



Sea Scouting in the CENTRAL REGION

Fall 2009 Edition

Welcome to the Fall edition of the Central Region Sea Scout Newsletter. Each of these newsletters will provide more information you may find useful for your Sea Scout Program. This newsletter is a way to highlight what has been happening in Sea Scouting in the Central Region. To contribute to this newsletter please send us an email at crseascouting_newsletter@live.com.



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Notable Events this summer:

CR Sea Scouting had 3 Koch Cup Qualifying Regattas this summer. The results of the races are in this newsletter

- **Jayhawk Cup**
- **Smith Cup**
- **Lorain Regatta**

Simon Kenton Council hosted its 6th Annual Sea Scout Rendezvous for Sea Scouts in Area 4.

Don't Forget to signup for the Koch Cup. Applications can now be filled out online at :

<https://seascoutcup.org/>

A few Words of Wisdom:

Another exciting summer for Sea Scouting. With all of the fun events to participate in, I hope that no one missed out. As school starts up this fall, I hope to continue having as much fun, and while I get some major projects done. This has been the second successful release for a regional newsletter, which will continue to be released quarterly. I am excited to be working with our new National Boatswain: Connor Rieve, and the other Regional Boatswains this year.

Looking to the future, I hope to see an increase in membership, better promotion and recognition of awards, and some younger officers. If you would like to contribute as an officer in charge or boatswain, feel free to send me an email or Facebook message.

Remember, Sea Scouting is a youth run program, and is what you want to make it be. So, flip onto the next page to see what there is new happening in Sea Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

Tim Stanfill

National Sea Scout Boatswain - Connor Rieve



Connor Rieve is this year's National Boatswain for Sea Scouts, B.S.A. He is from Bethel, Connecticut and a member of Sea Scout Ship 110. I have asked him to let us know a little bit more about him, and here is what he shared.

He has been in Boy Scouts since enrolling as a Tiger Cub in first grade, and joined Sea Scouts at the age of 14. He quickly rose through the ranks and became the Boatswain of Ship 110 from 2005 to 2007. He has attained the rank of Able and is currently working towards his Quartermaster. He has earned is Qualified Seaman and Small Boat Handler award. Connor has been active on the local, flotilla, and regional level. He has taught each year at the SUNY Sea Scout Training Day at Fort Schuyler, NY and attended the Presidents Day Sea Scout Training Weekend in Tabernacle, NJ as well as numerous council events. In the summer of 2006 he participated in Texas SEAL and earned the prestigious SEAL pin. He took first place in Deck Seamanship and placed third overall. He most recently served the Northeast Region as the Regional Boatswain.

In High School, he was a Cadet in the Naval Junior Reserves Officers Training Corp and served as the Weapons Office and Judge Advocate General. He rose through the ranks from Seaman Recruit to Petty Officer to Chief Petty Officer. He was then promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and served as second in command as the Executive Officer of the unit. He received the United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award for academic achievement, and in the summer of 2006 was chosen to attend as a SWAB on the summer training cruise aboard the United States Coast Guard Barque Eagle sailing from Newport, Rhode Island to Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

While in high school he was a member of his church's youth group. Each summer, he spent a week on a mission trip that the church group sponsored. He worked on renovating a home for an elderly family, and made repairs to a house belonging to a handicap man and his family. In 2007, he participated in the Youth Services Opportunity Project working in a local homeless shelter in Washington D.C. Currently he is a junior at Pennsylvania College of Technology, working on earning his Bachelors of Science degree in Residential Building Construction Management.

Higher Opportunities

Have you ever been to Philmont, Northern Tier, or Seabase? What if you could spend your entire summer there? As a Sea Scout or Venturer, you can apply to staff for the BSA National High Adventure bases. Sounds like a fun and interesting summer job! Take a look at this new promotional video by the Boy Scouts of America on Youtube and see what you think.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NHpRu4MI6c>

