

The Central Region Flotilla Log



Summer 2013

Notes from the Central Region Boatswain

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Keep Up With Us!



Ahoy Central Region,

Summer is a Sea Scout Ship's favorite time of year here in Central Region, we anxiously await Long Cruises, days on the water, and other ship activities. This summer will again be an active one in Central Region. Area 3 is hosting Sea Scout Week an Swift Base, Area 2 is hosting the Lake Huron High Adventure Cruise, and for the first time ever Sea Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in the National Scout Jamboree this July at the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve.

Peter Schmidt

Central Region Boatswain

National Sea Scout Website a Great Resource

The National Sea Scout Support Committee has been hard at work designing the new Sea Scout Website. While it is still unfinished the site is an improvement on the older version. The site features many new areas including; an area for Sea Scouts, their leaders, and their parents. It also has a calendar, a Sea Scout Manual Resource Center, updated training pages, a useful resource area filled with documents, and so much more. As the site is finished there will be even more useful items added that will make it easier for each ship to provide a great program to the youth in the organization. Visit SeaScout.org for yourself.

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TRAINING OPS
Training resources for leaders and crews

DOCUMENTS
Forms, manuals, and documents

Area 3 Rendezvous Recap

The Third Annual Central Region Rendezvous (formerly Area 3 Rendezvous) was a huge success. Each year the event has grown. This year Katie Bruton, the Area Three Boatswain, lead the event. Some of the Sea Scout's favorite activities this year were the Cardbaord Canoe Races, The Sailboat Regatta, the Sea Scout Triathlon, the Bonfire, and so many others. Scouts from multiple areas converged on Lake Springfield, Illinois for a weekend of Sea Scout fun. The Fourth Annual Rendezvous will be held May 16-18, 2014 in Springfield Illinois so mark your calendars. [For more pictures, click here.](#)



Area 3 Hosts Sea Scout Week

For the third Summer in a row Sea Scouts from around the Central Region will converge on Swift Base in Knob Lick, MO. Sea Scouts will have ample time to sail on the water in various sized boats, work on rank advancement with well qualified instructors, enjoy all of the area activities, and Huck's Cove an outdoor water park! And that's not even close to all of it. Scouts will make lifelong friends, and be able to work with others to complete rank requirements that would be hard or impossible to complete at the scouts home unit. Several Instructors from around the region will be on our staff to teach boat handling, piloting, and navigation just to name a few. There is no other place to get instruction from seasoned Sea Scouts (One being the longest continually registered Sea Scout known), Retired US Coast Guard personnel, US Power Squadron Instructors, US Coast Guard Licensed Captains, and even Youth Sea Scout Instructors just like you all there for YOU!

Central Region Youth Officer Corps

The time to fill our Central Region Youth Officer Corps is upon us. The Central Region Youth Officer Corps serve as the youth Leadership for the region. We are looking for applicants for the following positions to serve for the 2013-2014 term beginning June 1st and expiring May 31st of the following year.

- Regional Boatswain
- Regional Boatswains Mates
- Task Force Boatswains

Any youth in Sea Scouting who has served in a ship level office is eligible to serve. We encourage all youth to apply because there are 15 positions to fill. The officers are expected to attend two planning meetings, one in May and the other in October. If you know a youth capable of taking on the responsibility encourage them to apply. For more information contact the Central Region Boatswain [Peter Schmidt](#) or visit seascouting.crventuring.org.

**Apply Now
Click Here**



Meet the National Boatswain

The National Sea Scout Support Committee ("NSSSC") announces the selection of Billy McElligott of Dunedin, Florida as the 2013-2014 National Sea Scout Boatswain. (June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014). He is a member of Ship 956, Carpe Diem of the West Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America. Billy will represent Sea Scouts from across the United States as the youth representative on the NSSSC and reports to the National Commodore and the National Director of Sea Scouts. He will serve as the liaison with the Regional Boatswains' and other youth leaders.

McElligott is an Able Sea Scout, but is expected to qualify for his Quartermaster Sea Scout Award this year. During his tenure in Sea Scouts, he has served his ship as Ship Boatswain, Boatswain's Mate, and Coxswain. He has also served as the Southern Region Boatswain for the past two years. He is a graduate of Sea Scout Advanced Leadership training (SEAL 2012, Miami, Florida) and has earned his Long Cruise Award; Qualified Seaman; Small Boat Handler; Venturing Silver, Gold and Bronze awards; and is a BSA Lifeguard.

Billy is a member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and a member of the St. Petersburg Sail and Power Squadron and the West Palm Sail and Power Squadron. He has submitted documentation and awaiting the results for qualification for the United States Coast Guard Captains license. He holds an American Red Cross Open Water/Beach Lifeguard certification and is a member of the Dunedin Boat Club. His certifications also include: FAA Private Pilot Certification, PADI's Advanced Open Water SCUBA Certification, National Emergency Medical Technician, and American Red Cross CPR/AED/Oxygen certifications.

He is a freshman at the Florida Atlantic University with a double major in Political Science and Biomedical Sciences. His goal is to attend law school to eventually work foreign policy and diplomacy actions for the United States Coast Guard.

