

# Sea Scout Ship 1942 Dragonlady



2018  
Scrapbook



Ship 1942



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To: Keith Christopher, National Sea Scout Director

Subj: Sea Scout Ship 1942 – 2018 National Flagship

Sea Scout Ship 1942 for the past decade has delivered the 'Scouting on-the-water Promise' like no other unit of its type. Since the Journey to Excellence (JTE) was instituted, Ship 1942 has achieved the highest level every year – GOLD. I'm convinced if you gave this Sea Scout Ship a new metric measure every year, they will not only exceed the measure, they'll continue to pole vault over it.

Year-after-year, they take home the eastern seaboard 50-year Henry Nygard Regatta First place trophy (past ten-time Champions). They are not only our top Ship in the NCAC, they are more often than not, my top Venturing unit. Their youth excels on many levels. This year they sent their twelfth teen off to a military service academy, the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy, completing the circuit in sending one or more Sea Scout members off to every military service academy.

Their proven track record over the past 10 years has successfully sent 39 teens to the Sea Scout afloat leadership training course SEAL (27 of those have then gone on and earned either their Eagle Scout award, Sea Scouting's Quartermaster award, or their Venturing Silver award). They are two times National Flagship and four times Flagship Fleet recipients.

Sea Scout Ship 1942's twice annual Merit Badges Afloat Open House recruiting merit badge sail training weekends open to the entire NCAC Council are legendary over the past 26 years where they have awarded literally now thousands of merit badges in smallboat sailing, motor boating, oceanography, and weather. Their annual summer Lifeguard training certification weeks the past twenty five years have produced over 350 lifeguards for our National Capital Area Council, the Northeast Region, and Southern Region.

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Their Skipper, Tom Ballew, continues as the Sea Scouting "Energizer Bunny" as he has recruited over 36 passionate fully trained sailing adults that just keep Ship 1942 going, and going, and going year around. In 2017 they spent a total of 77 days on-the-water which is normal to this unit, with 34 days involving an overnight. In any three-year period Ship 1942 will sail the entire 200-mile Chesapeake Bay. Ship 1942 also has time to go ashore, as seven Ship 1942 teens / dual registered Venture Crew 1942 members and three 1942 adults attended the Pennsylvania BSA Camp Tuckahoe to complete many requirements for their Venture Outdoor 'Ranger Awards.' They spent another 26 nights camping in tents and an additional 7 nights cabin camping. Sea Scout Ship 1942 is the definition of "outing in scouting on-the-water" and hands down receives my strongest recommendation to the National Flagship Competition selection committee – that Ship 1942 become the 2018 National Flagship.

Sincerely,



Les Baron  
Scout Executive







March 17, 2018

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to commend Sea Scout Ship 1942 for their accomplishments for Program Year 2017.

As the largest Sea Scout Ship in the National Capital Area Council, their list of accomplishments is obviously remarkable. I cite specifically their support to the Council Squadron. They have remained an active part of the Council's bimonthly meeting at a time when we have struggled to regain our momentum and they were the only Ship to participate in the Youth Leadership for NCAC in 2017.

My own ship sent representation to Camp Lifeguard, as they have hosted for so many years. They have also continued to host Camp Able, a program for scouts across NCAC and neighboring councils. They were active at two winter training events in the Northeast Region and provide the Sea Scout Liaison representation to our Council Aquatics Committee.

SSS Dragonlady have been early supporters of my "2020 Plan" to vastly expand the number of ships and scouts in our Council and are actively helping to spark a new ship in their district.

I look forward to working with them to make our Council a vibrant and growing program again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Skiles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Todd" being more prominent than the last name "Skiles".

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March 21, 2017

RE. National Flagship Award for Sea Scout Ship 1942

To Whom It May Concern:

Sea Scout Ship 1942 continues to be an important part of St. George's outreach program and youth programs, helping us bring our mission to the youth of Northern Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland and beyond. Ship 1942 is a working example of the Scout Law and Promise and aligns with our inclusive Christian love for all. The ship continues to honor the Church and the community through its many successful activities for the members and service to others.

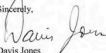
Ship 1942 has run another demanding, yet successful, schedule of activities throughout 2017 offering a multi-faceted program for the Scouts in the Ship and Scouts from neighboring units in Sea Scouts and Boy Scouts. In addition, they have contributed to the Church's mission supporting our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and participating in Scout Sunday. They continued their community service projects and conducted two stream clean-ups in our area waterways and continued to participate in the Council's "Scouting for Food" which provides canned food to a regional organization that comes back to St. George's Food Pantry for our neighbors in need. And, as part of our internal ministry, the Ship took our young adults group sailing one Saturday to continue a tradition of interchange and exposure between the Ship and the church.

Scouts in Ship 1942 have completed over 1500 hours of community service in 2017. In addition to work on individual Eagle and Quartermaster service projects, the Ship has served as ceremonial honor guards for several local events. The Ship continues a long-standing tradition with our two Merit Badge Afloat weekends where we introduced 78 Boy Scouts sailing by teaching Small Boat Sailing, Oceanographic and Weather Merit Badges and recruiting some of them into the Ship.

Finally, the Ship has truly excelled in its Service to Self – teaching safe sailing skills and leadership to its member youth. Through the weekly Monday night sails, three different camps to focus and build individual skills, navigation training with the U.S. Power Squadron, and the annual Long Cruise on the Chesapeake Bay, the Ship's youth have become the best trained, most capable unit in Sea Scouting. I was privileged to again serve as a captain for the 12-day Long Cruise with 6 boats carrying 44 Sea Scouts and adults. This gave me first-hand experience with the results of the training and preparation that made the youth true leaders on the trip.

You will find a full description of every activity Ship 1942 has held elsewhere in this application, so I will not list them all here. However, I will close by expressing my personal pride and that of our Church in the Ship. Over my 25 years of involvement, I have come to truly believe that Sea Scout Ship 1942 sets the standard for success in the Sea Scouting ideas and rightly deserves the National Flagship Award for 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Davis Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Davis" being more prominent and the last name "Jones" written in a more compact, connected style.

Davis Jones

Charter Organization Representative for Sea Scout Ship 1942

# NCAC Sea Scout Squadron Skipper / Boatswain Meeting



Written by  
Able Sea Scout Jeanine Reilly

**A** National Capital Area Council Sea Scout Wardroom Boatswain for 2017, I had several responsibilities, mainly to the NCAC Commodore, Vice Commodores, Executive Officer, Skippers, Boatswains, and fellow Sea Scouts. To serve as the youth representative to Flotilla and Regional meetings and activities, I followed what events were going on, encouraged Sea Scouts in the Council to attend them, especially Catocin and Pine Tree for training and advancement. I supported all Sea Scout activities attended by NCAC Sea Scouts.

I attended the Wardroom meetings on the third Thursday of the odd number months, and led the youth in discussion topics each meeting as well as collaborating with the adults. 5. With in the first two months of your term prepare a list of all NCAC Boatswains and communicate with them to encourage their involvement in Wardroom meetings and activities. Also, I received and maintained a list of youth concerns and program ideas. One of my main goals for the year was to promote the SEAL program and encourage all Ship's Boatswains to attend SEAL because of how it impacts the leadership of Ships and their Quarterdecks.

