



MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

New Year 2009 brings lot of opportunities and many areas for growth and change for the Sea Scouts. At the end of last year, we announced our New National Commodore VADM Charles Wurster, USCG (Ret.) and thanked departing Commodore Jimmie Homburg for her commitment. We also bid good-bye to Bob Legg and hello to our new Regional Staff Advisor Jim Dolberg. With leadership skills like this at the helm, we are sure the Sea Scout program will only get better and stronger.



In the Northeast Region, we have the benefit of the terrific “training trifecta” for our youth. It starts with the Chesapeake Flotilla’s Winter Training Weekend at Catoctin National Park in Thurmont, MD in January, followed by the Delaware Valley Flotilla’s Presidents Day Training Weekend at the Pine Tree BSA Environmental Training Center, Tabernacle, NJ in February, and finally the Liberty Flotilla’s Training Event at SUNY Maritime College, Fort Schuyler, NY in March. One, two, three... watch our Sea Scouts’ skills grow!

In addition to classroom training, we have lots of hands-on activities too, including the September Safety at Sea Events in both the Chesapeake Flotilla and Liberty Flotilla venues, and one in June in the New England Flotilla. The Henry I. Nygard Regatta in Maryland in May, Camp Able in the Solomons Island in June, the Liberty Flotilla/SUNY Sailing Clinic and Powerboat Course in July, S/V Mystic Midshipman Trainee Program in July, Aquatics Specialty Camp at Ten Mile River BSA Camp Keowa and another at Norcross Webster Scout Reservation in early August, and many Raft Up, Rendezvous and Long Cruises around the Eastern Seacoast. There’s SEAL in the summer months and the Northeast Region Sailing Championship sail-offs towards the end of August.

To celebrate the centenary of Sea Scouting in the United Kingdom, they are holding a celebratory Jamboree in August at the National Water Sports Centre, Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham, England. This event is open to all Sea Scout groups, Sea Scout Explorer units and other Scout groups interested in water activities in the UK and from other countries. Commodore Emeritus Bruce Johnson and his wife, Holly, will be attending.

And for even more fun and fellowship, along with a goodly dose of tradition and ceremony, there’s the Northeast Region’s Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball on March 28 at the Holiday Inn Select, Bridgeport, NJ.

Here’s hoping you and your Ship will participate in as many of these activities as possible and encourage your friends to investigate the adventures that Sea Scouts offers. You are the best ambassadors of our program and I am very proud of all of you.

Happy New Year!

Bob Sirhal

Sea-son's Greetings !



Decorating in the Snow



Contestant #6



On December 6, 2008, The Sea Scout Training Vessel **der PeLiKan** participated in the Baltimore Parade of Lighted Boats. This was her eighth appearance in this activity since 1999. Ships 1176 and 1942 decorated the boat and took part in the Parade. Steve Alexander was the Captain and Joel David was the Mate for the trip. Although no prizes were won, the crew had a good time, and enjoyed pizza and hot chocolate. In 2005, the **der PeLiKan** took first place in the parade. That year, the lighted flags were provided by Ship 198, Broadkilm, DE. One sail was patterned after the official Sea Scout flag, the other was patterned after the US flag.

The mission for the Sea Scout Training Vessel is to provide big-boat training opportunities to Sea Scouts and adult leaders. This is accomplished by providing opportunities via training activities open to all, and to specific Ships who otherwise would not have access to this type of experience.

In 2008, the **der PeLiKan** was underway for 54 days. This was a record! In the past, she averaged about 30-40 days per year, with a high of 50 days in 2007.

Here are the details: In the spring there were two training weekends, and two Ship-specific weekends. Then five Long Cruises in the summer, support for the Koch Cup, and the annual SEAL training class. The five Long Cruises were for Ships from Georgia, West Virginia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. 50 youth participated in these underway activities. 5 captains were in charge of the various trips. Three of the Ships had never done a Long Cruise before.

der PeLiKan served as a viewing platform for parents at the Koch Cup in Annapolis. In the fall, two more Ship-specific weekends and the Parade of Lighted Boats. And in the winter she will get a well deserved rest at her mooring.

der PeLiKan is primarily a cruising boat. Due to local weather conditions, and the crews' interest in visiting local ports, we spend as much or more time under engine power as we do sailing. This year she accumulated about 275 hours of engine run time.

