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SEAL TRAINING COMES TO NY

After a nine-year wait, the gateway to the world receives the honor to host the newest SEAL platform in New York.

SEAL, which is Sea Scout Advanced leadership training, will celebrate its tenth year anniversary in July 2007. The program was created and developed by James Elroy in order to provide hands on training in management and leadership while at sea. The course requires a tremendous amount of commitment and preparation on the part of the SEAL candidate. The candidates for this year's course in New York came from California, Virginia, New York and Connecticut.

The Course Director for NE-9 was Skipper Noel E. Guzman from NY. The vessel of choice was a Hinckley 40' Bermuda Yawl called *The Resolution* out of Southport CT. The course set sail along the eastern coast of Connecticut with a day at the USCG Academy and the host was Cadet 2nd class Joshua Smolowitz of Ship 40 MA, a SEAL graduate (Class of '03, Ohio River).

Our other SEAL course NE-8 was Skipped by "veteran of nine courses" Douglas E. Yeckley, out of Maryland on the Chesapeake. Doug is an innovator for the program. They crewed aboard the 43' Ketch SSTV *Dauntless*. Candidates for the MD course came from California, Colorado, Florida, Texas and Virginia.

This year the position of midshipmen was created in order to utilize SEAL graduates to function on board as a liaison for the SEAL candidates as well as facilitating class instruction. For the Northeast Region, we had 13 SEAL candidates apply, of which 9 successfully completed the course. Bravo Zulu!

What SEALs do while on the course:

- Must learn and then implement 12 Leadership management concepts
- Must pass a Seamanship and Navigation exam with 80% or better
- Must tie 15 knots in three minutes or less
- Must research, develop and present a staff study as a group
- Will write a ship's annual Operational Plan

- Must teach to the group a Sea Scout advancement concept selected by the CD
- Will outline Chapter Four of the Sea Scout Manual
- Will stand a 24hr Seamanship watch
- Will stand a 24hr Navigators watch
- Will stand a 24hr Boatswains watch
- Be able to respond and handle four onboard emergencies
- Must score 80% or better on ten evaluations
- Must average 80% or better overall to pass the course

The Northeast Region will now have two courses for the coming year 2007.

For more course information and applications:
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please be sure to set time aside to attend the **Northeast Region, BSA, Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball (RBOH)**. We will be hosting this annual event on **Saturday, March 31, 2007**, and the port of call again is the Holiday Inn Select in Bridgeport, New Jersey. The Boarding Manual has been posted on the NER website at: http://neregion.seascout.org/program_and_communications/ner_boh.html. We look forward to another great RBOH this year. Don't let your unit be left behind at the dock. Set your course for the 2007 RBOH and rendezvous with member Ships of the NER. All the forms you need are included in the Boarding Manual. **Please take a moment today to download the file and share it with your Ship.**

Hope to see you all there!



**United States Power Squadron
"Finley Sea Scout Service Award"
presented to Ship 1942's Skipper
Tom Ballew and Committee
Member Wes Gleason in August
2006**

The USPS "Finley Sea Scout Service Award" recognizes those members and honorees of the United States Power Squadrons, who are also youth or adult Sea Scout leaders, and who have provided outstanding civic, educational, and fraternal leadership to both the Sea Scouts and the United States Power Squadrons, through civic involvement, educational achievement, and active participation in both programs.

This Service Award is named for Past Chief Commander Raymond A. Finley, Jr., who became a Sea Scout in 1935, and earned the highest achievement recognition in Sea Scouting, the Quartermaster Award, in 1939. Upon entering the Navy during World War II, Finley's Sea Scouting background and his engineering training at Rutgers University helped him to become an Instructor at Midshipman School, teaching engineering, knots, and basic seamanship. During 1982-83, he served as Chief Commander of all the United States Power Squadrons.

