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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

As we embark on the New Year, I want to thank all on the Regional Committee who worked so hard to make 2006 a success. We added some experienced members to the committee, and unfortunately said goodbye to a few who did not have the time to devote to the work of the committee.

The Regional Bridge of Honor and Ball, coupled with the annual Skippers and Boatswains meetings, were venues where we began to make some changes in response to the feedback received from previous RBOHs. We will continue to make changes that will focus more attention on the positive things our young people within our program do for the betterment of Sea Scouting.

Our Regional Sail-off continues to be the superior sailing event it has been since its inception. Under the direction of Garth Wells, again, we had a wonderful weekend. 2007 will be another high quality weekend of competition, and camaraderie.

For the youth and adults of the Northeast Region, you are the ambassadors of our program. Your efforts and outreach are needed to help us draw more young people to the program. It is easy with a smile and a kind word to encourage a young woman or a young man to join your ship, just as easily as it is to discourage someone by ignoring their question about our program.

We continue to be the best-kept secret in Scouting, but with all of our efforts, we can grow the program within the Northeast Region. Thank you for all you do and on behalf of our Regional Staff Advisor, Bob Legg, we want to wish you the best for the year 2007.

Yours in Sea Scouting,

Bob Sirhal



As the member Ships of the Northeast Region plan for their 2007 program year, we have put together a **CALENDAR OF EVENTS** pulled from the websites of our four Flotillas. We recognize that this is a work in progress and urge you to check the NER website (at <http://nregion.seascout.org>) for updates as well as with any of the contacts provided. We are so excited that there is some thing going on every month some where around the Region, giving us many fun opportunities to promote Sea Scouting . . .

2007 DATES	EVENT	LOCATION
January 5-7	Chesapeake Flotilla 13th Annual Winter Training Weekend =SOLD OUT=	Camp Round Meadow, Catoctin National Park, MD. Contact Steve Nichols (sainichols@hotmail.com)
January 27	Liberty Flotilla Quarterdeck Leadership Training Event =SOLD OUT=	Osceola Presbyterian Church, Clark, NJ. Contact Deidre Buchner (deidre.buchner@prudential.com)
February 16-18	Delaware Valley Flotilla Sea Scout Training Event	Pine Tree Education & Environmental Center, Tabernacle, NJ. Contact Dan Stryker (dan@gainsllc.com) Boarding Manual at http://seascout.net/delawarevalley/pdf/dvyba_presidents_day_training_2007_boarding_manual.pdf
March 10	Liberty Flotilla Advancements Training Event	SUNY Maritime College - Fort Schuyler, Bronx, NY. Contact Noel Guzman (sss441vigilant@nyc.rr.com)
March 31- April 1	Northeast Region Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball	Holiday Inn Select, Bridgeport, NJ. Boarding Manual at http://neregion.seascout.org/program_and_communications/nerboh.pdf
May TBA	Chesapeake Flotilla 13th Annual Sea Scout Canoe Race	Monacacy River near Frederick, MD. Contact Rick Murray (skipper_rick@comcast.net) Boarding Manual at http://www.freewebs.com/ship965/race05.pdf
May 25-28	Chesapeake Flotilla 42nd Annual Henry I. Nygard Regatta	Camp Brown on the Potomac River at Scotland, MD. Boarding Manual at http://www.seascout.net/chesapeake/special_events/RegattaBoardingManual2004.pdf
June 9-10	Liberty Flotilla & Connecticut Yankee Council "Man Overboard" Gam - Captain's Cove Marina	Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport, CT. Contact Bob Kral (larksj@yahoo.com).
June 23-July 1	SEAL NE-10, Chesapeake Bay, Maryland	Vessel SSTV DerPeLiKan. Contact Doug Yeckley (yeckley@earthlink.net) Info Packet at http://seascout.org/about/program/training_resources/seal.pdf
June 23-July 1	SEAL NE-11, Long Island Sound, New York	Vessel SSTV Resolution. Contact Noel Guzman (sss441vigilant@nyc.rr.com) Info Packet at http://seascout.org/about/program/training_resources/seal.pdf
July 6-8	Liberty Flotilla Sea Scout Sailing Clinic	SUNY Maritime College, Fort Schuyler, Bronx, NY. Contact Noel Guzman (sss441vigilant@nyc.rr.com) NOTE: Open to all Ships in the Region
August 12-18	Liberty Flotilla Aquatics Specialty Camp	Camp Keowa, Ten Mile River, NY Contact Noel Guzman (sss441vigilant@nyc.rr.com)
August TBA	Northeast Region Sailing Championships	Location to be Determined. Contact Garth Wells (solution95@comcast.net)
September TBA	Liberty Flotilla Sea Scout and US Coast Guard Safety at Sea Day	USCG Station Sandy Hook, NJ. Contact Brian Beck (bbeck@broadspancommerce.com)
September TBA	Chesapeake Flotilla Safety at Sea Weekend	Location to be Determined. Contact Steve Nichols (sainichols@hotmail.com)
October 5-7	Seabadge NE-XVII	Location to be Determined. Contact Course Director Ben Feril (BGMFeril@US.MED.NAVY.MIL)
October 19-21	Delaware Flotilla 4th Annual Philadelphia Waterfront Extravaganza	Philadelphia, PA. Contact Dan Stryker (dan@gainsllc.com)
November TBA	Liberty Flotilla Quarterdeck Leadership Training Event	Location to be Determined. Contact Noel Guzman (sss441vigilant@nyc.rr.com)
December TBA	Liberty Flotilla Community CPR and First Aid Training	Osceola Presbyterian Church, Clark, NJ. Contact Noel Guzman (sss441vigilant@nyc.rr.com)
ON THE HORIZON		
March 29-30, 2008	Northeast Region Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball	Holiday Inn Select, Bridgeport, NJ.
July 13-19, 2008	Fourth Annual William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup	United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Watch for details at https://seascoutcup.org/asp/Home.asp