Philmont Website: <http://www.scouting.org/philmont>

Northern Tier Website: <http://www.ntier.org/>

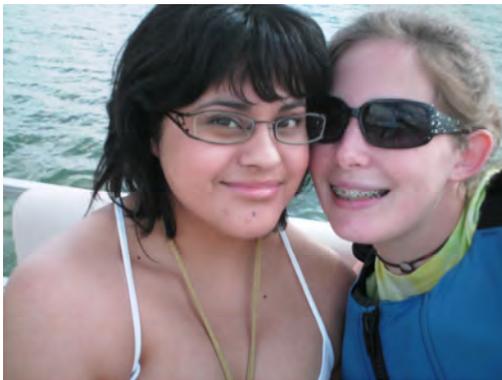
Sea Base Website: <http://www.bsaseabase.org/>



Simon Kenton Council Sea Scout Rendezvous

The 6th Annual Sea Scout Rendezvous (Area 4) occurred on August 21-23 in Columbus, Ohio. Despite minor rain, over 75 Sea Scouts, Venturers and older Boy Scouts had fun experiencing Sea Scouting. These scouts came from all over Ohio, to join in the fellowship and fun. These scouts met other youth their age and explored water activities such as: swimming, kayaking, tubing, motor boating, and sailing and ate good food. 6 Scouts were able to complete the requirements for the Kayaking, BSA award as well. To make this event possible, I would like to thank Council Boatswain: Jared Holloway, the Council VOA, and Ship 468 Skipper: Jeff Lockhart.

We look forward to celebrating 100 years of Scouting and seeing all of you there next year!



Race Results—Jayhawk Cup:

Two local youth sailors have qualified to attend the Koch Cup International Sea Scout Regatta hosted by the US Coast Guard Academy in August 2010. Representing Sea Scout Ship 5703 and the Shawnee Heights High School Navy JROTC, Cadets Ky Hudgins and Bailie Richards will travel to New London, CT next summer to sail against the best Sea Scouts from around the world.

The Jayhawk Cup Regatta was hosted by Ship 5703 at Clinton Lake on the weekend of 7-9 August. The regatta qualified the top two teams to represent the Central Region (West) at the Koch Cup International Sea Scout Regatta. Qualifying in first place was a team from Ship 542, hailing from in Council Bluffs, IA. Hudgins and Richards finished second.

Conditions for the regatta were warm, sunny and breezy. A total of 8 teams sailed in the regatta. A preliminary race was used to separate the racers into upper level (Jayhawk) and lower level (Baby Jay) Fleets. Shawnee Heights sailors John Atkinson and Dakota Myers went on to win the Baby Jay Cup.

The level of competition for the Jayhawk Cup was extraordinary. The brother-sister team of Patrick and Natasha Mason placed 1-2-2-1-1 in the race series, with Hudgins and Richards finishing 2-1-1-2-2. The two boats were never separated by more than 30 seconds, with most finishes decided by less than 10 seconds. There were lead changes in almost every race. Skipper, Commander Jeff Richards and Mate, Chief Darrel Bishop of Ship 5703 watched from the safety boat; a number of parents and spectators watched from shore. All agreed that the Jayhawk Cup represented some of the best, closest and most exciting sailing they'd ever seen. Commander Richards said he'd been present at the America's Cup races in 1984 and watched the recent Olympic sailing from Beijing on TV, but with the close racing and having his daughter in a boat, he'd never been more emotionally invested in a sailboat

Jayhawk Cup continued.

race. Emotions also ran high at the awards ceremony, where the competing sailors said their good-byes and selected Tecumseh cadets Rachel Sampson and Sarah Remfry for the Kansas City Sailing Sportsmanship Award by virtue of their gutsy performance throughout the regatta.

Support and sponsorship for the Jayhawk Cup regatta was provided by the Kansas Sailing Association, the University of Kansas Sail Club, and Kansas City Sailing, Inc. in North Lawrence. The name-sake of the Koch Cup International Sea Scout regatta is Kansas native Bill Koch. Bill Koch's relationship with the Sea Scout program pre-dates his career as a successful international businessman and winning America's Cup skipper. It began more than 50 years ago when the Wichita native enrolled in a summer sailing program at Culver Military Academy in Indiana. Modeled after the Sea Scout Program, Koch cites his early sailing experience as one that would alter the course of his life. "I learned then that the true art of sailing required teamwork, discipline and leadership," he said. "If I could fine tune those skills, then I would be better able to manage the surprises that the sea constantly throws at you."

