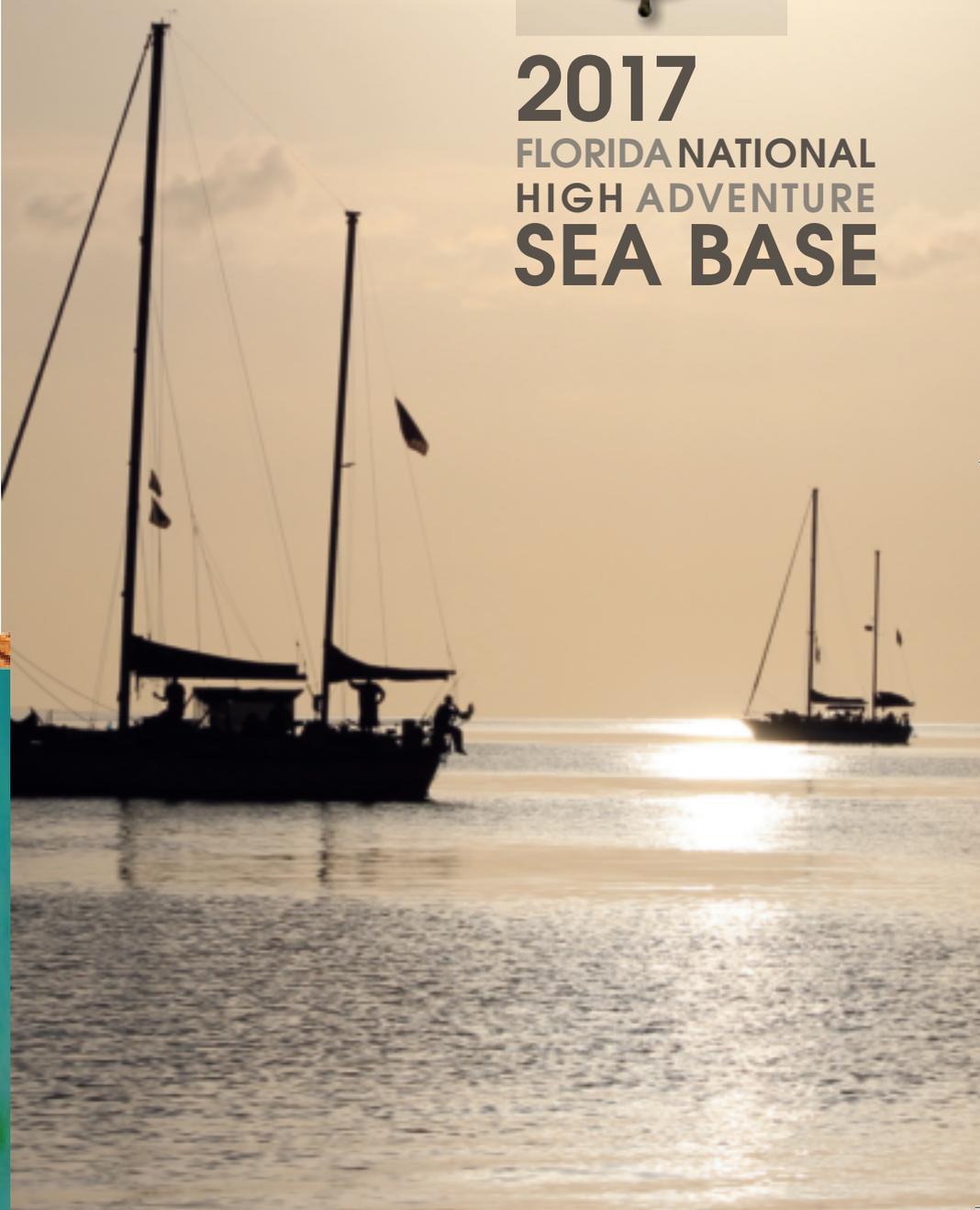




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FLORIDA NATIONAL
HIGH ADVENTURE
SEA BASE





Since its inception, Scouting has been all about exploring and appreciating the wilderness. The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base offers a year-round opportunity to explore a completely different type of wilderness—the underwater wilderness. The Florida Sea Base provides many vehicles to gain access to this underwater wilderness—large sailing vessels, power boats, kayaks, and scuba equipment.