P/C/C Finley became the first adult recipient of this USPS Sea Scout Service Award during the Annual Meeting in 2004, seventy years after his first, educational, and social Sea Scout activities. By unanimous resolution at that presentation, the award was named in his honor. National Director, Sea Scouts and Venturing Division, Charles J. Holmes and National Sea Scout Commodore Jimmie Homburg are also proud recipients. Skipper Tom Ballew is the 26th recipient and Wes Gleason the 27th to receive the "Finley Service Award".

Youth Quartermaster Sea Scouts are eligible for this Finley Service Award by virtue of becoming a Sea Scout Quartermaster and passing the U.S. Power Squadron "Seamanship" Course.

For more information on this award, please reference:
http://www.seascout.org/for_leaders/adult_recognition/finley.pdf

A VIEW FROM THE FO'C'S'LE

Hi, my name is Angela LeChevalier, and for all that don't know me, I am the Northeast Regional Boatswain. This July, as the NER Boatswain, and a SEAL graduate, I was able to assist as a "Mate" on the SEAL course on the Chesapeake Bay with Skipper Doug Yeckley. This was definitely one of my favorite events that I went on this past summer. I was also a Youth Host at the Regional Sail-Offs held at Kings Point, NY, at the end of August. I have instructed at many of our camps that my Ship holds annually, and I have also instructed at our Council's Winter Leadership Training at Catoctin Mountain for the past several years. I currently hold the rank of Quartermaster, and believe me that was a hard task to accomplish. This is my last year as a youth in Sea Scouts, and I will be serving as an adult leader in my unit for many years to come.

Scouts have given so much to me! I just want to be able to give others the chance to be able to achieve and experience what I have in Sea Scouts.

I have been a part of Ship 1942 in Virginia for the past 6½ years. During that time, I have learned a lot, met a lot of new and great people, made a lot of great friendships, traveled to many different places and I have definitely had a lot of fun along the way. I started in Sea Scouts when I was 14 years old, and didn't even know what a sailboat was. But I fell in love with the water the moment I stepped foot on the deck. While in Sea Scouts I have sailed the entire Chesapeake Bay, Long Island Sound, I went down to Houston Texas for SEAL, and have sailed the Abaco Islands in the Bahamas. I have learned so much from my fellow shipmates and from the crewmembers I have met along the way. I look forward to keeping these relationships and creating new ones in the years ahead.

Please feel free to email me at anytime, if you have questions, concerns, comments, or just want to chat about scouting, at NER_BOATSWAIN@SEASCOUT.ORG



Photo courtesy A.LeChevalier

"The cure for anything is salt water: sweat, tears, or the sea."

- Isak Dinesen

Next issue we will meet Regional Boatswain's Mate Arlen McCorkle.

SEABADGE NE-16 WELL ATTENDED

Held the weekend of October 6-8, 2006, at the Mercy Retreat Center on the Long Island Sound in Madison, Connecticut, Course Director and Skipper Jonathan Glassman welcomed thirty (30) participants from units in CT, DC, MA, NY, NJ, GA, PA, RI and VA.

Seabadge is a participatory conference that requires intensive individual involvement by both participants and staff via multi-media presentation, seminars, workshops, crew projects, and discussion groups. This advanced leadership experience for Sea Scout Officers provides guidance to build on skills needed for team building, motivation, counseling, promotion and management. Seabadge is not a technical course (i.e. knots, sailing, seamanship) but it is designed to enable the participant to offer the best quality Sea Scouting opportunity in their unit, council and region, while expanding the program to reach more of America's youth.



Californians take the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup for the 3rd time.

The third time was indeed the charm for the Sea Scouts of the Del Mar Ship 711 from Newport Beach, California. Defending champion Corey Kemp (skipper) and Jonathan Harada (crew) held off a strong challenge from a determined New Zealand team to keep the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup.

More than 60 Scouts from around the world competed in the six day sailing regatta held at the Coral Reef Yacht Club on Biscayne Bay in Miami, Florida, testing their seamanship and leadership skills aboard Vanguard 420's. Wind conditions ranged from 6 to 7 knots at the start of the regatta to a strong 15 to 20 knots on the final day.