Our most popular destinations are Annapolis and St. Michaels. We enjoy the variety of activities and stores in Annapolis, and the

Winning Form in 2005



museum and shopping in St. Michaels. Other ports or anchorages she has visited in 2008 include Dobbins Island on the Magothy River, Galesville, Tangier Island, Crisfield, St. Mary's City, Solomons Island, and Chestertown.

Interested in joining us one year? For more information, contact Steve Nichols, Coordinator and Captain, **SSTV der PeLiKan** at sainichols@hotmail.com.

Photos courtesy Adair Petty, Skipper of Ship 1176 and George Kain, Skipper of Ship 25.

Breaking News !!

This is now the "official" color Sea Scout logo. We got this file from the graphics people at BSA. You can still use the line drawing version of the logo. Do not use the old crooked version of the line drawing or any of the strange colored versions of the first class anchor. In 2009, the BSA is moving to have all their brands and logos recorded. Sea Scouts are not in the Brand Identity Guide yet but it is coming. More updates and color guides to come from Jimmie Homberg, Marketing Officer. (BTW: If you want a JPEG of this logo, just send me an email. -Editor)



LOOKING FORWARD . . . CONNOR RIEVE

Hi everyone,

The last year has been so much fun! Being the Regional Boatswain I've met so many different people and learned so much. Anyone that is thinking about this position should really think about it. I have been all over the region and taught many classes. Even though I have been off in college, it didn't stop me. I kept up with everyone, and anytime that I had a chance to help out a ship or a flotilla, I always helped out.

I just want to say something about my ship (110-CT) for a second. When I joined 6 years ago, my ship had only 5 scouts. The ship dwindled for a year and the number went down to only 2. I kept with it because being a Sea Scout was different. I got so much excitement out of sailing and racing, so even though it was only a few of us out on the sea, it didn't kill my motivation. In 2006, I went to the Texas SEAL course and that just jump-started everything. My ship started getting more members and that's when I applied for this position. Now my ship has 22 active members and we are having weekly meetings all throughout the year. We are planning for weekend trips to farther places for the summer.

The reason I said that was because I was just a regular scout going through the paces until I decided to change it up. I was just like all of you. So don't think that you can't do this. You can! This is for anyone that wants to get more out of this program. So tell your skipper, fill out the application, and become the next Northeast Regional Boatswain.

Quote from his e-mail: "In life there's people who make things happen, people who watch things happen, and people who wonder what just happened."

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 2009-10 and Boatswain for 2010-11. 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, 2011.
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, 2009 to April 1, 2010. They will subsequently serve as Regional Sea Scout Boatswain from April 1, 2010 to April 1, 2011.

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 16, 2009. The selection by the Regional Sea Scouting Committee will take place by March 1, 2009. 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.

Completed applications with photo should be sent to: Northeast Region BSA Council Headquarters, c/o Jim Dolberg, P.O. Box 268, Jamesburg, New Jersey 08831-0268 by no later than February 16, 2009. Thank you!

A VIEW FROM THE FO'C'S'LE

Jessica Gilliland-Hopkins



As a native Delawarean, I grew up surrounded by water, but my life on the water didn't start until I joined Sea Scouts. I am the Boson of Ship 198 from Broadkilm, DE, and have been a member for 6 years. I am currently a second year nursing student at Delaware Technical Community College, which allows me to stay close to home and remain active within my ship. I was previously the Delaware Valley Flotilla Boson and the Delmarva Council Youth Officer's Association (YOA) President. I have earned the Venturing Gold, Venturing Leadership Award, hold the Able rank, and am working on my Quartermaster Award. My accomplishments also include 2007 Top graduate of the New York SEAL program and First Ranked Nationally for SEAL 2007.

Looking back on the last 6 years of being in the Sea Scouts, I have watched myself grow up from the age of 14 to 20. From love-at-first-sail to the leadership training, Sea Scouts has provided me with many opportunities that I would otherwise have no access to. Sailing during summer is almost a daily routine with my ship; it's a way of life. Sea Scouts has also aided me in other aspects of my life, such as work and school, by teaching me organizational skills, responsibility, communication, teaching skills and leadership training. I am proud to be a part of Sea Scouting because it's really all about being a part of something bigger.