Imagine thousands of square miles of underwater coral formations, peaks, valleys, and literally hundreds of different types of colorful fish. Your mask will become a kaleidoscope of colors as you glide effortlessly among pillars of coral and multihued fish. The warm, clear waters of the Florida Keys, the Bahamas, or St. Thomas give you the sensation of weightlessness in this underwater wilderness.



Sea Base is NCAP accredited: five-year authorization (2014–2018).

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REGISTERING FOR THE SEA BASE LOTTERY

- The registration period for the lottery is January 15 to February 15.
- Access to the Sea Base lottery is obtained through the Sea Base website, www.bsaseabase.org.
- A Scout unit must create an account to access the reservation site. If the unit already has an account, another one can't be created.
- A unit can request any number of dates and adventures that interest its Scouts.
- Requests can be prioritized to increase the chances that the unit gets one of its top choices. Requests can be added, deleted, or reprioritized during the lottery period.
- Multiple crews can be requested for a specific date and adventure.
- When a date and adventure is awarded to a unit, the unit gets all the crews requested. HOWEVER, units can't mix and match different adventures on the same date.
- Units will be notified of the lottery results in early March.
- Units have 30 days to send a \$100-per-person deposit to confirm reservations.
- All remaining reservations will be made available on the reservation site on a first-come, first-served basis.
- All adventure materials will be mailed in the fall after the first-half payment is received.
- Individuals and small groups may attend Sea Base using Scout Connections on the website.

ELIGIBILITY

- All participants, youth and adult, must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Participants must be 13 years old and graduated from the eighth grade or 14 to participate in all programs.
- Youth who would be eligible to attend the summer season (May through August) ARE eligible for the spring program of that year (February through April). **AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEA BASE CANNOT BE RELAXED. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST OR EXPECT EXCEPTIONS!**
- Participants must have the ability to swim 100 yards (official BSA swimmer test), and stay afloat for one minute.
- Participants must be in good health evidenced by the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (no other medical form is acceptable) filled out and signed by their doctor within the past 12 months. A special scuba medical and waiver form is required for the scuba certification program. Use of psychotropic drugs while scuba diving is prohibited at Florida Sea Base. A history of asthma, diabetes, or seizures may also disqualify a participant from diving. Please refer to the Sea Base website, risk advisory, and *Guide to Safe Scouting* for more information.
- Participants in the Scuba Adventure and Scuba Live Aboard Adventure program must be certified divers by a certification agency nationally recognized by the BSA.
- No participant may weigh in excess of 295 pounds. Please refer to the height/weight chart on the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record form for recommended weight limits. Participants exceeding 295 pounds will be sent home at their own expense.
- All crew members must know and use the Scout Oath and Scout Law as their guide to appropriate behavior at the Sea Base.

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LOCATIONS

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base operates 12 different adventures out of four locations: two in the Florida Keys, one in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas, and one in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. The adventures Coral Reef Sailing, Sea Exploring, STEM Eco, Scuba, Scuba Certification, and Scuba Live Aboard operate in the Florida Keys at mile marker 73.8 at Sea Base on Lower Matecumbe Key. Out Island Adventure, Keys Adventure, and Florida Fishing Adventure operate on Summerland Key at mile marker 23.8 at the Brinton Environmental Center. Bahamas Adventure and Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure operate out of the Bahamas Sea Base in Marsh Harbour, Abaco, Bahamas. Sea Base St. Thomas operates in the waters off the U.S. Virgin Islands.



LEADERSHIP

- All crews must have two-deep adult leadership. Two registered adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 years or older, are required for all trips or outings.
NOTE: One leader per crew must have Wilderness First Aid training.
- A crew leader must be elected by members of the crew to maintain a key Scouting method: youth leader development.
- The Sea Base will provide each crew with a trained program staff member throughout the adventure.
- Coed Venturing crews must have at least one male and one female leader, and both must be over 21 years old.
- Youth are considered adults at the age of 18 in a troop. Youth are considered adults at the age of 21 in a Venturing crew.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Florida Sea Base offers partial need-based scholarships to individuals who wish to attend the Sea Base but cannot do so because of financial constraints. Call the Sea Base or visit our website for further information.