Since, NCAC did not host the Regional Regatta in 2017, I made an effort of encouraging Sea Scouts to attend Goshen Scout Reservation for the Goshen 50 year Celebration weekend, and a few Ships did! I, also, encourage people to attend Regatta for 2018, which happens to be my favorite event showing comradery between ships and a scout-like, yet competitive spirit while incorporating advancement skills! In June, I was elected to be the NCAC Venturing Officers Association (VOA) Vice President of Program, so my position put me in a unique situation to ensure that Sea Scouting was well represented on the Council level through the Wardroom and VOA. Therefore, I attended every council level event for Venturing and Sea Scouts, and actively represented the Sea Scouting program and recruiting people along the way. I worked alongside the VOA President in my two capacities to foster a

cooperative relationship between NCAC Sea Scouting and Venturing programs.

While at Regional and National activities, such as the Northeast Regional Bridge of Honor and Ball, I would wear the official National standard Sea Scout Uniform as specified by the Sea Scout Manual. I worked with Taylor Martin-Graham, the newly elected Regional Boatswain Mate who was on my SEAL Seattle course. I actively participated in the Bridge of Honor with work and play by leading the landship ceremony as Boatswain of my Ship from the previous year, and winning the Scavenger Hunt at the Bridge of Honor Friday night, where the prize was from my whole ship to get dinner first! Then, I mingled at the Ball as I danced the night away.



Jeanine Reilly NCAC Squadron Boatswain



We make the Ship run in the NCAC Counsel

# Pinetree Winter Training



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Sean Taylor

Each year, Ship 1942 participates in different training weekends that are organized by different Scout Councils. One that I did was at the Pine Tree Education and Environmental Center in Tabernacle, NJ on Presidents Day Weekend. It is put on by the Garden State Council. There are different training modules to help scouts advance their rank. You sign up for training in the rank you are working on. Five of us went from Ship 1942. There are scouts participating from VA, MD, DE, NJ, and NY. The training programs are taught by different adult leaders and volunteers and, also, some Sea Scouts.

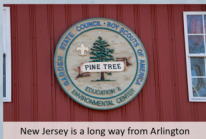
We drove up Friday evening, in rush hour traffic, on a holiday weekend, but we got there! The weather was ok, too. It was not too cold and no snow or rain. The trainings were all day Saturday, with a formal (cracker jack whites) dinner on Saturday night. On Sunday, there were a couple of sessions and everyone left by the afternoon. Getting home was much easier. I have to recommend the food there. It is pretty good.



Deep in study



Not as scary as it looks



New Jersey is a long way from Arlington



Skipper is training the sailors of today

# Ship Committee Meetings



Written by  
Mate David Leggett

Committee meetings are held twice yearly, in February, when we plan for summer activities, and in October, when we discuss budget, registration, and assignment of adults to various winter activities. This year, Ship Committee Chair Isabelle Muller provided a tasty dinner just before each meeting in an effort to boost attendance. It seems to have worked; thank you Isabelle!

23 adults attended the February 22 meeting, which proved to be an excellent "kick off" to our busy summer sailing season -- good turnout, nice wall graphics to orient everyone, and handouts to carry the respective messages. Mike Taylor gave a "State of the Fleet" report, including the six Flying Scots used for Monday night sailing at the Washington Sailing Marina (WSM) as well as eight larger sailboats spread out between WSM, the Fort Washington Marina, and Solomon's Island Naval Recreation Center, not to mention the assorted rowboats and kayaks stored in various places. At least 20 vessels were mentioned in all. The plans for Long Cruise to the Northern Chesapeake Bay were discussed, including a "prepositioning" segment, in order to place vessels in a more advantageous spot from their southerly location at Solomon's.

25 adults attended the October 26 meeting. With the kickoff of another school year, there were some new additions to the ship. The Committee Chair is always on the lookout to make use of parent talent. To that end, she asked attendees to indicate if they had any skill that might be shared with the ship. "As with any youth-serving organization, we are relying on your help. If you have prior experience as a scouter, in any sport, particularly on the water, or have a professional skill or avocation that could help the Ship (website design, treasury, carpentry,...) and are willing to help at any level, please let me know."



Getting down to Committee business



Making the financial budget fit the yearly program - how boring!



Committee Adults supporting the teen planned summer program

# St. George's Church Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Support



Written by  
Apprentice Sea Scout Isaiah Reed

When I arrived at the pancake dinner everyone was working on something. I was assigned to work on pancakes and they gave me a girly looking apron to work in. Quickly the routine became pam, pour, and flip. After Flipping pancakes for a while I was assigned to cook bacon. Cooking bacon wasn't nearly as fun as flipping pancakes. When you flip pancakes, you're doing multiple things at once almost like a juggling act. But when you cook bacon you move the bacon around in its own grease a bit until its red enough to put in a basket made out of aluminum and paper towels. Shortly after we had gotten another stove running to flip pancakes on. So, I went to help make more pancakes. Towards the end of the dinner the kitchen was more like an arts center. People were singing, whistling, and shaping pancakes in to things like hearts and ships. Before cleaning we ate dinner with the guests. The tables were dark green and had chocolate on them. I piled up my plate with bacon. Before the dinner ended we presented skipper with a ship that was made out of pancakes that said 1942 on it. After I finished eating I went back into the kitchen to start cleaning up. As the cleanup process picked up so did the number of people singing. In between washing plates, you could hear Vance Joy a musician and while you placed the cups in the dishwasher you could hear people sing Adventure Time. Overall the pancake dinner was time well spent.



Lots of hungry folks



Keeping those pancakes coming



Controlled Chaos

# Chain Bridge District Awards Dinner



Written by  
Skipper Thomas Ballew

Sea Scout Ship 1942 is part of the National Capital Area Council – Chain Bridge District. Annually our District holds an Honor's Dinner in recognition of each year's newly minted Eagle Scouts and Quartermaster Sea Scouts. The recognition dinner has been held for many years at College. The Eagles / Quartermasters attend the dinner at no charge. Our Ship 1942 most recent past Boatswain, Andrew Nolan, was our only Eagle Scout for 2017.

Annually the Chain Bridge holds a Oratorical Speech Contest, with three age division winners: (1) Cub Scouts; (2) Boy Scouts; & finally the older (3) Sea Scouts / Venture Scouts. Ship 1942, as all the other competing Troops, hold internal contests, before send their 'unit winners' onto the District level contest. Ship 1942 has won the older Sea Scout level contest for six years running. Those three Oratorical age division winners are given the podium at the annual District recognition dinner and then give their winning speeches to over 100 attendees.

Our Ship 1942 Unit Commissioner, Johanna Kehoe, was awarded her District Award of Merit (DAOM) for her many years of scouting dedication in Ship 1942 at this dinner – she is Ship 1942's seventh awardee of this highest level of award, any Scouting District can award. Each scouting unit nominates for recognition at the District Dinner an adult "Scouter of the Year" every year. Our adult Dean Markussen was recognized for as our District's "Sea Scouter of the Year – for 2017". Committee Member Dean Markussen (Captain, U.S.N. Retired) also serves as a U.S. Power Squadron Instructor. He annually teaches each winter our Ship 1942 teens and volunteer adults the Power Squadron's "America's Boating Course (ABC-3)" course which meets our State Law boating safety course requirements. Dean has completed both the adult leader "Sea Badge" and has qualified as a "Sea Badge Underway (SBU) Course Instructor".



