



National Commodore Charlie Wurster, National Boatswain Connor Rieve, National Sea Scout Director Keith Christopher

**Now Hear This! Connor Rieve**, hailing from Ship 110, Not by Bread Alone, from Bridgeport, CT, has been installed as the **2009-2010 National Boatswain, Sea Scouts, BSA**. He was duly sworn in at the Annual Boy Scout Meeting in Orlando, Florida, held in May.



Sue Rieve, incoming National Boatswain Connor Rieve, outgoing National Boatswain Monica Traylor, Skipper Chip Rieve  
(Photos courtesy of Charlie Spitz and Connor Rieve)



Our Latest Ambassador for the Sea Scout Program – National Boatswain Connor Rieve

Hi everyone!! Well, as most of you know, I was selected as the 2009-2010 National Boatswain. I was appointed to my position at the National Meeting held at the Grande Lakes J.W.Marriott Resort in Orlando, Florida. That was one fun week. I left on Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> and got back on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Down there I got to meet so many people from all over America, and also Scouts from Mexico, Sweden, Guatemala, and even from Saudi Arabia!!

While I was there I was able to get to know Monica Traylor, last year's National Boatswain. She is from Texas, and we had a great time working the Sea Scout Booth together. We also met the Order of the Arrow Chiefs; let me tell you, they are all a bunch of fun individuals to hang out with. Also, there were all the Venturing Presidents from the Regions and the National President as well. Every night we all hung out at the hot tub and just talked like regular teenagers. I was amazed that all the youths that ran the different parts of scouting could just having fun getting to know each other, and of course they all had questions on what Sea Scouting was. So every night we had our "youth meeting" in the hot tub to discuss how we could advance scouting for the year.

During the few days I was there, the National BSA Convention was going on as well. So Monica and I had to stand at the Sea Scout booth and promote Sea Scouting. This was where I was able to meet so many different people from all across America. We got to talk to interesting adults that had no clue on what we were all about. By the end of the convention I was so tired of talking my jaw started to hurt.

One question that kept coming up over and over again was what are my duties as National Boatswain? So my main goal as National Boatswain is to promote Sea Scouting everywhere I am and to help out anyone with

questions. Of course I have many more duties but that is my primary duty. I have also set up goals for myself for this year and my biggest goal is to create a youth cabinet for Sea Scouting. As most of you know we are no longer a part of Venturing. Before, the National Boatswain was a part of the Venturing Youth Cabinet and I would report to the National Venturing President; but now I don't, so I want to create our own Sea Scout Cabinet. In this Cabinet, there will be the National Boatswain and also the Regional Boatswains. I am hoping to promote better communication between regions which will strengthen Sea Scouts and new ideas will flourish.

So with all this said, I am looking forward to a wonderful year and I cannot wait to see you all out on the water this season. If anyone has questions or any ideas, don't hesitate to email me. My new official email is [national\\_boatswain@yahoo.com](mailto:national_boatswain@yahoo.com). I am happy to answer any questions or show up to events, so just let me know. Hope everyone is as excited about the sailing season as I am!!! This should be a wonderful year.

Editor's Note: Connor's signature closing on his email message reads: "In life there's people who make things happen, people who watch things happen, and people who wonder what just happened." We believe that soon all sea scouts will know that our new National Boatswain falls into the first category! Bravo Zulu !!



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The Northeast Region is proud to announce its selection of **Amy Clark** to serve as the Northeast Region Venturing President.

"I am thrilled to be the 2009-2010 Northeast Region Venturing President. I look forward to working with the Areas and Councils in the Northeast Region as well as the other members of the National Venturing Cabinet. This year is going to be full of fun and new experiences. Venturing is a great program for all youth and I can't wait to start spreading the word. Thanks!"