I am now the Northeast Regional Boatswain's Mate (soon to be Regional Boatswain at the next RBOH) at your service. I am very excited about the upcoming position and look forward to furthering connections between Ships, strengthening communication and facilitating growth in the program. I want to help all of you do this.

Throughout Sea Scouting I've been so many new places and made connections and friends that have somehow helped me along the way. The Regional Bridge of Honor brings all of those people together in one place once a year for business, awards, and good times and I hope to see you all there.

Please feel free to contact me for any reason. Here is my email (no SPAM please!):
alkalinesailing21@hotmail.com.



SEAL COURSES FOR 2009

Attention all Sea Scouts and Skippers and those involved with direct Sea Scout Ship Operations

Please be advised that the web page for all the courses that are to run in 2009 for the Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training, known as SEAL, has been posted on the web. Go here for the course schedule:

http://www.seascout.org/about/program/training_resources/seal.html

Go here for the PDF link for the application:

<http://neregion.seascout.org/training/seal.html>

Skippers, if you have Sea Scouts that will achieve **Ordinary by June 1, 2009** as well as Able and Quartermasters, now is the time to begin preparation and review for the course with the practice of seamanship skills and basic coastal navigation skills.

The SEAL candidates should also begin the outline process for Chapter Four in the Sea Scout manual #33239C. This is the main chapter for the SEAL program.

Note well that the application deadline is set for **MARCH 1, 2009**.

If you need further information regarding the SEAL program, you may contact:

Northeast Region NE-14

Date: June 20- 28, 2009

Location: Chesapeake Bay, Maryland.

Contact: Skipper Doug E. Yeckley yeckley@earthlink.net

Northeast Region NE-15

Date: July 25 to August 2, 2009

Location: Long Island Sound, New York

Contact: Skipper Noel E. Guzman SSS441Vigilant@nyc.rr.com

National SEAL Training Coordinator: Jim Elroy seawolf410@aol.com

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**"People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them."**

**= = George Bernard Shaw = =**



## CHART YOUR COURSE . . . .

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 28, 2009**, and the port of call again is the Holiday Inn Select in Bridgeport, New Jersey.

The theme this year is: **Adventure on every heading!**

The Boarding Manual is on the NER website at:  
<http://neregion.seascout.org/2009RBOHBdgManual.pdf>

We are looking forward to another great RBOH this year. Please plan to participate and rendezvous with member Ships from around the NER. All the forms you need to register are included in the Boarding Manual.

Hope to see you all there!

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In the Commodore’s Message, he mentioned the Northeast Region’s Sea Scout “Training Trifecta”. If you would like more information about those programs, please check out:

- Chesapeake Flotilla’s Winter Training Weekend at Catoctin National Park in Thurmont, MD in January - [http://www.seascout.net/chesapeake/catoctin\\_training.htm](http://www.seascout.net/chesapeake/catoctin_training.htm)
- Delaware Valley Flotilla’s Presidents Day Training Weekend at the Pine Tree BSA Environmental Training Center, Tabernacle, NJ in February - [http://neregion.seascout.org/DV\\_Pres\\_Dy\\_r2.pdf](http://neregion.seascout.org/DV_Pres_Dy_r2.pdf)
- Liberty Flotilla’s Training Event at SUNY Maritime College, Fort Schuyler, NY in March - [http://www.seascout.net/liberty/cal\\_current.html](http://www.seascout.net/liberty/cal_current.html)



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## Catherine A. Mullikin Sea Scout Volunteer Award

**LIVING TO SERVE!** Volunteering time and efforts to those who need help is a way that a Sea Scout upholds the ideals of scouting. Consider these excerpts: "I promise... to help others..." "...to be prepared to render aid to those in need..." and "...recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity..." Many Sea Scouts serve their neighbors through community projects and they deserve our appreciation.

The Catherine A. Mullikin Sea Scout Volunteer Award recognizes a Sea Scout who volunteers their time in their community and for their Ship.