Ship 1942 performing the Landship  
Opening Ceremony



The Ship is gathering for a group photo



Finally the wait is over



# NE Regional Sea Scouting Landship and Bridge of Honor



Written by  
Able Sea Scout Jeanine Reilly

The Northeast Regional Bridge of Honor and Awards Dinner event was held the weekend of Saturday March 25, 2017 at the Holiday Inn in Swedesboro, NJ. Everyone had a great time from the scavenger hunt to mingle between ships, to landship practice, to the ball that night! Ship 1942 performed the landship ceremony, and I was the Landship Boatswain, since I was the current Council Boatswain, and the previous Ship Boatswain. According to our Skipper, "Sea Scout Ship 1942 performed the very best Northeast Regional 'Landship Ceremony' since 2007." The year 2007 was the one prior time Ship 1942 performed that very same Regional Ceremony, and that was the date they announced "Ship 1942" as the National Flagship (for the first time). At the dinner and landship ceremony, the Regional Commodore awarded Ship 1942 the "Northeast Regional Commodore's Award of Excellence." This honor is awarded to ten units within the region that met the criteria above and beyond the Journey of Excellence highest "gold" level. This is the 15th year in a row that Ship 1942 received this honor. Receiving this award rates us 3-stars on our Sea Scout Flag, which is amazing. On top of that, our flag has had 4-stars for several years because our vision to strive for excellent and a fun program full of advancement. We have earned that awarded plaque since 2002. Ordinary Sea Scout Cole Smith was our "Sea Scout of the Year" for Ship 1942. Then after a satisfying dinner, the Ball began. Ship 1942 had an excellent showing at this event as well. Ship 1942 takes dancing seriously! Half of the Ball's Court awards went to Sea Scout Ship 1942, which is 3 out of the 6 total "Dancing with the Stars" awards. These titles went to:

1. "Queen of the Ball" - Sara Ray (For the second year in a row!!)
2. "Princess of the Ball" - Monica Miller (Her red gown wowed the judges)
3. "Joker of the Ball" - Stephen Ray (His dance moves were to die for)

I felt honored being on the dance floor with royalty, it was truly a night to remember! (I am so happy I stopped by the photo booth several times!) I had a really great time that weekend! I'm really glad the Landship and dance were both successes for Ship 1942!



The gang is ready



NE Reginal Sea Scout of the year, Cole Smith



Ship 1942 makes this look easy...lol!

# Catoctin Mountain Winter Training



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Jason Holt

At the Catoctin Mountain winter training they held classes for all ranks from Apprentice to Quartermaster. Including knots, environment, weather, piloting and navigation, and sail repair to name a few classes offered. During my time at the winter training I participated in the engines class. In that class we learned how to take apart and repair engines as well as the many different parts of engines. I also had partaken in the seamanship class which taught us the different time telling instruments for the different watches. In the knots class we learned simple knots like the square knot to more advanced knots like the trucker's hitch.



Getting ready for the dinner



Sextant instruction to start the morning



Knot tying instruction from Mate Louis Novak



Outboard motor maintenance instruction

# Monday Night Sailing



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Aleksandr Onufra  
Boatswain's Mate for Administration

Monday night sailing was a fun experience and helped attract a lot of new scouts who wanted to try out sailing. Although the wind wasn't at its strongest during the summer, as it usually is during the summer on the Chesapeake and Potomac, the sailing was incredible and especially because we were able to go out into the river which gave a lot of old and new scouts new experiences and room to cruise. The Monday night sailing days also allowed new scouts meet the youth leadership of the Ship and the older members who helped to teach and guide the new scouts by teaching them apprentice abilities from day 1, like important knots, parts of a sailboat, how to properly rig the boats and the proper and safe techniques used while underway. Not only did we have just new youth who took interest to our sailing program, but we also had many adult visitors with years of experience who also helped teach and refine the skills already known by ordinary scouts and above. Later in the sailing season the Coast Guards Barque Eagle was docked in Georgetown, allowing for the scouts to sail down the river in our 19 foot Flying Scots to take a look at the ship, as well as learn about its history. As the sailing season was coming to an end the Ship took their annual "Franken sail" to the Ben and Jerry's in Georgetown where Skipper Ballew bought ice cream for everyone in costume, or if they weren't in costume, whoever could make him laugh. This past sailing season was one of learning, and personal growth for many scouts.



Winter is finally over, time to sail



Getting ready to ship off



A little rusty, glad to be back on the water

# USCG Barque Eagle Tour



Written by  
Able Sea Scout Michelle Reilly

Throughout the years, our Skipper has always accentuated that the spirit and success of our ship come from the individual members who make it up—particularly those gracious adult volunteers who stick by the different waves of youth in need of their support. Each adult volunteer blesses the collective scout unit with different talents, skills, and connections. One such adult member is Mate Louis Novak, affectionately and respectfully known as Lou!

Skipper put out an email, which from the jump read "Pop-up SUPER event coming up on Saturday, 15 April 2017"! Hard to say no to that. As it turned out, Lou had been able to arrange for tour of the United States Coast Guard Academy's training barque "Eagle" while she is in Baltimore for renovations over the Easter holiday, which Skipper eagerly pointed out co-aligned with many scouts' Spring Breaks. Going to a Jesuit University in Baltimore meant I was free, too! As I had been then applying for a spot as a Sea Scout on the last leg of the 2017 Summer cruise, the "sneak peek," if you will, could not have come at a better time. Plus, it gave me an opportunity to meet my fellow scouts and even some potential new Sea Scouts in my neck of the DMV!

Our Skipper went the extra mile to show his gratitude to BM1 Amos, who graciously facilitated and guided us through this phenomenal opportunity! In his words from an email addressed to Commodore Wurster only days later:

"Unbelievable Tour aboard 'Eagle' while she was still in the Curtis Bay Shipyard, provided by ship's crewmember BM1 Hannah Amos on Saturday, 15 April 2017. With it just coming out of the Curtis Bay Shipyard and minimal manning aboard due to the Easter Holiday weekend, BM1 Amos took us through every nook and cranny aboard the 'Eagle' that you would never see during general visitor's day. We took over 30 teenagers from 14 to 19, ready NOW to sign up either as Coast Guard enlisted, or future officers." Couldn't have said it better myself, Skipper!



USCG Barque Eagle



Briefing the team



We are ready to sail this baby

# Spring Merit Badges Afloat



Written by  
Apprentice Sea Scout Logan Hyslop

I first went to the Spring Merit Badges Afloat (MBA) which is Ship 1942s on-the-water "Open House" through my boy scout troop to get merit badges. I walked in with my friend and picked up the pen and with a few careful strokes, signed on for the day. I took a seat with the other boys. My friend JP suggested we try to see who can tie the fastest cleat knot. We each went to the cleat and used the rope to elegantly make the knot. My friend was able to craft it in under one second. We decided to film his hand in slow motion to watch his hands methodically move the rope along the metal creating a beautiful and handy final product. The Sea Scouts hosting introduces themselves and then we separated into groups. My group went out on the water to sail first whilst the other group learned for the merit badges. We switched afterwards, and then went to lunch. We began to listen to music and play cards. After that, we talked for twenty or thirty minutes before it was time to go out on the water a second time.

I was walking to the dock with everyone else. The wind was blowing back on us almost as hard as a lion pouncing on its prey. I could see the tethered flying scots lined up like sheep in a row, the wind blowing against their sails. It looked as if a dog was trying to run away from his leash which was tied to a pole.

I was assigned a boat and walked out there. I walked to the boat and began to help set up the sails.

I cut my knee on a cleat whilst getting into the boat and it began to gush a river blood. I did not realize until someone pointed it out to me. I was told to go to the outhouse to wash it out with water. I watched as the water mixed with the red human juice and flow down my leg to drip off and hit the ground. I came

running back from the bathroom for fear of missing the boat.