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Skippers, it is time to submit your candidate forms for the next Regional Sea Scouting Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect for 2007-08 and Boatswain for 2008-09. Each council having Sea Scouts who meet the qualifications listed below may recommend them to the Region.

QUALIFICATIONS: To run for Regional Sea Scout Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect a Sea Scout must:

1. Be a high school junior, senior, or college freshman and hold at least the rank of Ordinary.
2. Be under 22 years of age on April 15, 2009.
3. Be a present or past senior youth leader in his/her Ship (i.e. Boatswain or Boatswain's Mate) or council Wardroom/Quarterdeck/VPA/VOA.
4. Be an active Sea Scout for the immediate past two years and currently active in a Sea Scout Ship.
5. Be recommended and approved by his/her Skipper.
6. Be recommended and approved by his/her council.

TERM OF OFFICE: The Regional Sea Scout Boatswain's Mate/Boatswain-Elect will serve as Boatswain's Mate from March 30, 2007 to April 1, 2008. They will subsequently serve as Regional Sea Scout Boatswain from April 1, 2008 to April 1, 2009.

ACTION: Each council wishing to nominate a Sea Scout should approve and forward the completed nomination form to the Northeast Region headquarters office in Jamesburg, NJ, by February 19, 2007. The selection by the Regional Sea Scouting Committee will take place by March 1, 2007. The Change of Watch will occur at the Regional Bridge of Honor.

Forms can be found in the RBOH Boarding Manual or on the NER Website at:
http://neregion.seascout.org/program_and_communications/Bosn.pdf.



The nominee should attach no more than six pages on white paper to this application stating his or her qualifications for Regional Sea Scout Boatswain. These pages should include:

1. Experience as Ship's Boatswain, Boatswain's Mate, or office held within the council Wardroom, Quarterdeck, VPA, or VOA.
2. Leadership experience, advancement, cruising, awards, training, and other activities related to Sea Scouting.
3. Honors, leadership positions, awards, and training from church, Scouting, or other organizations.
4. School awards, clubs, sports, scholarships, and leadership positions.
5. A statement on college or career plans.
6. A brief statement on why you want to be Regional Sea Scout Boatswain.
7. Other information on your qualifications to run for office.

Lastly, all candidates are asked to include a black and white, head and shoulders, 3x5 photograph to be used for publicity purposes. Portraits taken in Sea Scout uniform preferred; no sports gear, please.

**The sea is selective... Slow at recognition of effort and aptitude...
But fast to sink the unfit sailor.**

Felix Rothenberg, Captain Teacher (1850)
SUNY Maritime College, Fort Schuyler, NY





ATTENTION ALL SEA SCOUT SKIPPERS:

If you are sponsored by a local squadron of the United States Power Squadrons, please email me with your Ship's name and number, and the Squadron's name and location. This information will be used as part of a Directory by the Northeast Region Sea Scout Committee. If you are not sponsored by a local squadron, but use their members as trainers or consultants, please forward that information to me as well.

My email address is: remo5@localnet.com

Thank you.

