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Greetings to all my Sea Scouts and Sea Scout Families

As we enter the New Year, we have a chance to reflect back on a century of Sea Scouts and the visions of James Wilder and Thomas Keane who best envisioned the growth of the program. The Sea Scouts have come a long way, encountering high seas and stormy weather to arrive at our Centennial port.

In our Centennial year, we have a number of celebrations, commemorations, as well as a host of fun activities to attend.

We can start with the New England Flotilla Rendezvous at Fort Trumbull on July 13, followed shortly with the Chesapeake Flotilla Baltimore Harbor Centennial Event on July 20. For the five

Northeast Region sailing teams attending the prestigious 2012 Koch Cup there will be a grand celebration during the international regatta. The Liberty Flotilla will hold a week long celebration beginning August 12, with a full day commemoration on August 17 for the Amochol Sea Scout Camp, the oldest and longest running Sea Scout camp in America {1932-1962}. On September 8, the Liberty Flotilla in conjunction with the Greater New York Council will host a Sea Scout Awareness Day.

I am sure that more Centennial events will be filed and approved as we head into the summer.

One thing is certain Sea Scouts will continue to thrive and grow with the help of our young adults in the program and through the ongoing mentoring by our senior leaders.

The vision of Wilder and Keane has been passed on and we will see a stronger future and solid program. All that matters now is what's ahead, coming together and sustaining the recognition of the past into our future.

Best Regards

Noel E. Guzman
Commodore
Northeast Region
Sea Scouts-BSA

Ship 90 Receives Flagship Fleet Award

By Christian Chludzinski, Boatswain, Ship 90

This 100th anniversary year of Sea Scouting is not only a huge milestone for our national and regional Sea Scouting programs; it also brings a huge milestone for Ship 90, North Star, of New Milford, Pennsylvania. At our 70th annual Bridge of Honor on the 2nd of January, Ship 90 was officially presented with the 2011 National Flagship Fleet award by Jessica Gall, the Regional Vice-Commodore for Program, also a former Regional Boatswain. As the only ship in the Northeast Region to earn the Flagship Fleet award, we are extremely honored to have been selected as one of the four recipients this year.

In order to earn the National Flagship Fleet award, the scouts of Ship 90 had to log extensive hours of training and on-water activities, and we also had to ensure that a large percentage of our scouts advanced in rank. In order to complete the necessary number of on-water and training hours in 2010, Ship 90 conducted a white-water canoe trip and a weeklong cruise on the ketch DerPelikan, and we also participated in the Catoctin training weekend and the Regional Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball. We continued to build our program in 2011, again participating in Catoctin and the RBOH, going on another white-water canoe trip, a 9-day sailing odyssey on the Delaware Bay (largely made possible by Ship 198; thanks, guys!), participating in a weekend cruise on the schooner Mystic Whaler, and spending many hours sailing and canoeing on the numerous lakes in our area. We have also advanced most of our members over the past two years, including over half of our crew earning Apprentice, and two scouts earning Able, so we're hoping for two Quartermasters next year! All this contributed not only to the Flagship Fleet award, but also made the 2010/2011 boating seasons two of the most fun and enjoyable summers that we've had to date.

I have to give a special thank you to Ship 90's Skipper, Chuck Jaget, and our Council Commodore, Ron Hall, for all the work they put in to make this award a reality. As the Boatswain of Ship 90, I can tell you that my scouts have worked their tails off for this award, so we're very grateful to the committee for selecting us for Flagship Fleet 2011. Good luck to all the ships in the Northeast Region who are going for National Flagship 2012, and may all of you have fair winds and following seas this year.



Centennial Spirit Sails On

By Skipper Chip Rieve

With the beginning of a new year comes a new tradition for Sea Scout Ship 110. On the First of January, 5 scouts (Jeff Morgan, Jordan Kovacs, Allison Wendt, Nick Wokanovicz, Noah Turner) and 2 adults (Connor Rieve, Chip Rieve) journeyed out on the cold waters of Long Island Sound and set sail. When the ship got underway and all sails were set there were only a few ripples on the water and the sun warm on our faces. Soon after, the dead air would come alive and would make it a day never forgotten. Within 15 minutes of setting sail the wind grew to 15 knots and the calm seas turned turbulent as waves crashed over the bow. The sun kept shining a warm 50 degrees which made the crew forget that it was January 1 and for a few hours they enjoyed sailing around the Sound and having a great time. Kicking off the Centennial Anniversary Year for the Sea Scouts, this seemed like the only way to celebrate it right was to be on the water!

Here are some photos from the trip:



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The 2012 Northeast Region SEAL courses will be:



Northeast Region SL-54-MD-2012

Date: June 23-July 1, 2012

Location: **Chesapeake Bay, Maryland**

Vessel/type: SSTV *Der PeLiKan* (44' Morgan ketch)

Contact: Skipper Doug Yeckley email douglas.yeckley@comcast.net

Northeast Region SL-55-NY-2012

Date: June 23-July 1, 2012

Location: **Long Island Sound, New York**

Vessel/type: SSTV *Resolution* (Hinckley 40 Bermuda yawl)

Contact: Skipper Noel E. Guzman email sss441Vigilant@nyc.rr.com

To acquire an application please follow the link

http://www.newseascout.org/index.php?option=com_edocman&task=document.viewdoc&id=6&Itemid=183

Applications must be submitted by March 1, 2012. Sea Scouts must be Ordinary Rank by June 1st.