The 2010 event will be the Fifth Biennial William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup. The now famous youth sailing regatta is open to young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who are actively registered in the Sea Scout program. The six-day event will be held at the Coast Guard Academy's world class Sailing Center. Teams from the United States and twenty countries will test their seamanship and leadership skills as they sail Vanguard 420's. Hudgins and Richards said they can hardly wait for their chance to sail again with their newfound friends Patrick and Natasha Mason, and that they are looking forward to representing the Central Region next summer.

Race Results—

Smith Regatta:

1st Place:

Brielle Seitelman & Heidi Kitimeyer

2nd Place:

Taylor Forsyth & Jack Landwehr

3rd Place:

Nathan Shields & Ross Young

Race Results—

Tom's Country Cup (Lorain):

1st Place:

Ross Young & Nathan Shields

2nd Place:

Connor Kress & Matt Fonner

To see more on the Regatta visit Ship 504 website at:

<http://ship504.weebly.com>



Letters to the Editor

Recently, a fellow Sea Scout and I were talking about what to put in this newsletter, and he suggested writing a letter to the editor. He was not able to get a letter in by the release of this newsletter, however we will be having this section in future newsletters.

To send in a letter to the editor, please email the letter to crseascouting_newsletter@live.com with the subject: Letter to the Editor

Quartermaster Recipients

This year we have had some outstanding Sea Scouts earn the Quartermaster Rank this year. This section of the newsletter is to recognize those scout's hard work. If you want your youth to be recognized please submit their names for our winter edition.



Regional Leadership Opportunities

The Regional Sea Scout Committee has been investigating ways to be able to upgrade our website. As this is a complex task in updating something over 5 years old, we are looking for youth who are interested in volunteering to be a petty officer in charge of the regional website. If you have experience, in any regards, that is great, however if not that is ok as we are just looking for motivated youth to be able to help keep up this site up to date.



Upcoming Sea Scout Events

Operation Rising Tide and Regional Sea Scout Bridge of Honor

East Moline, Illinois
October 9-11, 2009

SEAL (Sea Exploring Advanced Leadership) Training

Locations TBD
Summer 2010

2010 National Scout Jamboree

Fort A.P. Hill, Charlotte County, Virginia
July 16 - August 4, 2010

William I. Koch International Sea Scout Regatta

United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Connecticut
August 1-7, 2010

Operation Rising Tide and Regional Sea Scout Bridge of Honor

Great Lakes Naval Training Center
October 2010

Operation Rising Tide

This year's Operation Rising Tide will be on October 9-11, 2009, in East Moline, IL. (There was a scheduling conflict with Great Lakes Naval Training Center)

Operation Rising Tide (ORT) is a group of Venturing and Sea Scout Schools including leadership, advancement, socialization, specialty skills, and other knowledge & skill bases associated with Sea Scouting and Venturing Programs. This knowledge & skills base is demonstrated in competitions, contests and challenges that show the application of the knowledge and skills in real and simulated experiences.

The ORT Activity has been presented in different Areas with differing emphasis and venues but all have worked to improve leadership and have a good time doing it. The friendships and relationships between Ships, Venturing Crews, Sea Scouts, Venturers, Venturing Advisors, and Sea Scouters have lasted for years and may last for a lifetime.

The advancement activities & challenges range through all of the Sea Scout & Venturing activities, which are requested and supported by advanced registration. To register, please visit the Yahoo group site or contact Mac McNeal at skipper_mac@yahoo.com

Yahoo Group: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ORT_Venture_Sea_Scout_CR/



What is all of this extra space?

Do you have a newsworthy article that you would like to be published throughout the region? Is your ship or council sponsoring an event for Sea Scouts and Venturers that you would like to promote to other scouts in your area? If you answered yes, then you want to make sure that you submit articles to the Central Region Sea Scouting newsletter editors. To be featured in the Winter edition, we will need all content emailed to us before December 14 to ensure that it will make the print deadline. To submit your content, email it to:

crseascouting_newsletter@live.com

Area 4 News

We have filled several of the adult positions in Area 4. My thought was that we place the adults in key positions, have them learn what is expected of them and then fill youth positions. Additional staff members will be added as needed. This way the youth have a Mentor for their office and responsibilities.

Area 4 Officers in Charge:

Operation Rising Tide (ORT)-Mark Hazelrigg- Simon Kenton Council

Program- Mike Althoff-Simon Kenton Council

Communication- Mark VandenPlas- Greater Cleveland Council

Training (Adult and Youth)- John Whiteley- Tri-State Area Council and Buckskin Council

Sarah Nino (past Area Boatswain) is acting Area Boatswain for program.

