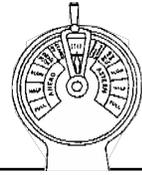




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Adam James receiving the bo's'n's office from Matt Magorka as crewmembers look on. (From left to right) Blake Leedy, Amy Sibert, Christina Kerns, and Eamonn Sirhal.

Story by Blake Leedy, Regional Boatswains Mate

**Jerry Crabtree** piloted S.E.A.L. NE-1 to a successful conclusion. From June to July this summer I was lucky enough to have been selected for the first ever S.E.A.L. (Sea Scout Advanced Leadership) Training class for the Northeast Region on the Chesapeake Bay. Five other Sea Scouts from all over the country successfully completed this course in a fully scheduled week. During this week we were taught many useful skills to help our own Ships and Sea Scouting grow stronger. Many different challenges were given to the group to overcome. Some of these challenges were planned and others were unexpected. In the end I can say that there were three major areas in which I grew stronger; the first being the refining and in some cases the relearning of chapter five in the Sea Scout Manual, everything in this chapter was used in one way or another throughout the week. Another strength gained during the week was personal. I learned many things that will help me through life -- some were taught and others were learned through the challenges we faced. The third and most beneficial area that I found that week were the skills taught to be a better leader. Since I returned from the SEAL Training week my ship has gained five new members, had more active and better planned meetings, shared activities with other ships, and the Quarterdeck has taken charge of events which were entirely handled by the adult leaders in the past. If you are interested in the SEAL Training calendared for next year, and you meet the requirements, apply! It'll change your life. Thanks Skipper and staff !!!



# NEW QUARTERMASTER

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If you have a question or comment about what you read in this newsletter or something related to Sea Scouting, we'd like to hear from you. Please cast us a line at the address listed below.

## Deadline

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Sea Scout Ship 39, the Ranger, of New Jersey celebrated the advancement of its newest Quartermaster, **Michael Formisano**. Skipper Ed Berger points out that Michael is only the fourth Quartermaster in the Ship's history and the first in 25 years! For over six years Michael has been a consistently active Sea Scout. In 1994 Michael was chosen Ship's Boatswain. Prior to that he served as the Crew Leader for two years. He set up the itinerary for many of the SSS Ranger's functions, and developed initiatives that lead to the advancement of several of his Shipmates. Michael received the Small-boat Handler pin, the Long Cruise badge, and the Sea Explorer of-the-Year Recognition in 1994 for his Ship.

Michael was an active member in Troop 14, where he earned the Star rank and served as a Patrol Leader.

In addition to his responsibilities in Ship 39, Michael was very active at Hackensack High School where he joined the TV Studio.

He acted as a cameraman for the morning news show and later became the director! He worked the sound system for school plays, taped athletic activities, concerts and assemblies. He was hired to broadcast taped shows on the school's TV station.

Outside HHS, Michael joined the **BECTON DICKINSON COMPANY** outreach campaigns urging inoculation of children. With **BECTON DICKINSON** he also helped to promote the "Juvenile Walk for Diabetes" and he participated in the "Habitat for Humanity". Michael is also a volunteer at **Hackensack University Medical Center**, at the Institute for Child Development's Physical Therapy Department.

Michael will be attending the **University of the Sciences** in Philadelphia in September, where he will be majoring in Physical Therapy. Michael thanks all the members, past and present, of the Sea Scout Ship Ranger, his friends and his family for helping him to achieve the honor of this high rank.





**Brian M. Fennessy** of Ship 6 in Point Pleasant Beach NJ was awarded his Eagle Scout Rank on July 15, 1998. Brian is a charter member of Ship 6 and its first Boatswain. In 1996 Brian and seven other young adults organized Ship 6 from Point Pleasant Beach, N.J. The Point

Pleasant Presbyterian Church sponsors the Ship. Presently

Brian is the representative to the Venture Officers Association of the Jersey Shore Council and the association's newsletter editor.