This award also honors the memory of Cathy Mullikin. She was a Sea Scout from Ship 320-MD, whose life was cut short by a drunk driver in 1998. She was only 20, but had made many lasting memories and many friends in the Sea Scouting program and her community.



1978 -1998

Annually, at the Regional Bridge of Honor, the engraved crystal award is presented to a nominated Sea Scout who freely gives of their time and talents to serve others. In addition, the Mullikin Family makes a \$250 donation to the recipient's Sea Scout Ship.

**ACT NOW:** Skippers, Ships Committees, Boatswains, Parents, and Friends of Sea Scout units, now is the time to send in your nominations for the 2009 award. Forms and details are included in the RBOH Boarding Manual on pages 18-20 (found on the NER website at <http://neregion.seascout.org/2009RBOHBdgManual.pdf>). Know that such a youth is not going to ask for this award or look for this recognition, instead they daily demonstrate the behaviors of one who possess the servant's spirit and attitude towards volunteer, charitable and philanthropic activity. It's time to crow about their self-less ongoing dedication and probably embarrass them with this acknowledgement and appreciation of their efforts. Deadline for submission is March 1, 2009.

### PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS:

**Grant Cutler**, Ship 548 MD (2000) - Worked the Summer School program at Holy Angels Church, fundraisers for Holy Angels School including over 20 church dinners and Cans for Kids, Altar Server and Sexton for Sacred Heart Church, Special Olympics helping hand, March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, Adopt-a-Highway, visitations to local Veterans Homes, tree planting at St. Clements Island and Piney Point Park, Optimist Christmas Teen Dance, Greenwell State Park Barn Renovation, Greenwell Day Handicap Kids program, Community Concert Night and Community Blessing of the Fleet Day in addition to all his Ship commitments.

**Joel Medina**, Ship 4 PA (2001) – An A-PLUS Volunteer at the Philadelphia Zoo, Awbury Arboretum, Widener Memorial School, Thomas Edison High School, the Philadelphia Food Bank and Temple University, including food drives, clothes and shoe drive for the homeless, Water Therapy for handicapped children, Kids Swimming programs, as well as assistant coordinator of Police Explorers in Philadelphia.

**Tiffany Fox**, Ship 320 MD (2002) - Helped with the Cross Country course at the Maryland Special Olympics Training Weekends and Winter Games for the past two years, Den Leader Assistant with Cub Pack 320 for the past four years, coordinating activities such as Pack Pinewood Derby and Cake Auction judging, annual Pack Halloween Party, and registration at the annual Carroll District BSA Klondike Derby.

**Alexander Whitaker**, Ship 1009 MD (2003) - Dedicated caretaker for his younger sister, Charlotte, who lives with muscular dystrophy, tutors brother Peter, and helps Mom with housework. And keeps things fun with games, swimming, piano practice and lots of smiles. Also serves meals to the homeless, does highway clean-ups, Scouting for Food, and entertains children at local community festivals.

**Julie Cuff**, Ship 759 MD (2004) - Participates with the summer Catholic Heart Work Camp, lector/cantor at St. John the Evangelist Parish, youth group member, volunteers for Martha's Table in Washington, DC and S.O.M.E (So Others Might Eat) feeding the homeless. Also helps out at Montgomery General Hospital especially with their annual picnic event.



**Amanda Saulsgiver**, Ship 1942 VA (2005) - Volunteer at the American Legion Post 177's Flag Retirement ceremony, works the Alexandria Seaport's annual festival, member of the Northern Virginia Sail and Power Squadron, Scouting for Food, Clean Up the Bay and the Annual Potomac River Clean-up Events, Lead Youth Instructor at Ship 1942's "Camp Able" and "Camp Ordinary", Catoctin Winter Training instructor, attended Teen Missions International Boot Camp and a six week overseas mission work project in France, assisted the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's teen boat-building program, Habitat for Humanity "Sand Lot Gang" (including an all female construction team in Fairfax), president of her church youth group, bible study leader, babysitter, part-time sexton and back-up sound room technician, and local Elementary School Teacher's Aide.