Dale Hayes, the Area Venturing Advisor, and I have been approached by the Volunteer Area Director to be part of the annual October Area 4 Conference in Zanesville, OH. We will be introducing the OIC's, explaining what our joint goals and visions are and soliciting ideas and expectations from the participants. A Sea Scout Wardroom will be part of the program as well.

We have also been invited to be part of the program for the April Cedar Lakes Commissioners College outside Ripley, WV. We will also hold a Wardroom at this time as well. Both of these opportunities are open for all Skippers, Squadron Commodore's, Area OIC's, and Ship committee members and Mates.

We are also in the concept and planning stages of an Area ORT/Area Venturing XII, Area Kodiak Course, and Area Quarterdeck Training, Adult Training, and an opportunity for Sea Scouts and Venturers to earn the BSA Snorkeling and BSA SCUBA Awards. All of these opportunities will be coming sometime in 2010. More information will be released as becomes available.

Ship 733; Tri-State Area Council held it's annual aquatics Merit Badge weekend in August.

Ship 468; Simon Kenton Council held it's annual Sea Scout Rendezvous, August

Ship 280; Simon Kenton Council held it's annual Sailing Merit Badge weekend, also in August.

We also welcomed a new Ship in Area 4, SSS 1, Ohio River Valley Council.

See you at the Regional meeting in October.

Commodore Thomas Ross

Area 4

From the Area Commodores

AREA 1, Commodore, George N. Battis, Jr., MD, george.battis@securian.com

Ship 67 Sea scouts Ben Mingo and Chris Weatherly try a SCUBA event at a local pool with another Venture Crew. There will be an AQUA day in Area 1 later in August date to be determined that will cover boating, sailing and tubing on the St. Croix River, followed by a cook off challenge. More to follow in the next edition

Area 2, Commodore, Jay Howse, jmhowse@yahoo.com

Ship chartered in Detroit Area Council and most of the members will live in Great Saul Trail Council. Long time Scouter, District Commissioner, and Skipper of Ship 9, Detroit Area Council, David Lowe passed away on 29 October 2008. Please contact me with any and all questions. I usually have my phone on between 9 am and 8 pm every day. The number is (586) 615-9322. Of course, if you must, my email is jmhowse@yahoo.com.

Area 3, Commodore, Bill Hamilton, whami9@aol.com

Here is what ship 542 is doing this summer. Take a look and see if you can learn anything. It can be helpful when working up planning ideas for your ship to be able to tell your youth leaders what other units are doing. We don't reinvent everything. Plus there is a nice plug for both the regattas that are happening in Area 5. Remember they are open to all unit regardless of area. On an area note. We need area Boatswains. Since the old area 5 is now split into two areas (new 5 and new 3) we need a boatswain for each. Please ask you youth. If they love Facebook that would be a plus. Please let me know what your ships are up to

Area 4, Commodore, Tom Ross, tross@ameritech.net

Area 4 is in a bit of transition. We have a new Venturing Chairman, Dale Hayes, (Father of the new Central Region President, Ben Hayes) and the two of us are in Delaware District of Simon Kenton Council. We are working together with OIC, Mark Hazelrigg, to launch an Area ORT opportunity. Dale is beginning to work with the new Area 4 Venturing President, Liz Williams. I have been able to recruit several adult staff members and have a couple of folks that have been contacted to round out what I think are the next key staff members. OIC-ORT: Mark Hazelrigg-Simon Kenton Council OIC-Training: (Youth and Adult) John Whiteley-Tri-State Area Council OIC-Program: CE has been approached for candidate OIC-Communication- Candidate has been approached. Area 4 held it's first Ward Room in April at Cedar Lakes Commissioners College, outside Ripley, West Virginia. For the fact that this was the first try, it was an unqualified success. We received good feedback from those attending. We will hold semi-annual Ward Room meetings, October and April. Please contact Tom Ross for additional information.

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Area 6, Commodore, PROPOSED Interim Coverage by skipper_mac@yahoo.com

Area 7, Commodore, VACANT - Coverage by Charles Manning, cmanning@metalworkingsystems.com



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