Brian is a 1998 graduate of Point Pleasant High and will be attending York College of Pennsylvania this fall where he will be majoring in secondary education and biology. Brian would like to be a high school science teacher when he graduates from college.

Brian received the President's Scholarship from York College of Pennsylvania.

Brian's hobbies are restoring his 1976 Toyota Landcruiser, swimming and scuba diving. Brian is a PADI certified diver. Brian has been employed for the past three summers as a lifeguard. In the summer of '96 Brian was a lifeguard for the Greater New York City BSA Council at Ten Miler River Scout Reservation in Narrowsburg, New York. For the past two summers Brian has been a lifeguard for the Point Pleasant Recreation Department working at the municipal beaches.

Brian's Court of Honor was August 27, 1998 at the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.



***Greetings from the Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 723!***

Our ship in South Lake Tahoe, California, has been in existence since 1995, and it's my pleasure to announce that two of our Sea Scouts, **Mike Gallaway and Justin Williams**, passed their boards of review this year for the Eagle Scout Award, while another, **Matt Williams** (also an Eagle with the Bronze, Gold, and Silver Palms), became the first to pass his board for the Quartermaster Award. Although located in the high Sierras of California,

we're part of the Nevada Area Council; council executives have informed me that Matt may have been the first to earn the QM award ever in this council. The ship's officers and I are currently planning a Court and Bridge of Honor for these young men for sometime in the fall.

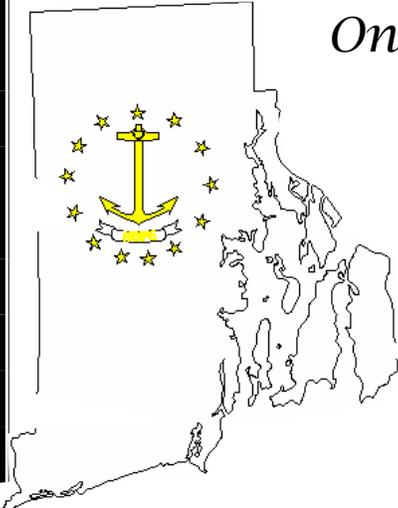
Mike and Justin are both high school juniors and active with the high school's Navy JROTC program. Matt, a 1998 high school graduate, was recently appointed to the Air Force Academy.



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**SEA SCOUTS**



*On behalf of the Rendezvous Committee,  
I am pleased to announce  
the First Annual  
Sink Or Swim (S.O.S.)  
Rendezvous*

*sponsored by the Narragansett Council.*

The Rendezvous will be held at Fort Adams State Park and the Museum of Yachting in **Newport, Rhode Island** on 2-4 October 1998

Registration information has been mailed to Ships in the N.E. Region, and is also available on the N.E. Region web page (<http://www.seascout.org/neregion/>) under N.E. Region events.

The focal point of the weekend will be a plywood boat building contest and regatta (see the web page for the official list of materials). In addition, we will have competitive events planned and executed by the participating ships.

Details on the competitive events will follow as Ships submit registration preferences.

**Charles Chopin, Skipper**  
SSS 12, Newport

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*Throw a line and tie up to one of  
the coming boat shows!*



- Newport Means Boat Show Newport RI Sep 17-20
- Norwalk International Boat Show Norwalk CT Sep 24-27
- United State Sail Boat Show Annapolis MD Oct 8-12
- United States Power Boat Show Annapolis MD Oct 15-18
- Ft. Lauderdale Int'l Boat Show Ft Lauderdale FL Oct 29 - Nov 2
- Sail Expo St Pete '98 St Petersburg FL Nov 5-8
- A.C. Int'l Power Boat Show Atlantic City NJ Jan 13-17 '99
- Seattle International Boat Show Seattle WA Jan 15-24
- Strictly Sail Chicago Chicago IL Jan 28-31
- Sail Expo Atlantic City Atlantic City NJ Feb 4-8
- Miami International Boat Show Miami Beach FL Feb 11-17
- Strictly Sail New England Hartford CT Mar 18-21
- Pacific Sail Expo '99 Oakland CA Apr 14-18