Amy is from Annapolis, Maryland and is a member of Venturing Crew 396 sponsored by the Trinity United Methodist Church where she served as the Crew President, President of the Capitol District Venturing Officers Association (VOA), President and Secretary of Baltimore Area Council VOA, and as the Vice President of Administration for the NER Area 6 VOA. Amy is also a fully trained Boy Scout Leader serving as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 91. She has earned the Venturing Outdoor Bronze Award, Venturing Gold Award, Venturing Silver Award, Presidential Silver Award (for academic achievement), the Girl Scout Silver Award and Baltimore Area Council recognized her service and leadership with the Council Venturing Leadership Award.

Amy graduated as an honor student from Broadneck Senior High School and is currently enrolled at Anne Arundel Community College where she is working toward her bachelors degree in biology.

"As Regional Venturing President I can show other youth how great of an experience this program really is and I will have fun spreading the word about Venturing."

## ATTENTION ALL SHIPS . . .

The Northeast Region BSA **2009 Sea Scout Sailing Championships** will be held at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York over the weekend of **August 21-23**. Cost will be \$40 per participant. All paid/registered participants will receive a collectible tee shirt.

Registration Forms and course information will soon be released by Event Chair Garth Wells (and posted on the NER website at [http://neregion.seascout.org/program\\_and\\_communications/ner\\_sailoff.html](http://neregion.seascout.org/program_and_communications/ner_sailoff.html)). The NER regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2006-2008 and the BSA Guide to Safe-Boating Standards.

It would be great if your Ship could submit sailing teams to this event. They will be sailing in FJs, (similar to 420s). Each crew is a two-member team. You will practice sailing as crews to become somewhat comfortable on the course and in the Long Island Sound waters, and also familiar with the equipment being loaned to us by USMMA. Lodging will be by camping on the waterfront grounds at the academy; you supply your own tent and gear. Food is included in the price for Saturday and Sunday.

Come for the experience, even if you do not think your crew will "place" and qualify for Koch Cup trials. Come, it's a great way to meet the other units in the Region and get a real good taste of the challenges of racing. Besides, it's just fun! We can use some adult helpers with regatta staff duties; volunteers needed for Race Committee, Scoring, Safety Boat drivers, Cook Crew, etc. Please contact Garth Wells at #301-910-0222 for additional details. No special talents are needed for these positions.

And if you are in the neighborhood, just come on out to watch the races and cheer on the sea scouts!



The Sail-Off Trophy



Racers Queue Up for the Starting Signal

## ? Are the terms "Coxswain" and "Boatswain" interchangeable?

This question was recently posed by a new sea scout ship.

In a traditional crew, the **coxswain** is the member who sits in the stern facing the bow, steers the boat, and coordinates the power and rhythm of the rowers. Some coxswains may take on a more expansive role on behalf of the ship, ensuring safety at all times, as well as taking on the role of coach and crew leader.

In sea scouting, and other nautical endeavors, the **boatswain** has a leadership role and works with the senior (adult) officers on the deck, doing supervisory work (planning, scheduling, assigning work to fellow crew). This is the highest youth officer position in sea scouting. They come up through the ranks. In many Sea Scout Ships, the crew picks their boatswain from among their peers because of experience, personality, length of service, etc. Skippers rely on their boatswains to know and demonstrate all aspects of running their Ship.

We do not think they mean the same thing. But how do you feel? Please send your responses to the Editor c/o [deidre.buchner@prudential.com](mailto:deidre.buchner@prudential.com) and we'll print the results in a future edition of **The Telegraph**.



**Summer Reading:** Try a book written by one of our own Sea Scouts - **Roger L. Crossland**, Captain USN (Ret.), member of the CT Yankee Council.