NON-SUMMER WEEKLONG ADVENTURES IN THE FABULOUS FLORIDA KEYS

Your annual high-adventure trek need not be confined to the typical summer season. The Florida Sea Base is open year-round, offering most of our programs when there is a break from school. Why not consider an adventure in the fall, in late December, or maybe spring break? The weather is great.

ORDER OF THE ARROW OCEAN ADVENTURE

We get many inquiries about this exciting program that is available to members of the Order of the Arrow who meet high-adventure age and physical requirements. The program is administered through the national Order of the Arrow organization, and information is available through your local OA leadership. If you cannot get information and an application locally, please contact the national OA representative at 972-580-2438.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Please notify the Sea Base IMMEDIATELY if your crew intends to cancel. Early notification will result in the loss of a minimum amount of fees as outlined below and will allow other Scouts the opportunity to attend Sea Base.

The initial \$100-per-person nonrefundable deposit fee is transferable within your crew. (The names may change as long as the count remains the same.) These funds may not be applied to any other crew. Your crew may transfer to another arrival date within the same calendar year if this arrangement has been made prior to your half-payment deadline.

Crews canceling after the half payment has been made will forfeit all fees paid. The Sea Base recommends that units purchase travel insurance.



FLORIDA SEA BASE SHIP STORE

Are you excited about your adventure? The Florida Sea Base proudly offers quality merchandise on-site and online. Prior to arrival, Sea Base recommends that your troop, team, crew, or post order custom shirts, hats, and bags. When you arrive, you will find adventure-specific merchandise, gifts, collectibles, and snacks. The following is a list of items suggested and/or required for your adventure:

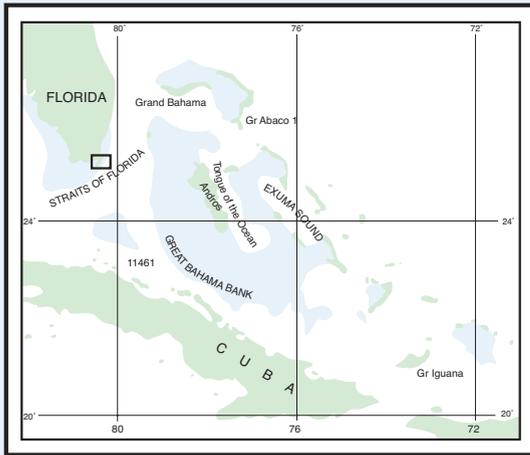
- SPF long-sleeved shirt—available for custom crew pre-order
- SPF short-sleeved shirt—available for custom crew pre-order
- Broad-rimmed or SPF-rated hat—available for custom crew pre-order
- Adventure bag—available for custom crew pre-order
- Reef Safe sunscreen—available on-site and online
- Polarized sunglasses—available on-site
- Nalgene with carabiner—available on-site or online
- Nonbreakable coffee mug—available on-site or online
- Dive socks—available on-site or online
- Crew first-aid kit—available on-site or online

CUSTOM CREW ORDERS

Customize your crew! Given the nature of our adventures and the intensity of South Florida/ Caribbean sun, Sea Base recommends that each participant bring a long- and short-sleeved SPF shirt, wide-brimmed SPF hat, and a bag suitable for your adventure. To meet this recommendation, Sea Base offers the items listed for customization. Add your unit number, city, and state to any of our highly rated designs. To order, visit www.fsbshipstore.com.

The listed items can be found at the Sea Base Ship Store website, www.fsbshipstore.com.