**Stephanie Hebda**, Ship 1942 VA (2006) - Works with Scouting for Food, Special Olympics, "Achieva" serving the mentally retarded, serves Senior Citizens at Vincention Nursing Home and Manor Care Nursing Home, organized many church cleaning and painting projects, volunteers at the Berkley Hill Civic Association, serves dinners for the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, baby-sits for Mom's Bible Study, Church Youth Group, Vacation Bible School Teacher and Community Children's Swimming Teacher, a Lead Youth Instructor at Lifeguard Camp and at "Camp Able", Catoctin Winter Training instructor, Latin Club President, member of Young Republicans and volunteers in Pennsylvania State Senator Jane Orié's office, American Legion "Girls State" delegate, Treasurer for Ham Radio Club, member of Students Against Drunk Driving and Hands for Service Club.

**Joanna Robinson**, Ship 759 MD (2007) - Works the Montgomery General Hospital fundraising bazaar, Chesapeake Maritime Museum Antique and Classic Boat Show helping young kids make model sailboats, active member of her church leading fund-raising Breakfasts and Holiday Bazaars, works with the Sheppard's Table in Washington, D.C. feeding the needy, volunteers with her brother's Cub Scout Pack and coaches a local Youth Basketball team, assisted at the Maryland Special Olympics Winter Games. Active for the past 3 years with Dominican Collage's Cancer Walk and their daycare center which support families with cancer-impacted children. Also served as Boatswain for the Chesapeake Flotilla and for the Washington Capital Council Wardroom.

**Devon Fehn**, Ship 548 MD (2008) – Volunteers at the Solomon's Marine Museum, EMT with the Solomon's Volunteer Rescue Squad and Fire Department as well as the Calvert Advanced Life Support Unit, helps out at the Calvert Animal Welfare League specializes in socializing dogs for future Pet Adoptions, volunteers for Adopt-a-Highway clean-up events, worked the local Summer Special Olympics, currently a youth group member at the Church by the Chesapeake and a member of the Praise Team Band.

**WHO WILL BE RECOGNIZED IN 2009?** A Sea Scout from your Ship perhaps; or maybe a youth you have worked with from another unit or Flotilla? Such a recipient would probably just shake their head and say they do not deserve special attention for helping others. But everyone who knows that Sea Scout sees an extraordinary spirit of service that is worthy of this recognition. So please, pull the nomination form from the RBOH Boarding Manual, fill it out completely and submit their name and accomplishments to be considered for the "**Catherine A. Mullikin Sea Scout Volunteer of the Year Award.**"



**20 years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So, throw off the bow lines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.**

**= = Mark Twain = =**

# Boat Building at Mystic Seaport

Last year, local Sea Scouts were treated to a boat building activity on the Green at Mystic Seaport in conjunction with the 17th Annual Wooden Boat Show in Connecticut on Saturday, June 28 to Sunday, June 29, 2008. The Alexandria Seaport Foundation, MAS Epoxies and Phoenix Resins hosted an Exhibitors Tent and provided all the materials and glues to build five 16-foot **Challenge Wherrys** (which is like a dory one-station row boat). Ships 25-PA, 45-MA, 548-CT, 37-CT, 48-CT and 12-NY participated and got to bring home their handiwork!

Each Ship provided a construction team of 3 to 5 youth, with supervising adults, and spent the weekend working, after instruction on the blueprints, tools and safety. On Sunday they field-tested their boats!! And to top off the great activity they feasted on a cooperative picnic. They also enjoyed other Show activities including films, live demos, displays, tours, and rides in classic boats. ((Check website <http://www.thewoodenboatshow.com> for details on future events.))



Photos courtesy of Bill Wheaton, Ship 548-CT

## JUST FOR FUN . . .

### *Take A Tour of Gilligan's Island*

Come on, admit it! It's late at night. You're the only one awake. What do you look for? Not infomercials, not repeats of some talk show... you want Gilligan! Let's see how closely you were paying attention during those insomniac viewing sessions.

How long was the original "tour" that the castaways took supposed to be?

- 2 hours                       4 hours  
 30 minutes                       3 hours

What was the name of the boat on which the castaways set sail?

- The Minnow                       Bottoms Up  
 The Shark                       Hole in the Water

How many passengers were on the charter?

- 7                       6                       5                       4

Which of the castaways was a movie star?