On the weekend of May 22 thru the 25th our ship, (S.S.S. Chasseur of Marchester, MD) and many other ships camped at Greenwell State Park (MD). There everyone competed in the **Henry Nygard Regatta**, a very well organized event. There were many competitions such as signaling, pulling boat, heaving line, canoeing, swimming, bo'sons chair lift, navigation, and many more. All though the events were competitive the judging was fair and the competition was friendly. This Regatta obviously took a lot of planning from the many co-ordinators and the individual ships. Ship 320 would personally like to thank everyone who helped to make the **1998 Henry Nygard Regatta** such a pleasure to attend.

We hope to see all the same and many new faces at our regatta next year!



*Your friends in  
Sea Scouting,  
Tara Smith, Yeoman  
Stephanie Glover, Crew member*



As the sailing season is winding down here in Northeast Region, I hope everyone is as sunburned from being out on the water as some of the Sea Scouts in my area. We've had a great time this summer haven't we? Wouldn't it be great if more people knew about Scouting's best kept secret, Sea Scouting?

Let's think for a minute about that. Why is Sea Scouting such a secret? Ask yourself the question, "When was the last time I attended my district Scout Roundtable?" "Why doesn't my Ship participate in the local mall show?" "Why don't my Sea Scouts visit local Boy Scout and Senior Girl Scout Troops?" "When was the last time my Ship submitted an article with photos to our local newspaper?"

I get newsletters from several Ships around the Region that would have no trouble answering any of these questions. "The Parrot" from S.S.S. North Star in New Milford, Pennsylvania is always loaded with copies of articles in the local paper. Guess what ... Sea Scouting is pretty well known in the England Mountains of North Central PA. Pretty amazing, right? Not really. They have a great program and they're not bashful about letting people know about it. Maybe there's a lesson there for the rest of us.

By now your local Scouting professional has returned from the 'All-Hands' conference in Nashville. He or she should have returned

with lots of goodies about the new Venturing Division of which we are now a part. Ask your exec for copies of everything they can share. There are new youth protection materials out for our age group, as well as Venturing promotional and training materials. Become familiar with this information because Sea Scouting is now a part of Venturing. ... and the consensus on both the Regional and National Sea Scouting Committees is that this is going to be good news for our program.

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Speaking of which, the Regional Sea Scouting Committee will be meeting at the Region

office on October 3rd, and the National Sea Scouting Committee will be meeting at the New London Sub Base October 22-24. If there are issues that you would like to see added to either of these groups' agendas, now is the time to be letting me know. Please send your thoughts to me via US mail at 6148 Llanfair Drive, Columbia, MD 21044-3829.

Another item that needs your input is that a new edition of the "Sea Exploring Manual" is needed. What we need to know is *specifically* what could use adjustment and *how*? Please copy any pages that need revision and give me very specific instructions for what you think needs to be changed. While I welcome your input any time, comments for this revision should be sent to me via US mail not later than 15 October 98.

Keep up the good work! You are making a difference in the lives of young adults in your hometown. Wishing you smooth sailing ... *Bruce*



## SEAL Course Held in Florida Keys

**Jeremiah Johnson** is a SEAL, not a Bull-Frog!

Story by **J. Johnson**

SEAL week for me consisted of snorkeling and sailing in the Florida Keys on board the Sea Scout vessel Sea Wolf, a 44 foot cutter. We cooked everything from pasta primavera to porterhouse steak and moored at Key Largo, Key West, and toured Miami both day and night!

Besides myself, other trainees were from Oklahoma (Rachel), California (Nic and Sierra), and England (Dave and David). I was voted the M.V.P. (most valuable person) for the training week and also won the knot tying contest by 39 seconds. We had

staff reports to turn in for a grade on an imaginary week sailing trip, including doing the research to find the prices on different charters. We also had a plan of action assignment, which was a report on what our ship has planned for the coming year.

