

The Central Region Flotilla Log



Fall 2013

Notes from the Central Region Boatswain

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Keep Up With Us!



Ahoy Central Region,

This summer was full of excitement from Lake Huron to Southern Missouri, and as far east as the hills of West Virginia Sea Scouts from the Central Region certainly got around this summer! As the leaves begin to change and it begins to cool down, there is still plenty for Sea Scouts to do besides pull boats out of the water and clean them up. It is an excellent time to volunteer, work on rank advancement, and participate in some awesome events. So this fall I encourage you to widen your ship's program and have some fun!

Peter Schmidt

Central Region Boatswain

National Jamboree

The first ever National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve was a blast for all who attended. Sea Scouts, for the first time ever were invited to attend as participants! The Sea Scouts were also present to promote the program and support the Jamboree in two areas. Like past Jamborees, there was a Sea Scout Exhibit, but this year a new area, "Mariners Adventure", was debuted and was extremely popular with every slot filled with participants. Members of the staff from Central Region were Peter Schmidt and Robert Kirk they are pictured below with the entire Sea Scout Staff.



Operation Rising Tide

The 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 Scouter's have lasted for years and may last for a lifetime.

The ORT Activity has been a Central Region activity since 1998. When we play the game we play to learn and raise all Ships Venturing Crews, to a higher level of Venturing and Sea Scout knowledge & skills. When we play the game we have fun. We play the game for all to have fun and win the game of life. We play the game for all to learn and enjoy the Venturing and Sea Scout Programs. The advancement activities & challenges range through all of the Sea Scout & Venturing activities, which are requested and supported by advanced registration. The Regional Sea Scout Service Committee Annual Meeting is also held at ORT.

Contact Commodore McNeal or Boatswain Peter Schmidt with questions.

May Edition of Boy's Life

Several youth from Areas 2 and 3 were highlighted in the May 2013 Boys Life as they sailed from Mackinaw City, MI to Port Huron, MI. Boys Life photographer Garth Dowling joined the Sea Scouts on the cruise and captured the journey and was able to share what Sea Scouting is about to the youth of BSA. The Lake Huron High Adventure Cruise was organized by Commodore Wayne Hastings of the Michigan Crossroads Council and the event has become an annual event. More pictures of the event can be viewed at [Boys Life](#), and you can read more about the trip in the issue.



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**



Great Lakes Sailing Adventure

Ahoy! Come set sail aboard Michigan Crossroads Council's newest addition to the Outdoor Adventures Program!

The Retriever, a 52' ketch, is an offshore sailing program where youth will learn the fundamentals of sailboat handling, steering, waterway navigation, marine safety, & various cruising & racing techniques used by seasoned sailors!

Based in its home port of Mackinac City, MI, the Retriever will embark on excursions to various destinations in the northern Great Lakes with a focus on off-shore cruising & racing. Planned cruise packages include Day Cruises, 2-3 Day Cruises, and 4+ Day Cruises. The Retriever is designed to accommodate co-ed crews (2 staff & 12 participants); Charter Packages will be available for any BSA unit or other youth organization. The Great Lakes Sailing Adventure is designed for older Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts or Venturers; participants must be at least 13 years of age by September 1st of the year they participate. - From Michigan Crossroads Council

[More information here](#)
[Flier About 2014 Program](#)

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



Christmas Tree Ship

On December 6th, Sea Scouts and Ventures will gather at the Columbia Yacht Club for the Annual Christmas Tree Ship event. The evening of December 6th will have a dance followed by sleeping on the decks of the Columbia Yacht Club Ship. Saturday December 7th will start early as the scouts walk to Navy Pier to meet the Coast Guard Cutter Mackinaw to begin offloading trees. Trees will be offloaded and donated to local families. After offloading all of the trees, scouts will have the opportunity to tour the Coast Guard Cutter and head back to the Columbia Yacht Club for lunch. After lunch scouts will head home, beginning their Christmas Season on a good note.



Calendar of Events

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| September 15 | Tall Ship Windy Cruise | Chicago IL |
| 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:

The Michigan Crossroads Council will be hosting a Camporee this fall and there will be a large Sea Scout Focused Area with Activities and much more. For more information see MichiganScouting.org



Task Force Area 3

Commodore: [Mr. Bill Hamilton](#)

Boatswain: [Katie Bruton](#)

News:

We had a very busy summer with events such as the Area 3 Rendezvous and our Swift Aquatics Extravaganza. We are beginning to plan out this next year. Our first planning Meeting will take place at the Fall Fun Rally. Our next planning meeting will take place the night before the Area 3 Conference in January in Normal, IL.(Planning Meeting will be in Springfield, IL)



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:

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



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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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