



# Central Region Flotilla Flotsam

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Bay Jammer 2000

**Central Region Rendezvous—Time to Mark Your Calendar**



Hello Bay Jammers',

I hope all of you had a great summer and fall. I just thought I would write to inform you of a couple things. First, the dates for Bay Jammer 2000 are July 14th, 15th, and 16th. Second, I just thought I would share with you my new address, telephone number, and other email address. Everything changed again for me because I finally got my first teaching job at Parkside School in Wautoma, Wisconsin. I teach 7th grade social studies and am also the Student Council advisor. Here goes...

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Soon you will all be receiving a survey from the committee and I in regards to Bay Jammer 1999 and the upcoming 2000 event. Please fill it out and send it back to me when you get it. Thanks! Also, before I go, did you know Bay Jammer has a website??? It is at [www.webcntrl.com/bayjammer/](http://www.webcntrl.com/bayjammer/). Currently the site has last years information on it, however it will be updated in the next couple of months. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact me. I would enjoy hearing from you. Have a super day!



## Sea Badge C-II—Important training date and location information

**Seabadge C-II will be October 20-22, 2000 at Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island located in the Put-in-Bay harbor, Ohio.** Stone Laboratory is The Ohio State University's biological field station on Lake Erie.

Seabadge is the an advanced leadership course for all adults in the Sea Scout program. In order to take the course you must complete Venturing Leader Basic Training and Sea Scout Officer's Specialized Training. Please check with your local council for times and

dates of the above training courses. If you local council does not offer Sea Scout Officer's Specialized Training please contact Ray Derk to find a course near your location.

If you are interested in taking Seabadge please contact Raymond Derk, Skipper of Seabadge C-II, for an application. Applications will also be available at the Central Region Web Page in the near future. Start spreading the word about Seabadge.

We will need at least 20 participants to have a successful Seabadge course. Remember the next Seabadge course in Central Region will not be offered till 2002, so do not miss out on this opportunity.

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To get info about the islands see—[www.put-in-bay.com/](http://www.put-in-bay.com/) or [www.sg.ohio-state.edu/slab/o-slab.html](http://www.sg.ohio-state.edu/slab/o-slab.html)

# Welcome New Skippers

Welcome to all those skippers who will be receiving Flotsam for the first time, and we invite you to get on the Sea Scout.org site with your web page if you have one. Also, lets welcome three new skippers - Greg Nestor in Middlefield, Ohio, Richard Gash - in Bay Village, Ohio and Howard Bush - in Cleveland, Ohio.



## Sites to See

Sea Scout Ship 601 "City of Roses" serving the youth of Portland, OR since 1929 <http://www.sss601.org>

You can also Sea Scout Ship 601 in "Portland Sea Scout Ship Undertakes 350 Mile Cruise On New Training" at <http://www.freshwaternews.com/octoberseascouts.html>

The Wisconsin Lake Schooner Association, Milwaukee, WI, chartering organization of SSS Jere Sullivan (500) offers several levels of "Survival at Sea" seminars at <http://www.wis-schooner.org>

<http://www.Web4boats.com>

US Sailing web site <http://www.ussailing.org>

The Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) offers a multi-level scholarship program to introduce Venture crews and Sea Scouting ships to the exciting underwater frontier. Scuba diving is an exciting avocation or vocation that can be enjoyed in just about every part of the country. PADI offers several scholarships each year to Sea Scouts and Venturers for taking scuba diving training courses. There is an application (No. 25-242) available from the National Venturing Division to apply for these scholarships. The application packet is available on the Sea Scouts, BSA web site [ftp://ftp.seascout.org/BSA\\_Forms/Padi\\_application.exe](ftp://ftp.seascout.org/BSA_Forms/Padi_application.exe) The file is a self-extracting zip file. Go to the ftp location above and download the file. Then execute it, which will generate four Adobe pdf files that you can print out. Application deadlines every year on March 31st.

I am pleased to report that, thanks to John Wolfgang, the general Venturing version and the Sea Scouting Version of "Venturing Adult Leader Basic Training" are now available on the Sea Scouts, BSA web site. Please see our "Training Resources" page <[http://www.seascout.org/about/program/training\\_resources/training\\_resources.html](http://www.seascout.org/about/program/training_resources/training_resources.html)> to download either version.

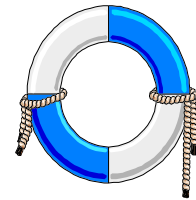
Calling All Sea Scouters!

Reporters Needed!



Please submit your name to become a part of the Central Region Flotilla Flotsam news staff. Your job will be to provide articles on what is happening in your area for Sea Scouting. You can email me at [scout@mc.net](mailto:scout@mc.net) or write me at 20 Green Oaks Drive #102, Crystal Lake, IL 60014 to submit your name for application.