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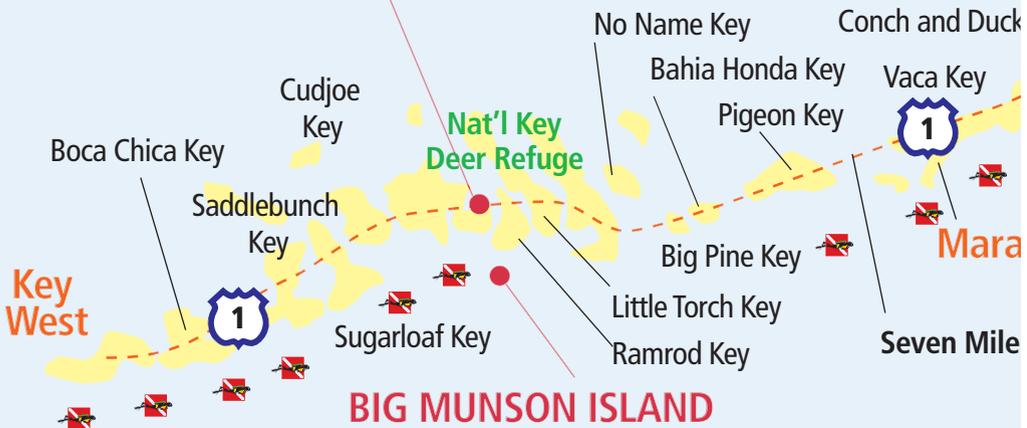


Reef Locations



Gulf of Mexico

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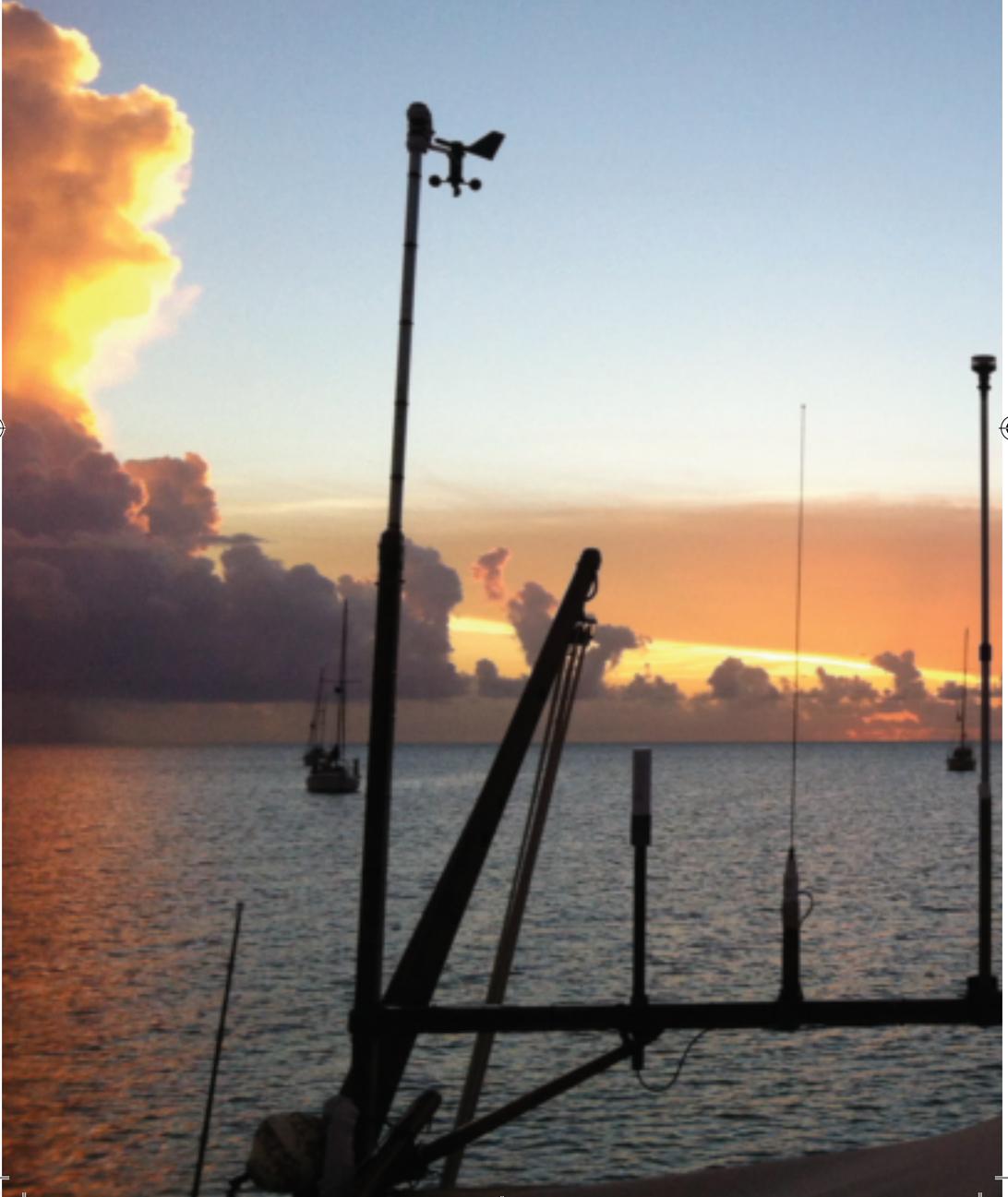
Distance From Airports			
	Miami airport	Fort Lauderdale airport	Key West airport
Florida Sea Base, MM 74	90 miles	115 miles	74 miles
Brinton Center, MM 24	140 miles	165 miles	24 miles