Hope to see your Ship at the 30th **Northeast Region, BSA, Bridge of Honor and Sea Scout Ball** on **Saturday, March 24, 2012**. We will rendezvous at the Holiday Inn Select in Bridgeport, New Jersey.



The theme this year is: **100 Years of Sea Scouts – An American Tradition Since 1912!**

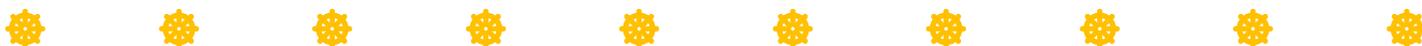
Boarding Manual has been posted on the NER website at:

<http://neregion.seascout.org/2012%20RBOH%20Bdg%20Manual.pdf>

Prices are \$50 for banquet, \$86 for room.

Deadline for registrations February 17, 2012.

Questions? Contact Beth Parks, RBOH Registrar, at elizabeth.parks@stryker.com.



The Northeast Region will be hosting the **Centennial Seabadge Conference** (SB-13-PA-2012) Friday to Sunday, October 5-7, 2012, at the U.S. Coast Guard Station, Sector Delaware Bay in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For more information contact Seabadge SB-13-PA-2012 Course Director Skipper Ann Newman at 215-676-5772 or by e-mail at newskipper@aol.com.

To obtain your application for the Northeast Region Centennial Seabadge Conference, go to the Northeast Region Web site at:

<http://neregion.seascout.org/SB-13-PA-2012.pdf>



A VIEW FROM THE FO'C'S'LE

RYAN MOCK
REGIONAL BOATSWAIN'S MATE
NORTHEAST REGION



My name is Ryan Mock, the up and coming Northeast Regional Boatswain. I am a senior at Cape Henlopen High School in Lewes, Delaware. Lacrosse is my sport of choice but I have spent a lot of time involved in competitive sailing. I'm in love with the water and have been since I was a small child. That's why being a Sea Scout was a natural fit for me!

Service--in particular--military service is highly valued in my family, so I feel the call to do my duty to my country. My father, who served as an enlisted sailor, endowed my brother and I with a sense of responsibility to serve. I have been in structured, goal-oriented programs for most of my life and believe that I would do well in the military and be able to contribute through the leadership skills those programs have helped me to develop.

While my brother attended the academy I watched and learned and listened to the principles instilled by that institution and held close by those attending the academy - Honor, Courage, and Commitment. I would like to follow him and serve as an officer in the United States Navy. I have endeavored to structure my activities to prepare myself as a potential candidate for that honor. In the ninth grade I joined Annapolis Sea Cadet Division to educate myself about naval procedure. Sea Scouts also provides many opportunities for hands-on nautical training through rank advancement and crew activities and leadership challenges like SEAL.

As the Regional Boatswain in 2012 I will do my best to attend as many events as possible throughout our centennial year whether it is regattas or jamborees, but I am especially looking forward to the get together in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Hope to see many of you there as well!

Just for fun . . .

Are you a Geo-Genius? Test your knowledge with questions from the [National Geographic Bee](#).



1. Lake Winnebago drains into Lake Michigan in what state located north of Illinois?
2. What river, used by early fur traders, flows near Springfield, Hartford, and Middletown?
3. Lake Champlain is located on the western side of what state?
4. What river flows near Twin Falls, Payette, and Weiser before it cuts through Hell's Canyon?
5. Seneca Lake, the largest of the Finger Lakes, is located southwest of Syracuse in what state?
6. Mumbai and Karachi are ports on what broad arm of the Indian Ocean?
7. Mono Lake is located east of Yosemite National Park in what state?
8. The country of Luxembourg shares its name with a province in what neighboring country?
9. Lake of the Ozarks provides electricity and recreational opportunities in what state located north of Arkansas?
10. What city, a west-central commercial and tourism center, was previously the capital of Morocco?
11. The Orange River forms the border between South Africa and what country on the Atlantic Ocean?
12. What is the largest island in French Polynesia?
13. Name the provincial capital at the southern end of Vancouver Island.
14. The Mekong River supports rice growing areas before emptying into what arm of the Pacific Ocean?
15. The seaports of Gdansk and Kaliningrad have direct access to what large sea?
16. The world's smallest independent country is an enclave within what capital city?
17. Which country northeast of Borneo includes the island of Palawan and the Sulu archipelago?
18. Lake Balaton is located in the Transdanubia region of what country?
19. One of Europe's busiest ports is on the Schelde River in Belgium. Name this city.
20. Which Pacific island country is an archipelago that was formerly known as the New Hebrides?

Just for Fun . . .

Answer to last issue's puzzle:

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I have been one acquainted with the night. / I have walked out in rain--and back in rain. / I have outwalked the furthest city light. -- Robert Frost, "Acquainted with the Night"

from Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of Quotations

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Watch for our next issue: Spring 2012, Vol.16 No.2, to be released in the second quarter of the Sea Scout Centennial Year! If you have any submissions of newsworthy items, send them to the Editor before April 30th. Thank you for your ongoing support of our great Sea Scout e-newsletter!