#1 Review **Jade Rooster** = Two Americans, one civilian, one Navy enlisted man, are drawn into the hard-boiled underworld of early 20th Century Japan as they investigate the grisly discovery of three severed human heads adrift in an open boat belonging to a missing ship. Their exploration of the seedy side of the Asiatic Fleet exposes brutal violence and betrayal lurking in unexpected quarters. Blending the historical authenticity of Patrick O'Brian with the crackling narrative and dialogue of Raymond Chandler, Crossland establishes himself as a unique voice in nautical fiction. This story seems to take us in a time machine to pre-WWII Japan. Not only do we learn something about the US presence there and Asian history, we are caught up in a compelling mystery filled with colorful characters, twists and turns. Although this may not be a time and place you may have researched, you will be delighted to find yourself living in it with this engrossing tale. Great mystery; it entertains and teaches!! Originally released in 2006.

#2 Review **Red Ice** = At the height of the Cold War, post Vietnam War, a cashiered SEAL officer in Japan is retained by a world famous Russian dissident to rescue a friend from the Siberian Gulag; kind of a "Saving Private Ryan" for the modern era. The SEAL recruits and trains a group to undertake the cold weather operation, and even finagles an off-the-books submarine for a price. The rescue is grueling and the withdrawal harrowing. This is a combat story, an adventure, a thriller; altogether a first-rate read. Carefully plotted with strong, well-defined characters, it shimmers with an authenticity only those with actual experience in military special operations and the raw talent to vividly describe them can achieve. The author, Crossland, led such special ops in Vietnam as a Navy SEAL officer, and his service there obviously forms the basis for the hero of **Red Ice**. First published in 2001.

These stories are in the same genre as those by Clive Cussler and Robin Moore. Both provided endorsements for these books, so if you like these authors, pick up a copy of Roger Crossland's novels at your local library and enjoy. They are first-class, exciting, terse, and page-turners for sure! By the way, he is working on a sequel to **Jade Rooster**. It will take place in the Yukon and Shanghai. Check out Crossland's website at <http://dreadnaughts-bluejackets.com> And remember: **"Old Navy" is a battle cry, not a brand name.**

## SEABADGE 19 - 2009

Course Director: Skipper Joel David (email: [j david5158@aol.com](mailto:j david5158@aol.com) )

Location: USCG Yard Curtis Bay, Baltimore, Maryland

Dates: Friday, October 23 (1500 hours) thru Sunday, October 25 (1300 hours)

Cost: \$150.00 per person



Seabadge is the official advanced training program of Sea Scouting in the BSA. The course is designed to provide the program specific management techniques that can improve the quality of the ships' programming. It is an intensely participatory experience for the participants as they interact with one another and the faculty in seminars, workshops, role playing and discussions. The concepts are presented by veteran Sea Scout leaders who will serve as the faculty for the course. At the same time, you will learn methods on how best to expand the program to allow more of our young people to be served in our communities.

Seabadge NE-XIX participants will be selected from nominees recommended by their local councils. Any registered Sea Scout leader who is active in the operations of their ship or council is eligible. Registration packet available on the NER website at <http://neregion.seascout.org/training/seabadge/html>.

Applications must be postmarked by no later that September 5, 2009.

## Newport Beach Sea Scout Ship 90 is #1 in the Nation!

Sea Scout Ship 90, Renegades, a co-ed youth-lead crew based out of the Newport Sea Base in Newport Beach, CA, was just crowned 2009 BoatUS Sea Scout National Flagship Award recipient. “We are particularly proud of this year’s winner since Ship 90 is the third California Sea Scout unit to earn this recognition,” said BoatUS West Coast Representative Bryan Dove, who presented the award to Matthew Zimmermann, the Ship’s Boatswain.