MM = Mile Marker Key West = Mile Marker 0
Average speed in the Florida Keys = 40–45 mph

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SEA BASE HIGH ADVENTURES





SAILING

CORAL REEF SAILING ADVENTURE

Your home for a week will be on a large sailing vessel over 40 feet long. During the adventure, you will be sailing the Florida Keys and have the opportunity to snorkel some of the most beautiful reefs in the Keys and part of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

You will also have the opportunity to study astronomy, navigation, fish identification, and coral reef ecology.

So join us for the Coral Reef Sailing Adventure, and sharpen your navigational skills and enjoy snorkeling and fishing all in one package.

THIS IS A SIX-NIGHT, SEVEN-DAY ADVENTURE.

STEM ECO ADVENTURE

If you are looking for an up-close, hands-on STEM adventure, then the STEM Eco Adventure is for you. Your crew's home and base of operation for the week will be two 40- to 45-foot sailboats. From there, you will launch into your undersea world of exploration by means of snorkel, mask, and fins; kayak; or fishing pole and glass-bottom viewer. Here you will explore the wildlife and ecosystems of the four major marine habitats of the Florida Keys, study plants and wildlife, and understand their delicate balance. Scouts will return to civilization with a greater appreciation of the undersea world and their roles as stewards of this amazing environment.

THIS IS A SIX-NIGHT, SEVEN-DAY ADVENTURE.

SEA EXPLORING ADVENTURE

The Florida Sea Base operates four tall ship sailing vessels more than 70 feet. This adventure is especially geared for larger crews of 18 to 20. During the weeklong odyssey, you will snorkel several reefs as you sail among the fabulous Florida Keys. Along the way, you will troll for mackerel, barracuda, and mahi-mahi, hoping to supplement the ship's stores.

Among the highlights of your adventure are sailing to a small archipelago of islands, fishing, snorkeling, and maybe even catching some lobster (in season).

If you're expecting a "cruise" and someone serving your meals, this is not the adventure for you. It is a rugged extended voyage on a large vessel. Everyone pitches in with the sailing and cooking chores. You'll do on-board navigation, star study, and lots of snorkeling and fishing—but you won't be waited on.

If you are up to the challenge, this is the adventure for you.

THIS IS A SEVEN-NIGHT, EIGHT-DAY ADVENTURE.





ADVENTURE	FEE	CREW SIZE	SEASONS
Coral Reef Sailing Adventure	\$6,850 per crew	6 minimum 8 maximum	Spring/Summer/ Fall/Winter
STEM Eco Adventure	\$11,900 per crew	10 minimum 12 maximum	Summer
Sea Exploring Adventure	\$16,750 per crew	18 minimum 20 maximum	Spring/Summer/ Fall/Winter

Crew size includes the two adult leaders per crew attending.