The SEAL training week was well worth the trip and I highly recommend it for anyone who wants to improve their navigation, seamanship, and leadership skills. The course is intense, and only the well prepared and well educated sea scouts will pass.

## SAVE THE DATE

### The Fall Gam at Sheffield Island

will be Oct 10-11.

There will be:

station by station competition between composite crews, a lobster bake and bonfire, a clean up of the island as a service project.

Sail in or we can arrange transportation by land -- by appointment with ample advance notice.

We are limited by Norwalk Seaport Association to one hundred participants.

Please send me an e-mail if you have the remotest idea of attending so I can send you the flyer when it is ready.

**Roger Crossland**

Commodore

Sea Scout Squadron

Connecticut Yankee Council

\*A "gam" is a social gathering of seafarers especially whalers.

The leaders, **Jim Elroy** (skipper) and **Heather Waddington** (XO) were very up-to-date and helpful.

Upon completion of the course, I was presented the silver twin dolphins.

Note:

Jeremiah serves as the Boatswain for Sea Scout Ship North Star, of New Milford PA.

Ron Hall, Skipper, Ship 90

Mark Ritter, Committeeman, Ship 90



# News from the Seven Seas



## Scout Movement!

### Newfoundland and Labrador 1999

The 8th Newfoundland and Labrador Jamboree will be held at the provincial campsite, Camp Nor'Wes, on the eastern edge of Terra Nova National Park, from July 3 to July 10, 1999. The site has been developed especially for this jamboree and will be the site of all future jamborees. The theme for the week long event will be "Nor'Wes Passage" and the theme of exploration and discovery will be incorporated into program activities. Participation for the event is limited to 1100 Scout, Venturer, and adult leaders. 200 spaces have been reserved for out of province groups. The jamboree fee is \$CD 125.00 per participant. Staff "Offers of Service" will be advertised in our September provincial newsletter. If you would like further information on this jamboree, please write: Scouts Canada, 15 Terra Nova Road, St. John's, NF. A1B 1E7 or better still, fax (709)722-5407.



### Coming Up



December 27 - January 6, 19th World Jamboree Santiago, Chile

15th BSA July 23-August 1, 2001 Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia U.S.A.

20th World December 2002-January 2003 Bangkok, Thailand

16th BSA July 25-August 3, 2005 Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

21st World 2007 100th Anniversary of Scouting in England

17th BSA July 26-August 4, 2010 Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

100th Anniversary of Scouting in the U.S.A.



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**Deep Creek**

This past weekend 80 Sea Scouts and their leaders convened at Western Maryland's Deep Creek Lake State Park to sail, canoe, swim, row, motorboat and just plain have a good time. The weather was very cooperative and besides learning a lot of new skills, the Sea Scouts had a great time. Congratulations to Ship 59 of Frederick, Maryland for winning the pulling boat race.

Ship 548 came in a close second. Next year's Sea Scout Training Weekend at Deep Creek State Park will be held from 6-8 August. We will be adding two new competitions next year -- a canoe slalom race and a sailing race.



*You won't want to miss it!!!!*

**Regional Committee Members**

**NOW HEAR THIS!**

The Committe will be meeting at the Northeast Region Office, Saturday, October 3, 1998 from 1100 to 1500.



Vice Commodores are asked to please be on deck at 1000. The region office is at 10 Centre Drive, Jamesburg, NJ. As with last fall's meeting, we will be providing lunch for those who order it in advance. The cost will be announced shortly, but is likely to be around \$10. When Bob Legg gets the specifics on lunch, I will pass it along.

Questions?

Contact me at <commodore@seascout.org>

or 202-707-1652 (daytime).

That is all.