This prestigious award is given to only one ship a year out of the hundreds of Sea Scout ships around the country in recognition of excellence in Sea Scout program, overall quality, youth achievement, and adult commitment. Sea Scout Ship 90 Skipper Tim Martin said “To our Ship, its co-ed crew, and our adult volunteers, this award recognizes over five years of hard work in the making. We are overjoyed. When we thought of creating a Sea Scout Ship, we envisioned a youth sailing organization geared to both boys and girls, utilizing a dynamic and versatile sailing vessel that could provide sailing excitement and opportunities to learn the best racing and cruising skills for today’s youth. We have that with use of a large 60 foot ultralight racing/cruising yacht called Dare on loan from a wonderful Newport Beach family. We also envisioned a youth organization that could give back to the maritime community. So we routinely conduct boating safety classes for young children, color guards for yacht clubs and other civic organizations, along with burial at sea ceremonies. Our sailing program combined with our community service program has been great for the kids, turning them into great sailors with big hearts helping the community!”

Ship 90 Sea Scouts, dubbed “the Renegades” along with their adult leaders, only started their unit five short years ago. The Ship sails out of the Janes Marine Adventure Center at the Newport Sea Base in Newport Beach, California. Skipper Martin shares “We have been working like crazy to build the program - one that is fun for youth but safe at the same time. We had full plate of sailing and community service activities the last couple of years. It’s been a lot of work by a lot of people, but it’s been great for the youth while also benefiting the community. Janes Marine Adventure Center has helped our sailors be the best of the best. The Center was set up to provide the best sailing and marine center for youth in the area – it’s tops! At the Center we have use of dinghies, small and large keelboats, motorboats, kayaks – you name it. The kids have a lot at their disposal there – adults too!”

“However, this National Flagship award has the kids and adults involved very excited. It has helped them know we are on the right track. In the first four months of this year we have surpassed our wildest dreams when we thought of putting together this Sea Scout Ship - topping it off with this National Flagship award! In the first part of this year one of our sea scouts lead a delegation to meet with President Obama in the oval office. Then, late last month we won first in class in the Border Run, an international yacht race held on the West Coast! Now this! It’s tremendous. To be named the ‘Top Sea Scout Ship in the United States!’ Wow! We hope this leads to more kids coming down to the Sea Base to join us”.

BoatUS, the nation’s largest recreational boat owners group, reinstated the National Flagship Award in 2002 to mark the 90th Anniversary of Sea Scouting. Currently the Sea Scout program has over 8,000 youth participating in 550 Ships nationwide. A perpetual crystal trophy bearing the names of the annual winning Ships resides at the BSA National Scouting Museum in Irving, TX. And an engraved replica is presented to the winning Ship’s Boatswain each year to be kept in their home port. For more information, visit: [www.SeaScout.org](http://www.SeaScout.org).



Ship 90 Program Vessel Dare - a very fast & exciting racing yacht

### Other National Flagship Award recipients include:

- 2008 - Sea Scout Ship 41 Indomitable, of Bay Village, OH
- 2007 - Sea Scout Ship 1942, Dragonlady, of Arlington, VA
- 2006 - Sea Scout Ship 711, Del Mar, of Newport Beach, CA
- 2005 - Sea Scout Ship 46, Arcturus, of Westover, WV
- 2004 - Sea Scout Ship 24, Jolly Roger, of Houston, TX
- 2003 - Sea Scout Ship 33, Gryphon, of Redwood City, CA
- 2002 - Sea Scout Ship 502, Invincible, of Houston, TX



**Ship 90 being crowned National Flagship for 2009**

L-R First Row (Kneeling): Boatswain Andrew Zimmermann, Yeoman Vanya Keys. L-R Back Row: National Council Rep Keith Christopher, Skipper Tim Martin, Mate Gary Wolk, Alec Kettenhofen, Andrew Mayhugh, Nathan Guiles, Bosuns Mate Tori Borth, Ruben Hipolito, CC Dr. Brian Mayhugh, COR Dale Zimmermann, CMDR Capt. Dick Cuciti, Tyler Wolk.

Does your Ship have what it takes to earn the **BoatUS National Sea Scout Flagship Award**? There's only one way to find out. For application details and the evaluation criteria, go to <http://www.seascout.org/ships/flagships.html>. There you will find a checklist of accomplishments that put a Ship in the running. If you feel that your Ship qualifies, put together a compelling package of information that tells the judges why your Ship deserves this prestigious honor. And good luck!