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BRINTON ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER



ADVENTURE	FEE	CREW SIZE	SEASONS
Florida Fishing Adventure	\$1,010 per person	6 minimum 8 maximum	Spring/Summer
Keys Adventure	\$860 per person	6 minimum 8 maximum	Spring/Summer/ Fall/Winter
Out Island Adventure	\$860 per person	6 minimum 8 maximum	Spring/Summer/ Fall/Winter

Crew size includes the two adult leaders per crew attending.

FLORIDA FISHING ADVENTURE

This is the fishing trip of a lifetime! You'll have the opportunity to fish in all of the major marine ecosystems of the Florida Keys. You'll go far offshore, trolling for various pelagic fish such as mahi-mahi, tuna, sailfish, and wahoo. You will fish North America's only living coral reef and shipwrecks throughout the Keys for snapper and grouper. You'll fish the shallow waters of Florida Bay for tarpon, permit, and the elusive bonefish. Also, no fishing adventure would be complete if we didn't include a day wrestling "Jaws" or one of his shark cousins! While learning the fine art of fishing, you will also be taught about ecology, conservation, and seamanship.

Your fishing adventure itinerary also includes a trip to historic Key West. It is the southernmost town in the continental United States, and is rich in history and unique culture. You'll get to tour the town and enjoy some of the many museums, shops, and restaurants.

If you are passionate about fishing and seek the Keys experience of a lifetime, the Florida Fishing Adventure is the program for you.

KEYS ADVENTURE

This exciting program offers a potpourri of aquatic activities that can be experienced only in the Florida Keys.

The various programs change based on weather patterns, but you can be assured of a lot of snorkeling, fishing, sailing, boating, and ocean kayaking. You'll also have time to visit historic Key West to enjoy some of the unique culture and activities in the southernmost city in the United States.

Your crew will be housed in air-conditioned dormitories overlooking the Atlantic Ocean and will have great meals at the Brinton Environmental Center. Weather permitting, you'll even have the opportunity to venture offshore to Big Munson Island for an overnight camping expedition, where you can explore and learn about marine life in the Florida Keys.

If you are looking for an unforgettable Florida Keys experience with a wide variety of aquatic activities, the Keys Adventure is the program for you.

OUT ISLAND ADVENTURE

Big Munson Island, with more than a hundred acres of high hardwood hammock fringed in lush mangroves, is much like it was when pirates arrived in the 1800s. The abundant vegetation is the home of the endangered Key deer and Key Vaca raccoon, both of which wander in and out of campsites at will.

You will start your weeklong "Survivor"-like experience (sorry, no voting anyone off the island) at the Brinton Environmental Center, located at mile marker 23.8. You will travel from the Brinton Center to Big Munson Island with all your gear via Polynesian war canoes (your food is delivered by powerboat). Because this is a primitive camping experience, don't expect white sandy beaches and native girls! You will have to wade all of your food, water, and equipment ashore to your campsite.

Your week will consist of fishing for grouper, barracuda, mahi-mahi, and sharks. You will experience some of the finest snorkeling in the Keys on North America's only living coral reef. There is also ample time to explore the island on foot or mingle in the mangroves on small kayaks.

Your island mate is with you for the entire adventure, helping you explore and enjoy the flora and fauna of the island as well as the spectacular underwater wilderness that begins just yards from your tent.

Imagine yourself camped under the canopy of gumbo-limbo trees. You can't do that anywhere else in the United States! If your crew has strong camping skills and enjoys challenges, the Out Island program is for you.

SCUBA

SCUBA ADVENTURE

If you are a certified diver, this is your program. You will have the opportunity to dive beautiful coral reefs in the Florida Keys. From our fleet of custom-built dive boats, Scuba Adventure participants have discovered and named many of our dive locations. These are known only by our captains and dive masters.

During this adventure (weather permitting) you will be making as many as 11 dives, including a night dive. All of these dives are in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Accommodations are in air-conditioned dormitories overlooking the Florida Bay with great meals in the Sea Base galley. The diving equipment supplied for this adventure is new and state-of-the-art. If you are a gung-ho diver, this is the program for you. You must be a certified diver to participate in this program. Call Sea Base or visit our website for a list of medical constraints.

