

# The Central Region Flotilla Log



Winter 2013

## Notes from the Central Region Boatswain

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### Keep Up With Us!



Ahoy Central Region,

It has been my great pleasure to serve you, the Central Region over the past several years. My time with the Central Region Youth Corps and Service Committee has been an experience that I will never forget. I wish the best of luck to our newest officers who have begun their terms. I will continue to work with the region as a Past Boatswain by serving as a Youth Corps Specialist as I mentor our new officers and we continue to move Sea Scouting into the next century. Again it has been a pleasure to work with all of you, and I wish you all well in the future.

Fairwinds,

*Peter Schmidt*

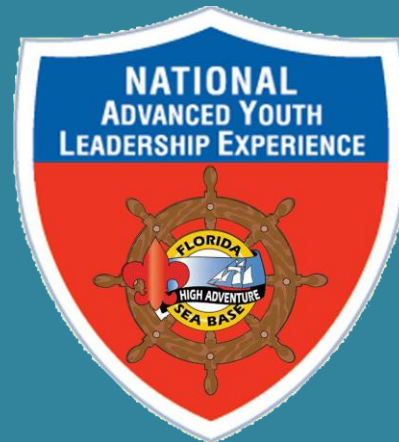
Central Region Boatswain

## 2014 Central Region Boatswain

The Central Region Sea Scout Service Committee is pleased to announce that Katie Bruton of Area Three has been selected to serve as the 2014 Central Region Sea Scout Boatswain! Katie is an Able Sea Scout from the Greater St. Louis Area Council and served as the Task Force Area Three Boatswain during 2012-2013. Currently, she serves as the Boatswain for Ship 5454 Chartered by American Legion Post 297, Union, Missouri. Katie has served as the Yeoman and Storekeeper for Ship 5439 Chartered by St Francis Borgia Church. She has served as Crew President for Crew 5454. Last year, Katie was a Crew member on the Lake Huron High Adventure Cruise which was featured in the May 2013 issue of *Boys' Life*. She has completed NAYLE at Philmont Scout Ranch, NYLT to NAYLE Bridge Course, and ILSC. Katie is also the Recipient of the Venturing Sea Scout Bronze Award. She serves as the lead youth for the Central Region Rendezvous which occurs in May in Springfield, IL. During her term she plans to promote Sea Scouting through better communication and training. Katie plans to work closely with the Central Region Venturing Officers Association to promote the opportunities available in Scouting.

## National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience- Florida

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience, or NAYLE, is the BSA's premiere leadership course. Originally, it was only taught in the backcountry of Philmont Scout Ranch but has recently been offered in different locations across the country. For the first time ever, NAYLE will be offered at Florida Sea Base in the Florida Keys this spring! This course promises unique challenges and opportunities because much of the course you will be out at sea. More information about the FSB NAYLE can be found on [this flier](#), registration is available [here](#). If you are interested be sure to register early because space is limited to two classes that are likely to fill up fast! If you have any questions, contact Boatswain Katie Bruton, a NAYLE Graduate.



## New Uniform Parts

National Supply has produced the items necessary to complete the New Century Uniform, or NCU. The Black Webbed Belt, Sea Scout Tar Flap, and Sea Scout Ball Cap are now available from National Supply. The entire NCU uniform can now be purchased by visiting your local work clothing store and visiting your local scout shop to order your uniform parts. All three parts can also be ordered online at ScoutStuff.org.



## Regional VLA Presented

In a special ceremony at the 2013 National Scout Jamboree Regional Boatswain Peter Schmidt was presented with the Central Region Venturing Leadership Award by Mr. Keith Christopher, National Sea Scout Director, and Matt Miller, Past National Boatswain. The Regional Venturing Leadership Award is presented to youth who go above and beyond the duties assigned to them at the Regional level.

## Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training- SEAL

The premier Sea Scout Training course is offered every summer in different parts of the country. Central Region does not currently have a course, but it is offered in locations like New York, Long Island, and Galveston. Sea Scouts spend six days running a vessel. Unlike other leadership courses where you go to a COPE course to challenge yourselves, at SEAL the challenge is right there in front of you! If you are interested fill out the application that is available on Seascout.org.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> and expiring May 31<sup>st</sup> 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 [Katie Bruton](#) or visit [seascouting.crventuring.org](http://seascouting.crventuring.org).