We got in the boat and untethered it from the dock. The wind blew into our sails as we tacked out to the Potomac river. The foul stench of the polluted river burned like a blowtorch in my nose. We tacked towards the open river. As we approached the open part of the river, the wind started to blow harder, sounding like a whistle of a thousand men.

As the wind blew harder, the ship started to turn on it's side from the sheer power of the wind on the sails. The boat stayed on it's side for five to ten minutes before finally settling back down on the water.

We got tacked to the dock. I stood on the front of the ship and jumped on to the dock to keep the boat near. I used the cleat knot to tie the boat to the dock and headed for the second part of classes. I earned three merit badges as well as discovered Sea Scout Ship 1942 which I eventually joined because of how much fun the sailing was.



The fleet is ready for sailing instruction

# Quartermaster Molly Sternberg's Bridge of Honor Ceremony



Written by  
Skipper Thomas Ballew

Sea Scout Ship 1942 held its 21st Bridge of Honor for Quartermaster Molly Sternberg on 20 May 2017. Molly earned her QM Award in 2015, however as a honors student at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA where she also held summer employment, she was a bit busy and her Bridge of Honor did not occur until after college graduation. Molly went to work at the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters the summer immediately after graduation. She made her decision to serve her country and is currently undergoing her 17-weeks of training at Officer Candidate School (OCS) in order to become a Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Coast Guard. Molly earned nearly everything possible as a Sea Scout in her seven years involved in Ship 1942. Ship 1942 has won the eastern seaboard's 51-year Sea Scout Henry Nygard Regatta the last nine years consecutively (Molly holds the record as a 'key' teen performing member on seven of those winning Regatta teams).

- 21st Sea Scout in Ship 1942's twenty-four year history to earn her Quartermaster Award.
- 20th Sea Scout in Ship 1942 to earn her Venture 'Silver' Award.
- 22nd Sea Scout in Ship 1942 to earn her Venture outdoor 'Ranger' Award.
- 1st Sea Scout in Ship 1942 to earn both her Venture 'Quest' and Venture 'Trust' Awards.
- 2015 National Capital Area Council 'Sea Scout of the Year'.
- 2016 Northeast Regional 'Sea Scout of the Year' for Ship 1942.
- Her personal demonstrated leadership pushed her Sea Scout Ship 1942 into the National spotlight by supporting the Ship's winning the "Henry Nygard Regatta" all seven years of her youth tenure within Ship 1942 as best on the eastern seaboard.



- Completed the entire Scouting Leadership series to include: **Introduction to Leadership Skills for Ships** (ILSS), **Kodiak Leadership Training**, and the Kodiak "Extreme" Leadership Training, **National Youth Leadership Training** (NYLT) and **Sea Scout Advanced Leadership** (SEAL) training.
- Chosen as one of six annual high-performing Sea Scouts to sail aboard the U.S. Coast Guard's 295-foot training square-rigged Braque 'Eagle'.
- Instructor for three National Youth Leadership Training courses (N.Y.L.T.)
- Selected as youth Camp Director for our Council-level advanced nautical skills one-week summer "Camp Able" camp.
- American Red Cross and BSA Lifeguard Certified.
- Catocin training Sea Scout youth instructor.
- "50-Miler Afloat" Award.
- Historic Trails Award.
- Biked the entire Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Tow Path
- Received Sea Scouts "Long Cruise" patch with multiple red arcs.
- Nautical Mile Swim.



Proud parent moment, Bravo Zulu!

# Goshen 50th Anniversary Camping



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Cameron Headtke

Goshen had to be one of my FAVORITE scout camps I've EVER gone to. It had almost every single thing I love about scouting. This awesome experience happened Memorial Day weekend of 2017. One of my favorite memories of Goshen would have to be when we brought the sea scout pulling boat and rowed with all the scouts that came in our ship from one end of the lake, and eventually getting to the other side of the lake within the time span of 2 hours. We sang songs, chatted, and cracked (some) funny jokes. Then when we beached the shore on the other side of the lake, there was a huge rock climbing wall with challenges and a firing range. One challenge involved holding a rubber chicken in both hands blind folded. (which I completed) and climb up the wall. Then there were also a firing range not that far from there with pistols, shotguns, rifles and bow and arrows. Eventually we rowed back to our camp and put away the pulling boat we had to eat dinner and go to the camp fire that the first talent show was going to take place. The best act would move on to the final round which was in the parade field. I took part in the first round playing my guitar and singing, "Good Riddance" by Green Day. Then I made it to the final round in the parade field. The parade field was huge, and there was a stage and microphones. My skipper told me there was about 1,000 to 2,000 scouts at the field which did not help my nervous mood. So, I played with one scout holding the microphone to the guitar and another scout holding the microphone for me to sing into. I did my song and went back to where my fellow scouts were sitting. Then I was told I won the talent show. Goshen was truly my favorite camp out this year and I wonder what Goshen will be like in another 50 years.



Having a great time camping



The gang "Ship 1942"



Showing Dirt Scouts how it's done

# Navigation Underway Training



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Cole Smith  
Boatswain

During the long winter months in between sailing seasons, it can be easy to become rusty and lose some of your practical navigation skills you had obtained the previous summer. To combat this and pick up even more practical underway navigation, two members of Ship 1942 attended the Navigation Skills Training Underway lead by Skipper Yeckley aboard the SSTV Der PeLiKan, a Sea Scout training vessel operated by the National Capital Area Council. There were six scouts aboard for this two day training weekend aboard Der PeLiKan. The main objective of this weekend was to make the scouts more confident in their ability to navigate accurately and effectively using marine and sea scout standards and conventions. This weekend helped me tremendously in preparing to sail upon the Resolution during SEAL 2017. Working with unfamiliar Sea Scouts within the council is always fun because you will never know what new skill or technique that person brings to the table that they can then pass on to you.



Tote that line



Navigating the Chesapeake



Another day of sailing is over



# Camp Able



Written by  
Able Sea Scout Henry Wu

Every summer Ship 1942 gathers at the Solomon's Is land Naval Recreation Center in Maryland to hold a week of training in all areas of

Sea Scout knowledge. Throughout the week, the scouts are schooled in a variety of skills that include boat handling, anchoring, docking, semaphore, piloting, knot tying, splicing, engine maintenance, galley cooking, code flag interpretation, and a host of other useful skills to have when on the water. Camp Able is prime opportunity for all scouts to learn and hone the required skills for the Ship's annual Long Cruise. Every day, the scouts are woken to carry out a daily flag ceremony in their chambray uniforms at precisely zero eight hundred hours, in keeping with the naval tradition. The scouts then prepare the camp a wholesome breakfast before starting the day's activities. Every other day scouts are taught aboard Ship 1942's fleet of 27-32 foot sailboats at Solomon's. On the days that scouts receive tutelage on the Patuxent River, they learn how to successfully dock, anchor, and perform mock "man overboard" drills. On the days that the scouts spend ashore, they receive a variety of lessons in semaphore, drill, knot tying, splicing, and piloting, all taught by the Ship's veteran scouts. When the scouts have down time, they enjoy cooling off in the nearby pool or heading down to the beach for a swim. All in all, Camp Able is a fun and exciting environment for old and new scouts alike to have the opportunity to sharpen their seamanship skills for a safe and thrilling Long Cruise.