Laura Kranich - Editor



At the ancient portal  
T'ween the forest and the shore  
Tis the common boatwright  
That firmly holds the door  
Of celestial guidance  
And the rhythms of the sea  
There are only a few that know  
And they the sailors be





# Congratulations!

SSS Rock Aqua Jays (50), Sinnissippi Sea Scout Squadron won the 1999 National Junior Water-skiing Championship Led by Ship Committee Chairman Rainey Knutson and Skipper Steve Schneider, the Janesville, Wisconsin ship rebounded with a bang from last year's lowest ever 4th place finish. Except for 1998, the Janes-

ville, Wisconsin based SSS Rock Aqua Jays has never scored lower than 3rd during the entire 25 year history of the National Junior Water-skiing Championship. They earned six firsts out of the last seven national championships.

With five boats, two barges and over sixty young men

and women, SSS Rock Aqua Jays is one of the most successful ships in Central Region Sea Scout Flotilla. They are active in holding Sinnissippi Council Water-skiing Merit Badge Clinics and assist the City of Janesville Youth programs.



Let us know about your Ship!

## It's not too late to Apply—SEAL

The National Sea Scouting Committee has a youth leadership training course called Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training (SEAL). This is a one week, hard core leadership course that is conducted on the water. This course is a leadership course, not a seamanship course. The course covers such topics as preparing, goal setting, organizing, supervising, commanding, communicating, training, motivating, and other topics that will help your Sea Scout function as a leader in your Ship and in life.

To attend a SEAL class one must be a registered Sea Scout,

earned the Ordinary rank prior to attending SEAL training, and they must study and have a thorough working knowledge of Chapter Five of the Sea Scout Manual.

There will be five SEAL classes this year around the country. Please encourage your Ship members to apply for SEAL training. The application deadline is March 1, 2000, no exceptions. You can download an application from the National Sea Scout Web Page at the following URL;

{<http://www.seascout.org/neregion/training/seal2000.pdf>}

This year will feature a sub surface experience for SEAL graduates. Do not let your Sea Scouts miss out on this opportunity.

Please note that a SEAL course **WILL BE OFFERED** in Central Region in the summer of 2001 either on the Mississippi River or Lake Erie, so look for information this fall. We hope to offer SEAL classes in Central Region yearly starting 2001.



## In the Spotlight—Sea Scout Ship Arcturus (46)

Located in Morgantown, West Virginia, Sea Scout Ship 46 has been in existence for ten years. Ship 46 took its name after the brightest star in the constellation Bootes, which is Arcturus. Arcturus is Greek for Bear Keeper and since the West Virginia's state animal is the black bear, members felt this was a fitting name. Arcturus is also the brightest star in the Northern Hemisphere in the spring and summer months and is only visible from April to October in West Virginia, which corresponds to Ship 46's boating season.

Members of the Ship routinely enjoy sailing, power boating, and water skiing on local lakes in West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. They have taken two trips to the Florida Keys sailing and snorkeling for 7 days. Members have had the opportunity to enjoy the thrill of white water rafting. Ship 46 also competes in the Nygard Sea Scout Regatta in southern Maryland each year, and has placed third, first and second the last three years they competed. In the winter months members of the Ship take advantage of the solid form of water and enjoy snow skiing and sledging.

Ship 46 took its long cruise in the Abacos, Bahamas this past summer, spending eight days sailing, snorkeling, and visiting local towns on the small islands. Members chartered two sailboats in the Bahamas, the "Daragaya" a 42' sloop and the "Shenandoah" a 45' ketch. Ship 46 arrived at Marsh Harbour by plane and met our captains at the Conch Inn. For the next seven days members sailed to several Cay (keys) and small towns including; Hope Town, Man-O-War Cay, Great Guana Cay, Treasure Cay, Baker's Bay, and Green Turtle Cay. Members enjoyed snorkeling in the crystal clear water of the Bahamas and visited coral reefs of Great Guana Cay, Baker's Bay and Fowl Cay. Rest assured it was not all fun and games, members also did Sea Scout advancement like running the boat, setting the anchor, keeping watch, navigation, and some members even tried their hand at celestial navigation. The saddest part of the trip was the day members arrived back at the Marsh Harbour Airport to head home.

## HIGH ADVENTURE

Operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the High Adventure Sea Base in the heart of the Florida Keys offers Boy Scouts from all over the world a variety of activities, from camping, sailing, and deep-sea fishing, to exploring exotic islands, snorkeling, and scuba diving. Except for one program in the Bahamas and another at an island west of Sea Base, all of the programs originate from Sea Base's main facilities in the village of Islamorada on Lower Matecumbe Key, which is 75 miles (120 kilometers) north of Key West and 75 miles south of Miami International Airport.