SCUBA CERTIFICATION ADVENTURE

This is your opportunity to become fully trained and certified as a PADI open-water scuba diver at the finest training facility in the country, with the best instructors and staff. Even if you have never had a mask on your face, within a week you can become a certified scuba diver.

You will be fitted with all new equipment and trained in the intricacies of safe scuba diving by our certified instructors and in our specially designed scuba training pools, as well as in the open ocean.

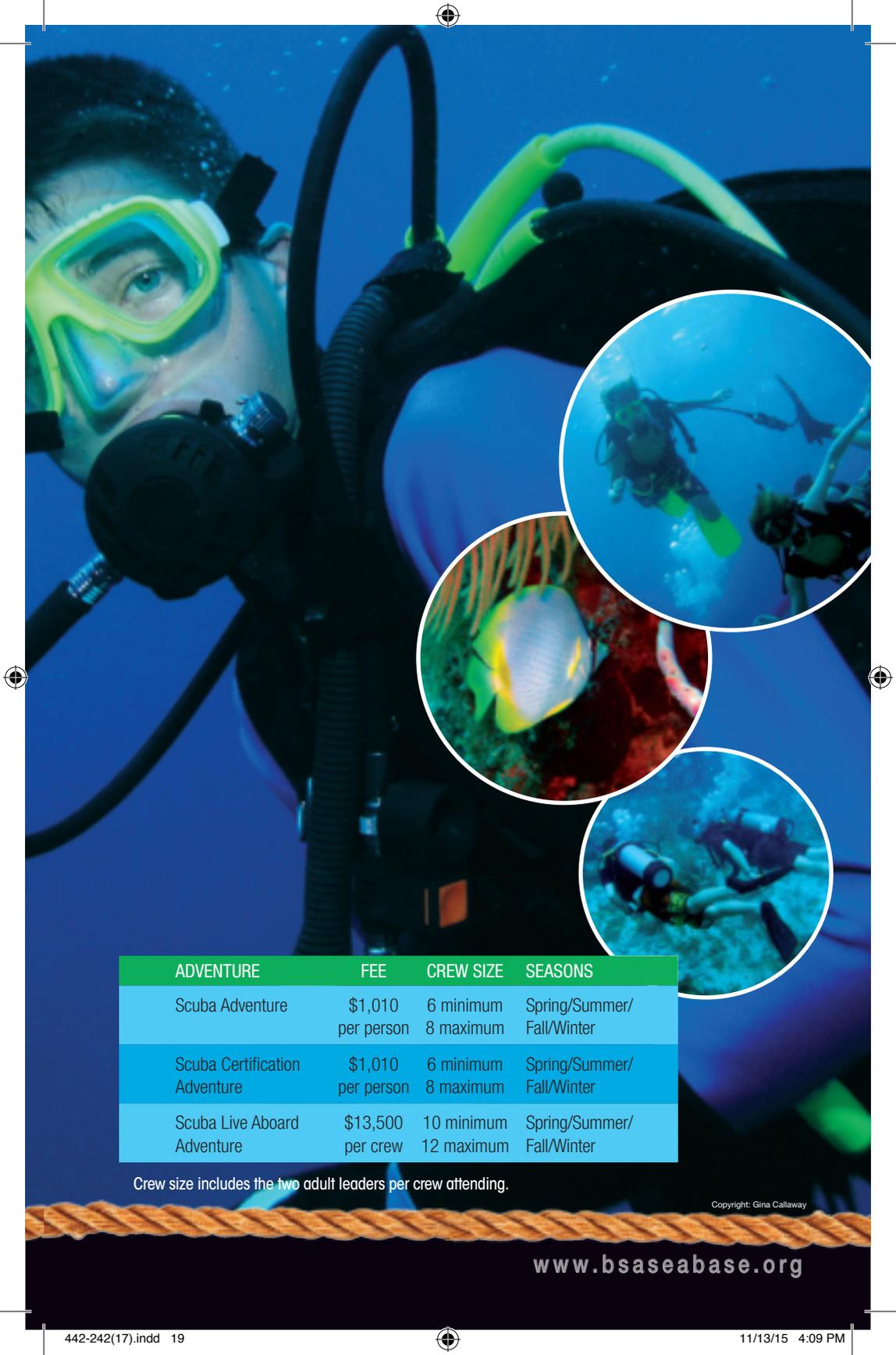
Your fee includes all meals, instruction, housing in air-conditioned dormitories, four open-water training dives, and two to four fun dives (time and conditions permitting). You need to bring a thirst for adventure in the underwater wilderness.