Raising the flag and starting today's activities



Knot tying whenever there is a break

## *Camp Able (cont)*



Daily Coastal Navigation Problem Solving



Heaving Line Instruction and Practice



Rowing Instruction Training



Abandon Ship Drills



Smoke Instruction & Demonstration



Underway At-Sea Replenishment

# Ranger Camp at Camp Tuckahoe, PA



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Jason Holt

**All** the membership in Sea Scout Ship 1942 are also dual-registered in Venture Crew 1942. Our Sea Scouting unit's program literally lives

on-the-water.

Our Skipper is a retired 25-year Naval Officer and has hung around too many Marine Corps members in his lifetime. Many years ago, he came up with the idea to have our more accomplished Sea Scouts make amphibious landings on various Boy Scout Council Camps in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and North Carolina. Skipper called it his 'stretch camp' to keep our many Quartermaster Sea Scouts engaged and on their toes, and still remain fully engaged in our unit's activities.

The Venture Scouting program has a lovely award called the Venture Outdoor "Ranger Award." Our combined Ship 1942 / Crew 1942 "Ranger Camp," as we call it – is one of our amphibious landings on a Boy Scout Camp. This summer we chose "BSA Camp Tuckahoe" near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania as our site for this year's "Ranger Camp" amphibious maneuvers. Our Skipper has been a past Venture "Powder Horn" staff member many times and has done a 'cross-walk' with the "Ranger Award" requirements and several standard Boy Scout Merit Badge requirements.

By attending one of our land "Ranger Camps," approximately 35% of the outdoor "Ranger Award requirements" can be accomplished by completing the Boy Scout merit badges of: (1) Archery; (2) Wilderness Survival; (3) Pioneering; (4) Orienteering; and (5) COPE Course.

Doing our normal annual high-energy on-the-water Sea Scouting program level of activities – by just taking a 'breath test' -- another 35% of the outdoor "Ranger Award requirements" can be completed. The remainder of the scouting activities necessary to complete the outdoor "Ranger Award" are then planned into our annual program during our annual Ship's 3-day "Leadership Off Site" where our newly elected Quarterdeck Officers also put the initial annual Ship 1942 / Crew 1942 Calendar together. Our Skipper is a 'Mad Man' but he does keep our interest and energy up by this "Ranger Camp" idea.



Working the ropes



We make this look good

# 12-Day Long Cruise



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Aleksandr Onufra  
Boatswain's Mate for Administration

During Ship 1942's 2017 long cruise the ship was doing a tour of the northern bay, this meant we needed to take 2 days before the official start to do a prepositioning further north in order to be able to go to all the marinas we were planning on going to. The 2 days of prepositioning luckily did not represent the rest of the long cruise, during the 2 days we had barely any wind and even experience a lightning storm on the 2nd night during anchorage, but once the rest of the scouts came aboard via dingy the winds began to turn and we had smooth sailing up until the last 2 days when a large squall came through forcing all but one of the boats to stay in the Herrington Harbor North Marina, the ship that did not stop was Der Pelikan who was on a tight schedule to get back to Maryland Yacht Club, the experience heavy seas and unfortunately so did the rest of the flotilla after the squall had passed, the entirety of Al- Di- La's crew was seasick except 2, the youth boat captain and the adult boat captain. During the days the sailing was smooth with good winds and the heat was bearable, during the night a rare thing would happen, the people sleeping on deck would actually get cold, which was a nice change compared to previous long cruises where the wind was dead and the heat was scorching.



Plotting our course for the day



Heading out to sea



Group instruction underway

## 12-Day Long Cruise (cont)



Much cooler sleeping on deck



Cooling off after a long day of sailing



Our Ship is in good hands



Our water taxi



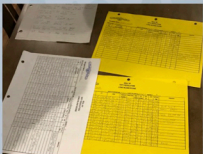
Settling in for the night

# SEAL - Long Island Sound

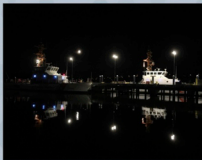


Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Cole Smith  
Boatswain

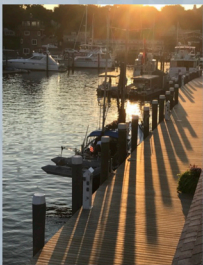
From August 5th to August 12th two members of Ship 1942 attended and graduated in the Long Island SEAL Class of 2017. SEAL is the highest level youth training a Sea Scout can attend. SEAL is a test of ones leadership abilities as well as ones seamanship abilities. It is one of the best opportunities I've ever been given. SEAL is a 7 Day cruise across the Long Island Sound. Each day participants alternate between being boatswain, navigator, or crew. Participants are graded in all these categories. Upon the arrival at the days destination, Scouts participate in lessons on leadership, as well as study for the seamanship and navigation tests. SEAL is a challenging but fun leadership course. As well as learning many new things from the course, you also meet many interesting sea scouts from across the country. My favorite part of SEAL Long Island Sound was docking and staying at the United States Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut. I highly recommend SEAL to any Sea Scout.



Logs and more logs



The docks at night



Getting a head start on the day

# Lifeguard Camp



Written by  
Able Sea Scout Andrew Nolan

Every summer the Ship puts on its annual "Lifeguard Camp", where scouts from Ship 1942 and from any other scouting unit camp out for one week at the Solomon's Island Naval Recreation Center and spend the week learning the required skills to become certified lifeguards such as rescue techniques, CPR, extraction techniques from both the beach and pool, rescue techniques with rowboats and canoes, and a whole host of other essential skills. Every day the scouts were woken at 0600 to prepare their own breakfasts and assemble for the morning flag ceremony. Following that, the scouts went to the pool to spend the next few hours swimming laps and receiving practical instruction on the various rescue techniques for the pool environment. The scouts would then return to camp to prepare their lunch and review what they had just learned. Following this they would all walk down to the beach to spend hours learning the finer points of handling canoes and rowboats, and how to perform rescues with each watercraft. After the scouts prepared dinner and lowered the flag, they would be instructed on first aid and CPR late into the night, and then go to their tents to sleep and start the process over again the next day. While the camp might seem strenuous, at the end, assuming each scout has done everything required and passed the necessary tests, they will have bestowed upon them a plethora of certifications: Red Cross Lifeguard, Red Cross Waterfront Lifeguard, BSA Lifeguard, BSA Waterfront Lifeguard, Red Cross Adult/Child/Enfant CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer. As well as these certifications, scouts are awarded the Swimming, Lifesaving, First Aid, Rowing, and Canoeing merit badges as well as the BSA Mile Swim patch for those who literally and figuratively "went the extra mile". In my personal opinion, I believe that having this Ship-sponsored lifeguard camp is not only a fun, and rewarding experience, but also an invaluable service to the Ship as a whole. Having boats full of trained teen lifeguards is an incredible piece of insurance if anything were ever to go wrong while boating, god forbid.



Making the save



Sallow water spinal injury instruction



Many different ways to pull someone out

## *Lifeguard Camp (cont)*



Drown proofing practice



Back-board stabilization training



Rescue breathing for infants



Rescue breathing for adults



Rescue Techniques



Group stabilization and transportation



# Quarterdeck Leadership Offsite (ILSS)



Written by  
Apprentice Sea Scout Andrew Noe

**Leadership Offsite** is to teach skills needed for being a good leader, and annual teen elections to elect youth to take up positions of responsibility.

On August 18, 2017 Cole Smith, Cecilia Schenking, Sasha Onufrak, James Ye, Jason Holt, Elijah Devine, Evelyn Smith, Tyler Jones, Monica Miller, Isaiah Reed, Sarah Rey and Andrew Noe traveled to a Mission Barbecue in California MD. Even though it was raining heavily, everyone made it across the bridge.