Scouts from across the United States and as far away as Australia, New Zealand, and Norway, competed in a series of match races for the rights to have their name etched on a silver trophy that resides in the Boy Scout Museum in Irving, Texas.

The event is held every two years and is open to young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who actively belong to a Sea Scout Ship.

Scouts competing in the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup are divided into two flights. Stronger sailors compete for the right to claim the Koch Cup, designed by Asprey Garrards, and more novice sailors compete for the Kiwi Cup, a Maori carving that was donated by New Zealand Sea Scouting.

Corey Kemp of Westminster, CA and Jonathan Harada of Fountain Valley, CA took first place, beating Hayley Anderson and Emma Reeves of Christchurch, New Zealand. Daniel Halloran and Niko Waldschmidt of San Diego, CA placed third in the Koch Cup fleet.

The winners of the Kiwi Fleet were Andrew Scheuermann and Danielle Meeker of Ship 1942, Alexandria, Virginia. Second place went to Kari Guderud and Marius Helland, both of Norway. John Lindahl and Matt Muecke of Knoxville, TN placed third.

Chevrolet, a division of General Motors Corporation, which helped underwrite the event, awarded sportsmanship trophies for both fleets. The winners of the Chevrolet Sportsmanship Award for the Koch Cup were Joe Strumolo and Daniel Glashausser of Wayne, New Jersey. The Chevrolet Sportsmanship Award for the Kiwi Cup went to Kari Guderud and Matt Helland of Norway.

Information on the 2008 Sea Scout Koch Cup will be coming soon -- we hope to see you there!

Corey Kemp, left center, and Jonathan Harada, both of Ship 711, Del Mar, receive the William I. Koch Cup after winning the 2006 regatta. Bill Koch, left, and Chief Scout Executive Roy Williams presented the award.



Taking second place in the Koch Cup are Emma Reeves, left center, and Hayley Anderson, both of New Zealand. Bill Koch, left, and Chief Scout Executive Roy Williams presented the award.

Receiving third place in the Koch Cup are Nikolaus Waldschmidt, left center, and Dan Halloran, both of Ship 1001. Bill Koch, left, and Chief Scout Executive Roy Williams presented the award.



New Zealand Sea Scout leader David Anderson presents the Kiwi Cup to Danielle Meeker, center, and Andrew Scheuermann, both of Alexandria, Va.

Garret Dvorsky, regional sales and marketing manager for General Motors Southeast Region presents the General Motors Sportsmanship Award to Norwegian Sea Scouts Marius Helland, left center, and Kari Guderud.



Garret Dvorsky, regional sales and marketing manager for General Motors Southeast Region presents the General Motors Sportsmanship Award to Daniel Glashausser, left center, and Joe Strumolo, both of Ship 104, Wayne, New Jersey.



The start of the final race went off without a foul during Friday afternoon's last race.

Photographs of the Regatta courtesy www.seascoutcup.org

NORTHEAST REGION SAIL-OFF CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AUGUST 26-27 AT KINGS POINT, NEW YORK

The U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and the Liberty Flotilla played host to the 2006 Northeast Region Sailing Championships. The racing area was in the cove adjacent to the King's Point Sailing Center off Long Island Sound. Happily, the weather cooperated this year and trials were run on both Saturday and Sunday. The boats, FJs, supplied by King's Point Sailing Center, used standing rigging. The 13 Sea Scout competitor crews were responsible for knots, ringings, and pins, as well inspecting their boats and addressing any discrepancies to the Race Committee prior to leaving the dock or as quickly as discovered upon the water.

Garth Wells, NER Sail-Off Chair, reported that 26 Youth and 18 Adults participated from Ships 25-PA, 51-NY, 110-CT, 243-NJ, 441-NY, 584-CT, 1009-MD, 1942-VA. Additionally, Commodore Bob Sirhal, NER Boatswain Angela LeChevalier and NER Boatswain Mate Arlen McCorkle worked the event.

After the days' races, Scouts enjoyed hot and hearty meals prepared and served by Ship 228. For those new to the NYC waterways, the crew of Sea Dart II offered a quick nighttime cruise. For those who preferred to stay ashore, the Liberty Flotilla facilitated a trivia challenge.

