



Sea Scout Update

William I Koch International Sea Scout Cup-

The William I Koch International Sea Scout Cup features one week of sailing competition on Flying Junior sailboats crewed by two person teams. This past summer, the Koch Cup was held at Long Beach Yacht Club in California June 22-28, 2014. Since the start of the biannually held race in 2002, the event has been held in such cities as Annapolis, Md., Chicago, Miami and San Francisco. This year, Sea Scouts from Brazil, Ireland, Finland, Poland, Portugal, Trinidad and Tobago, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Kingdom descended upon Long Beach to compete in the week of races. It took the final race of the event on June 28 to decide the winners, Ben Brough and Laura Roudebush of Newport Beach, CA.



Laura Roudebush and Ben Brough, the winners of the 2014 Koch Cup, smiling with the trophy.



Laura and Ben during the competition.

The next Koch Cup will be held in 2016 and the qualifiers take place in 2015. All you have to do to enter to compete in the Koch Cup is to be the Apprentice rank in Sea Scouting, be between the ages of 14 and 21, and compete and rank in a preliminary sailing event. So, if your ship loves to sail, then consider attending or competing in the 2016 Koch Cup!

For more information from this past year's Koch Cup, go to:

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/scouts-628265-cup-koch.html> or <http://seascoutcup.org/ssc/info.html>

"Voice of the Sea Scout" Survey-

The National Sea Scout Boatswain is looking for your input, along with the input from all your shipmates! We need your voice in order to set a course for the future of Sea Scouting. In order for your voice to be heard, please fill out the "Voice of the Sea Scout" Survey and encourage your entire ship to do the same! From ideas on program, to technology, advancement and more, we want to know what you think! The survey should take you less than 30 minutes to complete but could bring a lasting impact to our program.

Take the Survey Here! <http://goo.gl/S6oRJK>

Sea Scout Term of the Month:

STOREKEEPER (noun)

Definition: The Storekeeper is similar to a Boy Scout Troop Quartermaster. Their job is to organize and keep track of all of the ship's equipment and prepare it before ship activities.

How did You Get on the Water-

Did you do something aquatic this summer to stay cool? Well we want to see it! If you had an amazing summer on the water, tweet or Instagram your photo with the hashtag, #getonthewater. This is a great way for people to connect and see what others are doing on the water and get ideas for their next trip! So if you did something fun and awesome this past summer, post your amazing pictures and join the trend!