After eating dinner, it finally stopped raining so we went to Point Patients Marina in the Solomon's Naval Rec Center to spend the night on the sailboats. The event officially started the next morning when we started instruction. The whole day was taken up by the ILSS training and then the ship elections.

The last thing we did before going home the next day was a sail up the Patuxent river and eat lunch. The purpose of this sail was to give the new boatswain a feel for his new leadership responsibility.

The part I enjoyed the most would be the games that we played during the training. They are a good way to learn new things without realizing you were learning anything. I hoped that I would be able to learn more about sea scouts and how the unit is operated. It was well executed and very productive.

I enjoyed the event because of all the things I was able to take away from it. All scouts should participate because not only did we vote on who were going to be in charge of the ship, but it was a great learning experience.



Sleeping on the boats is part of the fun



Classroom instruction



Adult instruction around the fireplace

# Week on the USCG Barque Eagle



Written by  
Able Sea Scout Michelle Reilly

All the excitement. All the planning. None of it really prepares you for Day 1. I remember getting on the Barque, and feeling like this and Maine was more beautiful than I could've imagined. Yet, when I finally got on the "ship," and the cadre leadership were already addressing me in military garb and expecting the same in return--while I did oblige respectfully--was overwhelming, especially after being left to fend for myself without any further guidance, and there still being some expectations you can't quite pinpoint. I later learned that one of my fellow Sea Scouts, Ryan, didn't even get to eat dinner because the cadre that greeted him told him not to abandon an assigned post on the bow of the docked Barque while the cadre went to find answers to Ryan's questions--they left him there for six hours because the cadre forgot... Welcome to a quick moment of panic, of wondering why you wanted to do this, of being grouped with the swabs (entering Freshmen to the Academy), who just finished boot camp summer, and while they have each other's backs, question every move you make... Yeah, but that only lasts a minute, maybe an hour if we're getting technical. At the end, all I wanted to say was--Wow! I'm still trying to think of ways to get back on that training vessel. The range of activities that I was able to partake in that week seemed endless: from climbing to the tops/trees to douse the sails in the heavier seas we faced, to learning new ways to navigate in conjunction with new considerations for plotting on the charts. It was definitely humbling to be able to hear so many stories about how/why the Coast Guard became apart of the lives of those on board. It was so cool to learn about why we needed to bring a pilot on board in delicate narrow channels, and learn about the inner workings of how to trim and direct the sails, the mess, the engine rooms (which I'm told have since been completely changed with the replacement of the engine), etc! Every task and every training seemed equally as essential to the smooth running of the Barque and this particular phase of training. I felt honored to be allowed to



What a beautiful ship

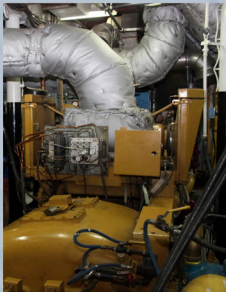


Can't wait for my week onboard to start

## Week on the USCG Barque Eagle (cont)



Now this is a navigation station!



Another world beneath the deck

explore as many components as I could during the allotted time, and overjoyed by the approachability of the crew members (both temporary and permanent)! Since the Sea Scouts only had a the privilege of a week, I tried to fill any downtime with more learning, including trying to gauge what the life of an officer or enlisted member could really be like. During the last night, anchored next to the Statue of Liberty, I asked a member of the crew, I vaguely recognized, if he would be willing to help me to use the radar and teach me to use other tools on the bridge. He gladly stopped what he was doing and took the time to really talk to me and answer all my questions. When I asked how he'd like to be addressed, he said "Captain is fine"--promise you my face must've been priceless in that moment. I really didn't recognize him out of formation! His encouragement and his sincere belief that every member on the crew was there to teach us: the swabs, exchange students from other Academies, Sea Scouts, and even a JROTC crew! I definitely also owe LCDR Millard, the XO, further gratitude for encouraging me and I hope that I can prove her right in the upcoming years. A JAG lawyer for the Army that we brought on to escort into New York slipped me her business card, and even the Captain made jokes that I needed to transfer and start over at the Academy. Their words were encouraging and humbling, and affirming above all else. Though I wish we could've done more sailing during this leg, I still left completely impressed with this one segment of Coast Guard. Aside from all of that, I will never forget the sunrises and incredible locations I got to encounter (having liberty in Portland and New York City)! Once cell phone use was again permissible, I definitely got a ton of photos! I can only hope that the other scouts and trainees were just as satisfied, and that we fully represented ourselves well to the permanent crew, cadres and swabs, adding to the camaraderie and strong work ethic incredibly present from day one. Here's to other scouts getting the opportunity!

# Fall Merit Badges Afloat



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Cecilia Schenking

Every fall and spring, our ship hosts Merit Badges Afloat. At this event, we teach Boy Scouts basic sailing on our flying scotts. We start early on Saturday morning and end on Sunday afternoon. We have six boats for all the scouts that are captained by our experienced Sea Scouts. These Sea Scouts teach the Boy Scouts how to tack, jibe, dock, and rig the sailboat properly. Half of the Boy Scouts sail while the other half are ashore being taught by our adult volunteers. They switch after an hour and a half and each captain gets a new crew. We used to end Saturday around 4:00pm and everyone would go home to return early Sunday. This year, we had some scouts camp overnight at the marina with a few Sea Scouts. This is the first year in almost a decade since we had last done it. I think that it was a fantastic idea and it really let the Boy Scouts see what Sea Scouts is like and how we run things rather than just learning how to sail, the ones that stayed the night, also learned about the ship and all of experiences. Merit Badges Afloat is one of our biggest recruiting events and I found that many of the Boy Scouts who spent the night joined because they got to get to know us and actually enjoyed the people there rather than just being taught by us. Despite learning that we could stay overnight, we held a very successful event.



Weather instruction given by the Skipper



Boy Scouts getting sailing instruction on the Potomac River.



Ship assignments and safety checks

## *Fall Merit Badges Afloat (cont)*



2 minutes to tie all these, ready...go!



Getting the sails ready for storage



Oceanography Hands-on Instruction



Boat Safety Instruction before heading out



Types of sailing vessels

# Sea Badge Underway



Written by  
Skipper Thomas Ballew

It is the mission of Seabadge Underway (SBU) is to provide basic vessel operation training to adult Sea Scout leaders with little vessel experience in order to help prepare

these leaders to operate a Sea Scout vessel in a safe and productive way under moderate conditions. It is also the mission of this course to provide experienced vessel operators with training in the methods and objectives of operating a Sea Scout program on a vessel to achieve maximum benefit for the youth onboard.

Each adult student will function as a Sea Scout 'youth' as that youth would function when engaged in the Sea Scout program. Each student will serve as "Boatswain" for one full day and another full day will serve as vessel "Navigator." All remaining at-sea days, adult students serve as "Crew" for the remainder of the training. As "SBU Course Director" conducting my fourth SBU Course, I was to model the Sea Scout Skipper's responsibilities to train, monitor, mentor youth and insure the safety of the vessel and crew and carry out a successful Sea Scout program. Ship 1942 adult Dean Markussen (previously qualified as a SBU Course Director) served as the Training Module SBU Instructor. Other adults from Ship 1942 successfully completed all their rigorous SBU requirements – Matt Noe and Mate Mark Carmel, along with Skipper John Wright (Ship 37) and Doug Allen (currently Chartering a new 'Ship 2' as their first Skipper).