Results of the Races:

- 1st Place – Ship 1009 – Cale Jurin and Alex Whittaker
- 2nd Place – Ship 441 – Ray Drollinger and Arlen McCorkle
- 3rd Place – Ship 51 – Ellie Turk and Julia von Baumgarten
- 4th Place – Ship 1942 – Andy Scheuermann and Danielle Meeker
- 5th Place – Ship 1009 – Shay Leary and Jimmie Beatty



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Aquatics Specialty Camp

In its third year, the GNYC-sponsored Aquatics Specialty Camp becomes co-ed and provides an intensive training and advancement program for Sea Scouts. Held August 13-19, 2006 at Camp Kiowa -Ten Mile River Scout Reservation, Narrowsburg, New York, of the 22 youth participants, 9 were Sea Scouts from Ships 441-NY, 1179-NY, 110-CT and 1942-VA.

The program is "Sea Scout Friendly" as the Aquatics Coordinator is Skipper Noel Guzman from Ship 441. The staff also includes Sea Scout youth members and adult leaders trained in BSA Aquatics and Red Cross certifications. The program also provides environmental instruction as well as training in the use of sextants and star gazing by the program's environmentalist Ragnar Buchner from Ship 243-NJ.

The weeklong event provides all of the Scouting aquatic merit badges as well as Motorboating and Waterskiing. The program also includes BSA Snorkeling, Mile Swim, Kayaking BSA, Boardsailing and both BSA and Red Cross Lifeguard Training. The program also provides CPR and First Aid certifications.

“Most important is the sailing,” stated Bill Auman, Aquatics Camp Instructor. The program has an assortment of sailing vessels, including a 19’ day sailor and a catamaran. Many of the Sea Scouts took advantage of this aspect in preparation for the regional sail-offs.

“Work is fine, but fun is better,” recalled one scouter after the campers enjoyed a day trip down the Delaware River in kayaks. There was also a BBQ that required the use of two massive war canoes across the lake to the Lakeside Encampment (former home to the Amachol Sea Scout Camp of the 1940-50s).

For more information on this program for 2007, you can contact Skipper Noel Guzman at sss441Vigilant@nyc.rr.com or check the Liberty Flotilla’s web site.



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NORTHEAST REGION OFFERS TWO UNITED STATES COAST GUARD / SEA SCOUT SAFETY AT SEA EVENTS IN 2006

For the third year, the Chesapeake Flotilla offered a weekend on September 22-24 at the USCG Yard Curtis Bay in Baltimore, MD; 82 scouts attended. For the second year, the Liberty Flotilla offered a full day event on October 21 at Station Sandy Hook in the Highlands, NJ; 60 scouts attended.

The program gives youth and adults an opportunity to participate in various marine activities under the supervision of Coast Guard and USCG Auxiliary personnel. Demonstrations included: a damage control trainer, dewatering pumps, shipboard first aid, rescue line toss, fire hose training, cold water immersion experience, shooting flares and other pyrotechnics, touring the cutters and buoy tenders, charting SAR deployments, witnessing helicopter "rescues" from the deck of a boat or rooftop (like the Hurricane Katrina efforts), learning how boarding parties can handcuff lawbreakers quickly, as well as day-to-day life at active USCG facilities.

First introduced on the West Coast, we are the only Sea Scout Region on the East Coast to offer this fun-filled training opportunity to better understand the activities and missions of the United States Coast Guard and to better prepare themselves to “guard against water accidents and know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices” on boats they may board in the future.



Photo courtesy of B.Fehn – Chesapeake Flotilla



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IN CASE YOU MISSED THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Appointment of **Deidre Buchner** as Editor of The Telegraph.

Appointment of **Joel David** as our Northeast Region Webmaster.

Appointment of **Noel E. Guzman** as Vice Commodore for Training - Northeast Region.

Appointment of **Bob Owens** to the Northeast Region Sea Scouting Committee as the U.S. Power Squadron Liaison.

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