of literature used in the program, Mr. Wilder supervised the preparation of the first Sea Scout Manual in 1919. In those days, Sea Scouting followed a pattern of action that was very similar to that of a Boy Scout troop; for example: boys wore khaki uniforms. In order to register, they had to subscribe to the Scout Oath and law and pass the Tenderfoot requirements. Membership required that a boy be 15 years of age and weigh at least 112 pounds. (See also [James Austin Wilder.](#))

For many years the Sea Scout program was aimed at older boys who had graduated from Boy Scout troops. Sea Scout units began to be called ships. The age-old organization of skippers, mates, boatswains, coxswains and crews began to be used.

On July 15, 1920, the well-illustrated fourth edition of the *Sea Scout Manual* was printed and sold in large quantities. Then came a period of 2 or 3 years in which Sea Scouting struggled to be recognized and understood. Although membership fell off, the program proved healthy enough to withstand this period of adjustment. Finally it began to grow as more councils gave it enthusiastic support.

Over the years, one of the persons most responsible for the development of Sea Scouting was Commander Thomas J. Keane. Between 1922 and 1925, he completely revised the Sea Scout program. He wrote the new requirements for advancement and changed the Boy Scout nature of Sea Scout uniforms into the seagoing uniform that Sea Scouts still wear today. As a result of his fine leadership, the *Sea Scout Manual* was almost completely revised. Under his direction, it was published in 1924.

Commander Keane served as acting director of the Sea Scout department in the national office from 1923 until January 15, 1927. His annual report of 1925 indicates that there were 85 registered Sea Scout ships. A similar report in 1926 revealed an increase of 38 ships for a total of 123 ships.

From seascout.org

To continue reading about the rest of Sea Scouting History [Click Here.](#)

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: In Application Process

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!



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: In Application Process

News:

We will be hosting a Sea Badge on April 27th at the Lake James Assembly in Indiana.



Task Force Area 7

Commodore: [William Muraski](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

The Rock River Regatta will be held April 14th in Wisconsin. It is bound to be a great event with both Swimming events as well as events on land to test scout's skills.



Central Region Flotilla Sea Scout Service Committee

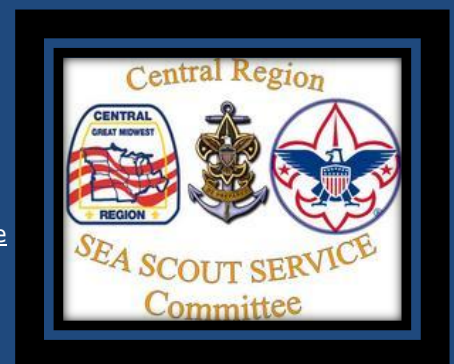


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About Us

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.

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Schmidt Receives Area Leadership Award

The first Area Venturing Leadership Awards in the nation were presented at the Area 3 Conference. This year's recipients for the Central Region Area 3 Venturing Leadership Awards were presented by Dan Carriveau, the 2011-2012 National Venturing President, and Amanda Vogt, the 2008-2009 National Venturing President.