All applicants had to complete a rigorous list of pre-requisite tasks and training.

1. Applicants must have a good working knowledge of basic coastal navigation.
2. Applicants must be able to tie all 15 knots required for Sea Scout Apprentice and Ordinary ranks including a cleat hitch within a three minute time period.
3. Applicants must be in good physical condition, able to manage 16 hour days, and must submit a pre-qualification BSA Medical Examination Form and be qualified for "High Adventure".

4. Applicants must currently be registered as an adult Sea Scout leader, Scout leader or Professional Scouter.
5. Applicants must study and master the contents of the "Safety and Seamanship" chapter of the current Sea Scout Manual.
6. Applicants must have completed Venturing Youth Protection Training.
7. Applicants must have a complete dress white, dress blue or new century official Sea Scout Leader's uniform with insignia placed as set out in the Sea Scout Manual.
8. Applicants must have complete basic first aid and CPR and must have a current card.
9. Applicants must have completed Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training (SSALBT).
10. Applicants must have completed BSA hazardous weather training
11. Applicants must have completed BSA Safety Afloat Training



Another great day for sailing and learning

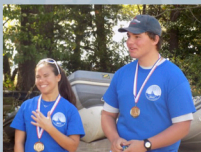


# Northeast Regional sailing championship at Tall Timbers - "Koch Cup" Qualifier



Written by  
Apprentice Sea Scout Kate Markussen

It was a magnificent October weekend for sailing. Tall Timbers Marina in southern Maryland is a quiet, welcoming sailing and boating facility, with protected water and little boat traffic. For two days it provided FJ sailboats for enthusiastic Sea Scout dinghy crews from the NE region. All wanted to go home with an invitation to the Sea Scout international Koch Cup. Saturday's wind was, as Francis Beaufort would say, "a fresh breeze," in which FJ's can really move. Some flip. On Saturday, everybody did. Some met the boom and the boom won; a spreader broke on another FJ; and nearly all were soaked multiple times. It was exhausting yet exciting at the same time. As predicted, Sunday winds dropped to a "light breeze" just above 5 knots. It was the bunny slope compared to Saturday but that meant an emphasis on tactics, strong starts, and watching for the puffs. The day was warm and sunny with six boats hoping to get in five races. And the wind was constantly shifting! From the N . . . no wait from the NW . . . no wait, it shifted again and we were recalled to the start so the race officials could reposition the marks. By the end of the weekend our boat placed second to earn Ship 1942 an invitation the International Sea Scout Koch Cup in 2018. Next year it will take place at the Sea Scout sailing facility in Galveston, Texas. Summer winds in Texas are pretty light so we'll be out practicing starts in the spring.



Kate & Cole NE Regional  
Koch Cup Qualifiers



Getting ready for a day of sailing



Light winds called for tactical sailing skills

# Chain Bridge District Scout Camporee

## Sea Scouts taught Semaphore Signaling



Written by  
Able Sea Scout Jeanine Reilly

Our Boy Scout Chain Bridge District asked Ship 1942 to teach "Semaphore" to the Boy Scouts at their Fall Camporee October 13-15, 2017. The members of Ship 1942 hold this event near and dear to our hearts because we love service, teaching, and being involved with the other divisions of Scouting. Also, we love being active members of our District! They had about 175 eager Boy Scouts ready to learn. The theme of the weekend was the Signs, Signals, and Codes merit badge, so boys arrived with goals to master all the skills, such as semaphore, morse code, American Sign Language, and braille in hopes of getting a blue card signed off and getting that one step much closer to ranking up, and hopefully Eagle Scout for those who aspire to be the best leader they can possibly be. We supported them on the Saturday, 14 October, since we decided not to do the overnight tent camping with them because we had a work day scheduled for Sunday, 15 October. Nevertheless, I lead the Semaphore session and I taught them how awesome, fun, and useful semaphore can be. It became a competitive and interactive lesson. Each Boy Scout gained the ability to stand and spell his name in front of all his peers. By the end of each group's session, tons of them wanted to become Sea Scouts. We peaked their interest, and we invited them to participate with our Fall or Spring Merit Badges Afloat events for recruitment and to get more merit badges while learning to sail!

Personally, the last time I attended this event was two years prior. Coincidentally, the theme for that Camporee was Knot Tying and Splicing, so our Ship focused on teaching those skills then.

That was the Fall Camporee before the Spring where I became Regatta Boatswain for the Ship, where we won 1st place. One of my best skills at the time, and still is, was knot tying. So, I challenged all 175 Boy Scouts to a knot tying contest on the six required Boy Scout advancement knots they needed to learn up to First Class. Then, after having them compete against each other in various levels of "The Knot Tying Championship," I beat all the boys in the final round, therefore making me the champion. All 175 boys were amazed by (1) how flawless and seamlessly a Sea Scout could tie all the knots and (2) that they were beat by a girl! When my turn to compete approached, I sped down the line of knots with the utmost accuracy and in less than 2 minutes whipping the rope around looping in unimaginable ways as to tie a Clove Hitch, Bowline, Sheet Bend, Two Half Hitches, Taut-line Hitch, and The Square Knot. I placed the last rope down yelling "done!" and voilà the praise began. I urged them to keep practicing, so they could be fast and accurate like me one day.



About to start a day of adventure



# Sea Badge Underway

Written by  
Mate Mark Carmel



She party Ship 1942's Skipper, Mr. Tom Ballew, was authorized by the National Council to conduct a Sea Badge Underway training course over the course of two weekends in September and October of 2017. The course was conducted using the Sailing Vessel (Ketch) "der PeLiKaN", and involved four full days underway, plus interactive training discussions and delivery of two written exams. Students included Mr. Matthew Noe (Member of Ship 1942 Committee), Mr. John Wright (Course Director Candidate), Mr. Doug Allen (Aspiring Ship Skipper), and Mark Carmel (wee swab). Sea Scout Andrew Noe also served as crew both weekends. Mrs. Allen served as crew the second weekend and Dean Markussen (Ship 1942 Mate? / USPS Instructor) served as a staff member the second weekend.

The two weekends covered trip planning, routine of the day, navigation, duties of the OOD, the Bosun, the navigator, the helmsman, the lookouts, and other crew members. Participants practiced emergency drills a number of times, with each participant filling various roles to gain proficiency. Several anchoring evolutions were carried out in the West River area, providing the opportunity to try various scopes, approaches to the anchoring location, and methods of recovering the anchor. The team was able to practice night-time entry into a restricted-channel marina and navigate through fog in the vicinity of a busy channel meant for large commercial traffic.

The first weekend took place from September 29 to October 1. The second weekend took place from October 20 to October 22, 2017. Training began each Friday evening, and the training concluded about 4:00 PM each Sunday. The exams were delivered on the second Saturday morning.

Each weekend began ended at the Maryland Yacht Club in Pasadena, MD. The first weekend we anchored out in the West River (south of Annapolis) overnight. The second weekend we stayed overnight in Bay Bridge Marina, Stevensville, MD.

It is the mission of Seabadge Underway to provide basic vessel operation training to Sea Scout and some other adult Scout leaders, with little vessel experience, in order to help prepare these leaders to operate a Sea Scout vessel in a safe and productive way under moderate conditions. It is also the mission of this course to provide experienced vessel operators with training in the methods and objectives of operating a Sea Scout program on a vessel to achieve maximum benefit to the youth onboard.

My favorite part was transiting into Bay Bridge Marina at night; a worthy navigational and crew coordination challenge!