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## Koch Cup 2010

The National Sea Scouts, BSA Committee, and the United States Coast Guard Academy are proud to announce that the William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup is August 1-7, 2010, at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT.



The sailing competition is open to Sea Scouts from all over the world and must be at least fourteen years of age and less than twenty-one years of age on August 1, 2010. The cost to the Sea Scout for his or her lodging, food, regatta uniform, and use of vessels is \$180 for the week, which includes a \$25 refundable key deposit at checkout.

To qualify to attend this event, any U.S. participant must be a registered Sea Scout and have qualified for the rank of Apprentice no later than January 1, 2010. If the Sea Scout desires to have a reserved spot, he or she must qualify their two-person team in one of the regional races listed on the Koch Cup Web site, [www.seascoutcup.org](http://www.seascoutcup.org). These qualifying races will take place this summer. Any Sea Scout who is Apprentice rank may apply after January 1, 2010, without attending a qualifying race and will be considered based on the date of the application and sailing experience.

Sea Scouts will be quartered at Connecticut College, which is across the street from the USCGA, and will receive their meals at the Academy. All races will involve the use of the Academy's FJ and 420 two-person sailboats.

For questions, please e-mail [chairman@seascoutcup.org](mailto:chairman@seascoutcup.org) or call Jim Elroy, regatta chairman, at 305-798-8130. Participants and staff should apply at [www.seascoutcup.org](http://www.seascoutcup.org).



### **INTERNET SAFETY**



More than 70% of US teenagers use the Internet regularly to research school projects, for e-mail or to chat with friends and relatives, play games, and listen to music. Some even create their own web sites.

The Internet offers wonderful benefits to teens, but a small number of children and teens each year come to harm through their Internet use. Education about how to use the Internet wisely can help prevent these unfortunate events.

Talk to your crewmembers about how to be safe on-line:

- Things to watch out for on-line include companies that try to sell you things, violent or sexual pictures, and people who want to meet kids for selfish or illegal reasons.
- Ask a parent or other trusted adult before giving any personal information on-line. Personal information includes your full name, age or birthdate, gender, address, school name, telephone or cell number, and parent's credit card number.
- People may not be who they claim to be in chat rooms. They can lie about anything, including gender, age, and location.
- Do not open files or e-mails from people you do not know.
- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you have met on-line.
- As a skipper, if you hear youth talking about a new Internet "friend" who sounds too good to be true, take action. Talk to them, talk to their parents; do what you can to prevent a meeting.
- Invite a local detective to talk to your unit about Internet safety.
- Skippers and Crew Advisors are urged to do your part to educate your youth's parents. If they think their child is having inappropriate contact with someone on the Internet, their computer can be a valuable source of evidence intelligence to the police, who might be able to resolve the situation without risk to the youth.

The BSA Youth Protection Training provides DVDs with segments on "Internet Safety". These DVDs are age-specific for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers, and are available from your local Council or at [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org).

For more information about Internet safety geared for teens, including a discussion guide and a pledge for safe Internet use, check out the BSA-approved NetSmartz website at [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org).





**JUST FOR FUN...**

**This quote is from writer George Bernard Shaw.**

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((Puzzle courtesy of [www.pennypress.com](http://www.pennypress.com) "Penny Press Means Puzzle Pleasure"))

**And the CRYPTOQUIP Solution:**

*When a city's navy is battling in its own harbor, people could claim it has the home port advantage.*



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**Watch for our next issue: Fall 2009, Vol.13 No.4, to be released in the fourth quarter. Please submit any newsworthy items to the Editor before November 1st. Thank you for your ongoing support.**

Oops! We omitted photo credits for the Delaware Valley Flotilla 2009 President's Day Training Weekend article in the last issue. Pictures were also provided by John Grauvogel and Anita Below from Ship 178-PA. -Editor