## Arlington Sea Scout Ship Sets Sail in Boston

By Davis Jones

Sea Scout Ship 1942 recently completed its 1998 Long Cruise out of Boston Harbor to points north. After months of planning and washing cars to raise the money, we were finally on our way. Ship 1942 is a co-ed Scouting program for kids from 14 - 20 sponsored by St. George's Episcopal Church in Arlington, VA and is supported by Ft. Washington Marina, Washington Sailing Marina, and the Navy League of Northern Virginia.

At 0900 on August 2, we boarded "Edna", an 87' schooner that would be our home and transportation for the next four days. After stowing our gear and getting oriented to the boat, we cast off and raised sails. The Sea Scouts quickly realized several differences between sailing our small cruising boats and a schooner with two masts, five sails and more lines than anyone could remember. Nonetheless, we moved the boat well, and set a course north to Gloucester at almost 7 knots of boat speed in 15 knots of wind. We anchored in the Gloucester Harbor, and after walking around town, spent a quiet night with the waves gently lapping against the hull.



On Monday morning we eased out of Gloucester and set sail eastward through open water to Provincetown on the tip of Cape Cod. On the way, we would pass over the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary, a frequent haven for humpback and fin whales. Everyone was on deck watching as we approached the area, and were rewarded with several whale sightings. While the whale watching tour boats kept us company, it was the first time many of us had been out of sight of land. As such the day offered a great opportunity to practice offshore navigation. Unfortunately, a few of our sextant readings put us somewhere off the Georgia coast, giving the Scouts a vivid example of the usefulness of modern technology such as GPS and LORAN (and the limitations of a cheap, plastic sextant).



We rounded Cape Cod as the wind died down, and anchored in the Provincetown harbor. After almost twenty-four hours on board, everyone was eager to stand on dry land, see the sites and eat some ice cream. The next day lead to an early departure, and a long



## BSA LAUDS USCG SUPPORT



The Boy Scouts of America recently recognized the US Coast Guard during the BSA National Exploring Leadership Conference held in Washington, DC, on July 17, 1998. **RADM Timothy W. Josiah** received BSA's highest Exploring recognition, the National **William H. Spurgeon III Award**, on behalf of the Coast Guard.

Created in 1972 the Spurgeon Award recognizes either individuals or organizations that have provided exceptional leadership and support to Exploring over an extended period of time. This award represents the selfless



(L-R: Robert Bedingfield, Chair, National Explorer Leadership Conference; Rear Admiral Timothy W. Josiah, US Coast Guard; Chief of Staff, Bruce Chr. Johnson, Commodore, Northeast Region Sea Scout Committee; Captain James A. Umberger, US Coast Guard (ret.), National Commodore, Sea Scouts, BSA)

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motor back toward Boston while we waited for the morning wind that didn't come until after lunch. The down time was dedicated to building skills with lines, knots and splices as well as practice polishing brass. After lunch, the wind built, sails went up, and we sped on to Boston.

That night, we anchored between Gallops Island and George's Island, the home of Fort Warren, built to protect Boston Harbor during the Civil War. After all the tourists left, we had a lovely cookout on shore, and several hours of vicious card games back on board. By Wednesday morning it became painfully obvious that several of us badly needed baths. Following the example of their outgoing leader, all the Scouts plunged into the frigid north sea for a quick swim. After breakfast, we sailed off our anchor and headed to Edna's home berth, sailing past the USS Constitution. The rest of the trip was spent sightseeing around Boston and learning how to walk on terra firma once again.



efforts that promote special-interest Exploring such as Sea Scouting. In appreciation of the Coast Guard's assistance and support to Sea Scouting for over a half century, the Coast Guard was cited for providing boating-related public education courses, inclusion of Sea Scouts alongside Coast Guard cadets on summer training cruises aboard CGC EAGLE, and the group and individual efforts from Auxiliarists, Reservists, and Active Duty members. The Coast Guard has supported the Sea Exploring Exhibits of the past three BSA National Jamborees. Annually, the Coast Guard hosts several regattas, as well as routinely supplements staffing at "nautoramas" and local Sea Scout programs nationwide. The Coast Guard also sponsors over

two percent of