The training was very helpful in that I came to better understand how we should educate and mentor sea scouts while on the water. It also reminded me of many of the things I'd been taught long ago, but hadn't used or kept in mind for many moons.

I did the training, particularly any time we were out on the water. The first underway was very windy, making for great training conditions. I also enjoyed doing man overboard drills in the light fog; it made the training very realistic. I would definitely encourage Sea Scout adults to take this course and Sea Scouts to serve as crew; it's a great way to see how it should be done before a Sea Scout goes to SEAL.



Everyone gets their chance to navigate

# Ship 1942 Bridge of Honor



Written by  
Apprentice Sea Scout Ethan Coit

In October 2017 Ship 1942 held a Bridge of Honor. A Bridge of Honor is a landship ceremony to honor and present individual sea scouts with specific awards, badges, or patches that they have earned. Many of the scouts who attended this landship received patches for awards, ranks, and merit badges, many of which had been earned at Camp Able earlier in the summer. Before the ceremony, we worked together to set-up the landship. Our landship is constructed using poles and rope to form the outline of a ship. We also have a mast, flag poles, a bell, and a ship's wheel. After we set the landship up, we did a few practice runs. During a landship, there are two crews who board the landship. After boarding, each crew lines up on a side of the landship. Next, Skipper and the other adult leaders board the landship, and the flag is raised. After that, Skipper hands out any patches for any awards we have earned. I've always enjoyed participating in landship ceremonies. This one was particularly special for me since I had earned apprentice at Camp Able. I received the patches for my uniform, as well as the patches for the cooking and rowing merit badges. I would definitely recommend this event, as it is a really fun experience.



Piping on the Skipper



Hosting the colors



Two scout sign into the Ships Log

# Franken-Rowing



Written by  
Apprentice Sea Scout Jena Knaack

On October 30, our Ship took our boats out on the water for the last on water activity until next season to Old Town Old Towne, Alexandria. The Franken-Rowing event required everyone to be in Halloween Costumes if the Skipper was to treat them to Ben & Jerry's ice cream. After dark all of us sailed back to our Washington Sailing Marina. I went mostly because I wanted ice cream and to show off my scary makeup. I also love getting out on the water sailing or not. Several Sea Scouts as well as their parents costumed- up in this annual event since the Skipper is buying. I dressed as a zombie with very detailed makeup while some dressed as skeletons, pirates, warriors, and Andrew Noe dressed up in a mix of Jim Carrey props. We also made our sail boats look like pirate ships with black flags and lights. I enjoyed this event because I got to talk with the people in my Ship and relax after school. We all got our assortments of ice cream then took a group photo before leaving to night sail back. This was my first time on a boat at night and on the way back it was very dark but there was not a cloud in the sky, we got to see a full bright moon all the way to the Marina. It was a great way to relax even though it was a bit cold, and more people should totally come next year.



The monsters are rowing out to sea



What a scary crew

# Annual Fall Sail



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Aleksandr Onufra  
Boatswain's Mate for Administration

Ship 1942's Big Boat Sailing Day was in November and suggested during our leadership offsite to utilize our larger boats more often instead of the rare occasions during the summer. The idea of sailing during November wasn't a popular one since only about 6 people showed up but it was a good experience for the scouts that did attend to experience cold weather sailing and sailing in higher winds than we are used to on the Chesapeake during the summer. Along with the experience of cold weather sailing the scouts that attended also got a first hand experience on fine tuning the sails to get the maximum power out of the boat from Captain Brandt who showed small tricks to get the most out of the sails, this was especially helpful to a new scout, Ethan Coit who has been working with the ship for a long time but finally turned the correct age to join and be apart of our program. During the day we took a casual cruise around the Patuxent and while eating lunch we saw a Seaplane that was test flying in the Seaplane operating zone near Solomons, this was a first experience for many on board including the adult leadership who have been sailing on the Chesapeake for many years and have only seen a Seaplane a few times, the Seaplane operator even took the time to do a sweep by and wave to us onboard.



A little cold on the water



Boatswain Cole at the wheel



Girl powered sailing

# Scouting for Food



Written by  
Ordinary Sea Scout Aleksandr Onufrik  
Boatswain's Mate for Administration

Scouting for food was an incredible experience and only gets more organized and efficient as time goes on. This was my third Scouting for Food I have attended with the ship and the organization of the event allowed us to process tons more food than we have been able to in past years. With the help of many other Scout Troops we were able to efficiently unload the cars that were dropping off the food and organize it into cans and "dry goods" that would be weighed and transported over to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Although the weather was quite cold this did not prevent the youth from working hard outside organizing and packing crates with the food then loading them into the trucks. In only a few hours the entire group was able to process several tons of food. This activity also allowed for new scouts to begin getting hours for their apprentice service hour requirements and meet more people they hadn't been able to meet during the sailing season, this also acted as a good basis for how the ship works to help benefit its community and help keep the people of the community fed and nourished.



Our Communities answered the call



This was an all day event, crates full of food



Record setting 72 tons  
of donated food collected

# Parade of Lights



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**Parade of Lights** is an event that happens in Solomons Island every year in early December. It's a gathering of vessels that decorate their boat with lights and blow ups that then follow in the parade to be judged. This year, we decorated three of our boats all which took 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. It was planned by one of our scouts perfectly so that we would be on time for everything. We worked on decorating our boats for almost four hours. Once we were done, we had time to take a break before setting sail. We left our marina around 5:00 PM and docked at the other around 5:30 PM. The adults went to a meeting to listen to how they want the parade to go. Once they returned we turned on our lights and got ready for the parade. On our three boats, we had our boatswain captain one, our boatswain's mate for admin captain the other and finally I captained the last boat. We left the docks and followed the lead boat around the marina and out into the river, singing carols the entire time. Once we returned to our marina, we were all frozen and starving. We backed in our boats and left for dinner and warmth. It was a very successful Parade of Lights because of the perfect scheduling and the amount of scouts that came to enjoy it.



Setting up the lights for our night sail



Father and Son enjoying the afternoon



We are ready to go

# Blackburn Cabin Party



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The party started on Friday with arrivals in the afternoon. The dinner for the night, spaghetti & meatballs, was prepared by Captain Mike along with a nice carrot cake, while we chatted and played card games into the night. The next morning, the cooking crew arose early and prepared a meal of scrambled eggs, bacon, and pancakes. After a short while Skipper held an all-hands meeting where he discussed advancement and asked everyone what they hoped to accomplish in time. Then a quarterdeck meeting was held in which members discussed plans for Long Cruise this year. Lunch consisted of grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup, which was popular with the ship. After the meal, we took hikes of various distances on the trail above the cabin, some even making it to Deer Lick, roughly 2 miles away. Dinner was Skipper's favorite Chicken Pot Pie, and for dessert there was an Epiphany cake prepared by Ms. Muller. After dinner, we held the annual gift exchange and much fun was had. It was followed by more card games before bed. The next morning, the cooking crew prepared a breakfast of hash browns, scrambled eggs, and sausage, which was quickly enjoyed. After a short while, people gathered their belongings, meticulously cleaned the cabin, and left in the late morning.

The party was a great success. Even though the cabin had no running water (the pipes had frozen in the abnormally cold weather), we still managed to bring up plenty of water and adapted our plans to fit. People had a lot of fun and I am looking forward to attending this event next year.



Merry Christmas from Ship 1942



Cameron & Kate Playing Christmas Songs



Everyone on the Ship was on the "Nice List"



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