- Mrs. Howell                       The Professor  
 Ginger                       Mary Ann

In his lab, what did the Professor use in place of beakers?

- Shells                       Gourds  
 Skulls                       Coconuts

What was the Skipper's nickname for Gilligan?

- Little Partner                       Little Buddy  
 Doofus                       First Mate

In the first season, who was elected president of the island?

- Mr. Howell                       The Professor  
 Ginger                       Gilligan

Which of these modern-day movie stars guest-starred as a boy found living in the jungle on the island?

- Dustin Hoffman                       Jeff Bridges  
 Kurt Russell                       Jeremy Irons

What fictitious singing group landed on the island?

- The Bugs                       The Beetles  
 The Ants                       The Mosquitoes

What play does Harold Hecuba have the castaways perform as a musical?

- "Romeo and Juliet"                       "Death of a Salesman"  
 "Hamlet"                       "Oedipus Rex"



By J. Scott Wilson (NBC5i Daily Quiz)

Artwork courtesy of the Original Gilligan's Island Fan Club (<http://www.gilligansisle.com/>)

## Press Release

### [MINNOW SKIPPER FAILED TO TAKE SIMPLE STEPS BEFORE GETTING UNDERWAY](#)

By Anthony Turner, Public Affairs Officer, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary

Most of us remember the **S.S. Minnow** from the 1960's sitcom "Gilligan's Island". That voyage was crewed by a mighty sailing man (Gilligan) and a sure and brave skipper. They were only going to be out for a quick half-day trip but ran into some bad weather. What most people don't know is that the brave and sure skipper never filed a Float Plan, failed to check the weather forecast, and did not carry an Emergency Position Indicating Radiobeacon (or EPIRB) thereby delaying search efforts for weeks and making locating them on an uncharted deserted island almost impossible.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary strongly suggests that all recreational boaters, regardless of the size of their boat, carry with them not only the federal and local mandated safety equipment, but also a VHF Radio and an EPIRB, which are not mandated. If the **Minnow** carried an EPIRB there never would have been a series since the nice passengers and crew would have been located very quickly.

The filing of a Float Plan with friends, relatives and your marina enables these people to inform the Coast Guard when you don't arrive at the point you are supposed to be when you are expected to arrive. When properly completed, the Float Plan contains information to make the search faster and easier. In the case of the **Minnow**, no one knew they were overdue for several weeks. <http://www.floatplancentral.org>

A Float Plan asks such questions as: what type of boat, what is your proposed itinerary, do you have a radio, how many people on board, etc. The answers can shorten the process of locating a missing boater.

Although we have made a little light out of the voyage of the **S.S. Minnow**, safe boating and seamanship is no joke. For more information about safe boating, check out the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at <http://www.cgaux.org>.

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary is the uniformed civilian component of the United States Coast Guard. It was founded in 1939 by an Act of Congress as the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve and re-designated as the Auxiliary in 1941. More than 29,000 members donate millions of hours annually in support of Coast Guard missions. For more information on the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, visit us at <http://www.cgaux.org/> or <http://www.auxpa.org/>.

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**SOLUTIONS to the last  
"Just One"**

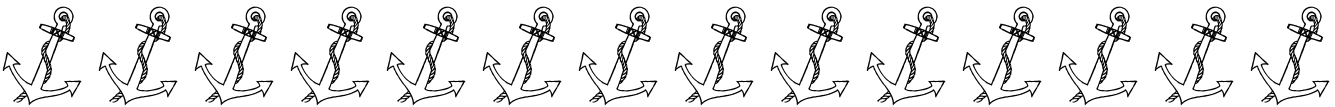
**Issue's puzzles:  
"29 Yachts"**

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**How did you do?** ((Puzzles courtesy of [www.pennypress.com](http://www.pennypress.com) "Penny Press Means Puzzle Pleasure"))



The Regional Commodore is pleased to appoint **Mr. Joel David** to serve as Skipper and Course Director for the upcoming **Seabadge NE XIX** course. The course is scheduled for Fall 2009 in a location to be determined. Watch for more details! (And for your information, check out the description of Seabadge to be found on the web at <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seabadge>)



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