When asked why he wants to serve as the National Boatswain, Billy indicates he would like to focus on program marketing, recruitment, and communication. While serving as the National Boatswain, he would like to establish monthly communications with the Region Boatswains to discuss ideas, events, and recruitment practices. He would also like to focus on using social media in order to publicize the Sea Scouting program as well as to continue sharing our great program. This would help in promotion of an incredibly strong, vibrant Sea Scout presence within the Boy Scouts of America.

Join us in congratulating Billy McElligott in his selection as the 2013-2014 National Sea Scout Boatswain!

-Story from SeaScout.org

Seabadge 18-IL-2013

The Central Region Flotilla of the National Fleet of Sea Scouts, a division of Boy Scouts of America is pleased to announce Sea Badge. Our Sea Badge course will be October 25, 26, and 27, 2013 at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, near Chicago, Illinois. Our host Council is the Chicago Area Council. Course fee is \$150.00. Please consider this your personal invitation from the Course Director and Task Force 4 Commodore to attend SB-18-IL-2013 (CR-X).

Any Sea Scouter who desires to learn more about Sea Scouting and how they can provide leadership to the youth, District, and Council to ensure that Sea Scouting will continue here in Central Region is welcome to attend. You must meet the prerequisites for the course and secure your councils approval to attend. More information can be found at SeaScout.org. The registration form is available [here](#).

See you in October,
Commodore Thomas Ross
Sea Badge Course Director



Calendar of Events

June 16-22	<u>Swift Aquatics Extravaganza</u>	Farmington, MO
August 9-11	46 th Annual Makahiki	Warsaw, IN
August 30- September 1	Pfeffer Pirate Run	Benton, KY
September 27-29	Fall Fun Rally	St. Louis, MO
October 25-27	<u>SB-18-IL-1013</u>	Chicago, IL
October	Operation Rising Tide	Moline, IL
May 16-18	2014 Rendezvous	Springfield, IL

Full Sea Scout and Venturing Calendar with details [Click Here](#). [Submit events here](#).

Task Force Area 1

Commodore: [Dr. George Battis](#)

Boatswain: George J.M. Battis

News:

Know someone who wants to make a difference in the program? Have them fill out the Youth Corps Application [here](#).



Task Force Area 2

Commodore: [Mr. Jay Howse](#)

Boatswain: [Alex Binder](#)

News:

We are ready for Summer and our popular Annual Lake Huron High Adventure Trip to begin!



Task Force Area 3

Commodore: [Mr. Bill Hamilton](#)

Boatswain: [Katie Bruton](#)

News:

Our Third Annual Rendezvous was a tremendous success, we would like to thank everyone who staffed and participated. We want to see the event grow even larger next year, so if you want to help contact Commodore Hamilton or Boatswain Katie. Also don't forget about Swift Base this June!



Task Force Area 4

Commodore: [Mr. Tom Ross](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

We are hosting a Seabadge along with Area 7 and Chicago Area Council and would love to see you there in October, Information is available in this newsletter and more will come later!

Know someone who wants to make a difference in the program? Have them fill out the Area Boatswain Application [here](#).



Task Force Area 5

Commodore: Selection In Progress

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

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Task Force Area 6

Commodore: [Mr. Donald Allen Shields](#)

Boatswain: In Application Process

News:

Know someone who wants to make a difference in the program? Have them fill out the Area Boatswain Application [here](#).



Task Force Area 7

Commodore: [William Muraski](#)

Boatswain: [Alex Zoiopoulos](#)

News:

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Central Region Flotilla Sea Scout Service Committee

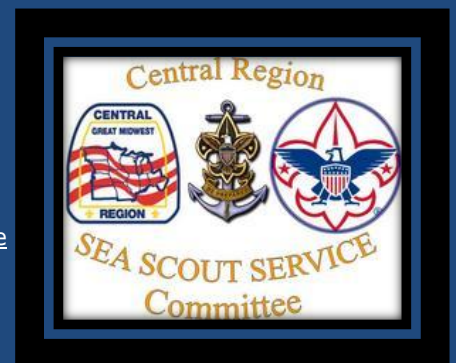


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About Us

Sea Scouting is a Scouting program for male and female youth ages 13-21 that lets youth experience new activities, build leadership skills, earn awards, make new friends, and of course have fun with a strong focus on water activities including but not limited to sailing, canoeing, kayaking, SCUBA, rafting, board sailing, and power cruising The Central Region is one of four regions of the Boy Scouts of America. This region includes the states of: Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia.

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Newsletter Articles

As you have probably noticed, the Central Region Sea Scout Newsletter, *The Flotilla Log*, is back! If there is anything you want other Sea Scouts to know about send us the information here and we will see it gets into the next *Flotilla Log*. Publication dates will be March 1st, June 1st, September 1st, and December 1st respectively for each edition. We look forward to continue to publish this on a Quarterly basis, with a spring edition, summer edition, fall edition, and a winter edition. To submit articles, send them [here](#).

Fair Winds,

Newsletter Team