Sea Base was brought to life in 1974 by a small, dedicated group of volunteers from Miami, FL, and Atlanta, GA. "We

offered aquatic programs to young people from throughout the United States, utilizing leased and borrowed equipment," remembers Sam Wampler, founder and director of Sea Base. In 1975, operations expanded to include sailing, using leased vessels. "Named the Florida Gateway to High Adventure," says Wampler, "the plan rested on having no owned vessels or facilities, but on acting somewhat in the role of agent to help scouts try this type of experience. A year later, after a national promotion effort, 180 youngsters signed up to ply the ocean on chartered boats."

Since 1976, Sea Base has grown from a staff of one, a budget of \$19,000, and 160 participants, to a staff of 86 during



the summer and more than \$6 million in capital assets. The base now serves 10,000 young people a year from every state of the United States, as well as from other countries, including South Africa, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the former Soviet Union. And more than 1,000 scouts participate in the Scuba Adventure and Scuba Certification programs. During a typical 1-week scuba diving program, scouts and dive masters make at least nine dives in uncharted reefs throughout the Keys, as well as one night dive and a dive in the Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary. Before undertaking any scuba diving at all, however, participants must be fully certified for the sport.

Sea Base offers a week-long scuba training program in which scouts train in the intricacies of safe scuba diving under the guidance of instructors who have been certified by recognized organizations.

Each scout also has the opportunity to contribute to the Sea Base's ongoing construction of a new artificial reef site by building and putting in place a concrete "reef ball." The 3-foot- (0.9-meter-) diameter hollow balls serve as homes for small fish and many other types of sea life, including coral itself. Today, the reef, made up of some 200

balls, is estimated to be more than 20 yards (18 meters) wide and at least 60 yards (55 meters) long. In addition to its scuba programs, Sea Base offers five other week-long adventures. And Sea Base is just one of three locations where the Boy Scouts of America conducts its High Adventure programs. All of the programs are designed to expand opportunities for scouts to explore and appreciate the wilderness--something scouting has been all about since its inception in the early 1900s. "While scouting has always encouraged vigorous outdoor activities," says Travis

Golding, scuba program director at Sea Base, "the High Adventure program enables scouts to travel and to enjoy experiences beyond what usual scouting activities offer. The program helps them grow both physically and mentally," continues Golding. "It helps them develop character, leadership abilities, self-reliance, and teamwork. Most of all, it opens doors to excitement and fun they're not likely to find anywhere else."



## SHIP'S STORES

I am pleased to be able to tell you that after numerous requests, Ship's Stores now has in stock the 2 1/2" round universal Sea Scout insignia (First Class anchor) that goes on the right uniform sleeve two inches below the shoulder seam. These are used when a ship doesn't have a ship's insignia patch of its own. We have them on both the royal blue and on white and they are identical to the ones that were available in the 70's and earlier. The order information on them is as follows:

Order #: WUI Item: Universal Insignia on white background

Order #: BUI Item: Universal Insignia on blue background

Price/Unit: \$1.70/each

Weight: one ounce



## Freight Charge Change

Please note that the new freight charges for getting Ship's Stores merchandise to you are now in effect. To get a copy of them, go to <http://www.seascout.org/ships-stores.html> and follow the appropriate link.

Rod Mortensen  
The Ship's Stores

## Oceanography Day

The University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas, Texas, plans to host Oceanography Day, April 29, 2000. This event is held every three years.

The most recent Oceanography Day in 1997 saw participation by 350 Scouts and 150 adult leaders from 100 different Scout troops in 50 different towns and cities.

Oceanography Day includes a full day of activities at the Marine Science Institute, including a trip aboard a Research Vessel, either the R/V LONGHORN or the R/V KATY. Scouts make a plankton net, participate in a laboratory plankton identification session, and attend presentations on exciting current research programs.

Before coming to Oceanography Day, Scouts must complete the first six requirements of the Oceanography Merit Badge by preparing reports and sending them to the Oceanography Day Chairman. During Oceanography Day the 7th (project) requirement is passed. After Oceanography Day the final requirement (500 word report) is completed and mailed to the Oceanography Day Chairman, who is also the Oceanography Merit Badge Counselor. Scouts receive their approved blue cards in the mail.

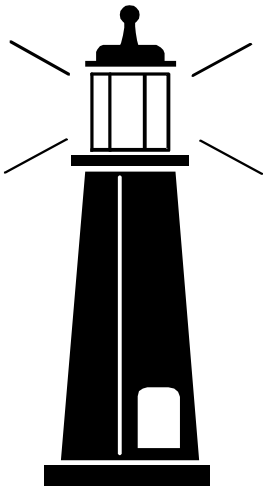
For details on Oceanography Day, see the "Current Events" section of the MSI's web page at <http://www.utmsi.zo.utexas.edu/>



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To laugh often and love much;  
to win the respect of intelligent persons and  
the affection of children;  
to earn the approbation of honest critics and  
endure the betrayal of false friends;  
to appreciate beauty;  
to find the best in others;  
to give one's self;  
to leave the world a bit better;  
whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;  
to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation;  
to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived  
- this is to have succeeded.  
--Ralph Waldo Emerson