Robert J. Owens, Jr.
Sea Scout/US Power Squadron Liaison Officer

A VIEW FROM THE FO'C'S'LE

Hello everyone, Arlen McCorkle here!

Just to clear up some name issue first, the way you say it is like Ar-lin, not like the girl's name "Arlene".

I'm sure most of you know that I am the NER Boatswain's Mate and am very excited to serve the Region.

Some of you might know me from a while back when I had an "afro", now though I do have a more conservative "normal" haircut.

For those of you that haven't already realized Sea Scouts is great fun, just take a look around the Region and look at the many different things they offer. For example, Catoctin Winter training is always a blast, both for fun and learning. If that doesn't spark your interest, I know a ship that goes across the ocean to a different continent, just for fun. How many teenagers in your school do you know have the skills, or opportunity, to do that? Granted, you will have to really know your stuff, but people nowadays think that, at such a young age, this is so unheard of. But not with Sea Scouts. Just look at all the great SEALs we have in our Region. You should know at least one by now.

Just to let you know a little more about me, I currently attend college and am majoring in Computer Science. I also hold a part time job at a marketing company as the Canvassing Manager. Other than that I like traveling around the Region participating at events with Sea Scouts. I would highly recommend going to as many events as possible because you don't just have fun but you also gain great knowledge for advancement and the leadership experience looks great on college application.

Well, I think that's enough about me. I would like to hear from you. My email is NER_BOATSWAIN@SEASCOUT.ORG and if you have anything that you would like me to put on the agenda at an upcoming Regional Committee Meeting, I'll do my best to get it in. Questions, concerns, good jokes, or anything that you want my opinion on, are welcome.

Hope to see you at the RBOH this year! Angi and I will be the MCs!!



Photo courtesy AMcCorkle

Don't miss the March 1st deadline for the 2007 Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training (SEAL) Courses. If you have a Scout who is Ordinary rank and shows an interest in this opportunity, send in their nomination. There's no cost to apply. Application Forms can be found on the NER website at: <http://neregion.seascout.org/training/seal.pdf> For additional course information, please reach out to our Northeast Region Contacts:
SEAL / Maryland - Skipper Douglas E. Yeckley - yeckley@earthlink.net
SEAL / New York - Skipper Noel E. Guzman - sss441Vigilant@nyc.rr.com





BOAT U.S. FOUNDATION'S ONLINE VHF RADIO TUTORIAL DEBUTS

By broadcasting your exact Mayday location with the simple push of one button, new Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radios give recreational boaters and the U.S. Coast Guard enhanced search and rescue capabilities. But do you know enough about this new marine radio system to help save a life - possibly your own?

To help boaters understand the latest advances in marine radio communication, the BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water has launched a free online marine DSC VHF radio tutorial for anyone interested in the new technology. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard, the online tutorial, "Can You Hear Me?" is designed to educate boaters on all of the basics of DSC VHF radios. By understanding how these radios work, boaters will be able to take advantage of the latest innovations in search and rescue technology.

The 35-minute, narrated web-based program covers all of the basics and even allows viewers to try various radio buttons and sounds on their computers to simulate how a DSC VHF radio would operate. Topics covered include emergency signaling, how to install a DSC VHF radio and an overview of the U.S. Coast Guard's "Rescue 21" program. The tutorial is located at <http://www.BoatUS.com/MMSI>.

No special computer program is needed to view the seven-part tutorial and it's compatible with both PC and Mac formats. A viewer can stop the tutorial at any point and return to the same spot later on. For those familiar with some of the topics, the tutorial lets boaters skip around from chapter to chapter.

While the majority of fixed-mount VHF radios available today have the DSC feature, most boaters have not registered their radio in order to get the unique calling number - much like a telephone phone number - called an Maritime Mobile Service Identity or MMSI number. The tutorial also covers this process, which is free through BoatU.S. Equally important is connecting the radio to a GPS so that vessel location is broadcast with a distress call.

The BoatU.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit education and research organization primarily funded by the voluntary contributions of the 670,000 members of BoatU.S. The Foundation operates more than a dozen programs including the only accredited, free, online general boating safety course, a low-cost EPIRB rental program, the "Help Stop the Drops" national clean fueling campaign, a free kid's Life Jacket Loaner Program, and has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for nonprofit groups for boating safety and environmental projects.

NEWS from BoatU.S.

Boat Owners Association of the United States

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BoatU.S. News Room at <http://www.BoatUS.com/news/releases.asp>

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