**Apply Now  
Click Here**

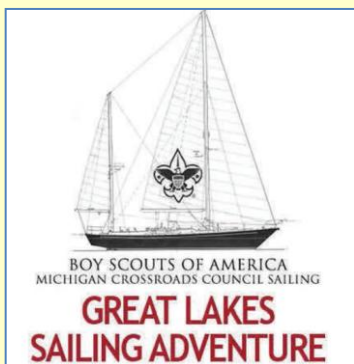
## Great Lakes Sailing Adventure

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](#)



## Winter Amidships

Fight Cabin Fever this February by attending the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Amidships. Bay-Lakes Council, BSA, and the Alumni of the Fond du Lac Scouts are proud to invite you to the Winter Amidships (WAM) co-ed Scouting event to be held on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at the University of Wisconsin - Fond du Lac.

This 1 day event is open to units of Venture Crews, Sea Scouts, Career Explorers, Boy Scouts, Varsity Teams, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls. There will be 11 events including: Knots; Compass Relay; Life-Jacket Relay; First-Aid; International Code Flags; Obstacle Course; Scooter Race; Heaving Line and Bowling; Battleship Tournament and Tug-of-War.

The event includes dinner, an award presentation, dance and event patch. Pre-registration is required. Please download the program booklet [here](#) which includes additional information, description and schedule of events, as well as other pertinent information.

## CRSSSC Meeting

The Central Region Sea Scout Service Committee met at Operation Rising Tide this fall for its Annual Business Meeting. Topics of discussion included nomenclature changes, new positions, and clarification of duties. Central Region Boatswain presented a set of Operating Procedures for the Region Sea Scout Structure. Other notable items that passed included the creation of a Regional Seabadge Coordinator, creation of the "Emeritus Pilot" position to keep past Regional Volunteers as a resource, and the approval of the 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Committee meeting of 2014 to be held at the Area 6 Icebreaker.

## Central Region Shows Growth

Over the past year Central Region Sea Scouting showed growth in the number of Sea Scouts and the number of ships. While we remain the smallest region in the country we continue to show growth thanks to your work!

## Submitting Events

If you want to get your events posted we ask that you submit them to the [region here](#) and to [national here](#) in order to get them on the online calendars.

## Calendar of Events

January 18	<a href="#">Snowstorm</a>	Rosce, IL
February 14	Winter Amidships	Fond du Lac, WI
April XX	Spring Icebreaker	Howe, IN
April XX	CRSSSC Spring Meeting	Howe, IN
May 16-18	2014 Rendezvous	Springfield, IL
June 22-29	Swift Sea Scout Week	St. Louis, MO
July	Sail Camp	
July	Lake Huron Cruise	Port Huron, MI
October 10-12	Operation Rising Tide	Moline, IL

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

Thanks For Your Support This Term!



and Best of Luck to Boatswain Katie Bruton!



## 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:

Over the past several years, Scouting in Michigan has undergone many major changes. Sea Scouting has been thriving despite many of these changes. To learn more about Sea Scouting in Area 2 visit our [webpage](#).



## Task Force Area 3

Commodore: [Mr. Bill Hamilton](#)

Boatswain: John Schmidt

News:

Our next meeting and planning session for the Rendezvous will take place the night before the Area 3 Conference in January at the Abraham Lincoln Council Sailing Center. All of Area 3 is invited to attend the Venturing Conference the next day in Normal, IL.



## Task Force Area 4

Commodore: [Mr. Tom Ross](#)

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 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: Edward Campbal

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:

We hosted another successful overnighter before the Annual Christmas Tree Ship offloading at Navy Pier in Chicago, IL.



## Central Region Flotilla Sea Scout Service Committee

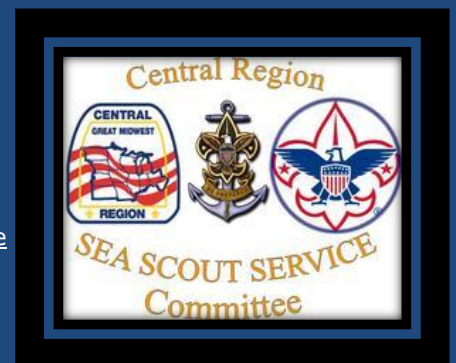


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- Regional Regatta Coordinator: Mr. Thomas Jacobson
- Regional Ships Store Coordinator: Mr. Ray Bartlett
- Sea Scouting Communications Coordinator: Mr. Norbert Paul



### 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.

### Credits

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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 1<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup>, and December 1<sup>st</sup> 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*