Some health constraints need to be investigated before your participation. Call Sea Base or check our website for a list of medical constraints.

SCUBA LIVE ABOARD ADVENTURE

The Florida Sea Base has combined the sailing and scuba diving programs for one incredible adventure. On this adventure, you will be spending your days not only scuba diving, but sailing around the Florida Keys. With a crew size of 10 to 12 people, your home will be aboard one 60-foot or two 40-foot sailing yachts. During this adventure (weather permitting) you will dive 15 times, including night dives. When you are not diving, there are plenty of opportunities for sailing and fishing while cruising through the Florida Keys. You must be a certified diver to participate in this program. Call Sea Base or visit our website for a list of medical constraints.

ALL SCUBA ADVENTURES LAST SEVEN NIGHTS AND EIGHT DAYS.



ADVENTURE	FEE	CREW SIZE	SEASONS
Scuba Adventure	\$1,010 per person	6 minimum 8 maximum	Spring/Summer/ Fall/Winter
Scuba Certification Adventure	\$1,010 per person	6 minimum 8 maximum	Spring/Summer/ Fall/Winter
Scuba Live Aboard Adventure	\$13,500 per crew	10 minimum 12 maximum	Spring/Summer/ Fall/Winter

Crew size includes the two adult leaders per crew attending.

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BAHAMAS AND ST. THOMAS

BAHAMAS ADVENTURE

The mere name, “the Bahamas,” invokes a vision of white sandy beaches and crystal-clear water. This is an excellent description of the area you will see during your Bahamas Adventure. From the moment your plane touches down, you will be aware that you are in a foreign country in this small group of the “Family Islands.” A taxi will meet you in Marsh Harbour and take you to your vessel at the Conch Inn and Marina for swim checks and loading gear and equipment. Then you are off for an unforgettable adventure in the Sea of Abaco.

During the voyage, you will visit small Bahamian villages such as Man O’War, where the ancient boat-building art is still practiced. You will have an opportunity to try local foods such as fresh Bahamian bread, baked goods, and conch fritters. Plus you’ll visit the small picturesque village of Hope Town, see its harbor and lighthouse, and fish and snorkel on beautiful pristine reefs.

Bahamas adventures are available during the spring and summer, and there are three boat sizes to choose from: 40- to 45-foot boats for crews of six to eight; 45- to 50-foot boats for crews of 10 to 12; and a 60-foot catamaran that holds 18 to 20.

ST. THOMAS ADVENTURE

Sea Base St. Thomas will allow Scouts to travel to the tropics and experience the allure of the U.S. Virgin Islands. Here, the trade winds blow and the territories of St. Thomas and St. John offer some of the best sailing and snorkeling in the Caribbean. Upon arrival, pre-arranged BSA transportation will take your crew to the Sapphire Beach Resort and Marina, where you will load up and set sail aboard a 40-foot-plus yacht with an experienced captain.

You will snorkel in crystal blue water and discover the wilderness that lies below the surface. A special treat will be your visit to the Virgin Islands National Park, a 7,000-acre facility on the island of St. John, where your crew can explore, hike, enjoy the beach, and fish.

St. Thomas adventures are available in the summer for crews of six to eight.

ALL BAHAMAS AND ST. THOMAS ADVENTURES LAST SIX NIGHTS AND SEVEN DAYS.

For all Bahamas and St. Thomas adventures, the following applies: These are truly the adventures of a lifetime, but don’t expect luxury. These are working voyages—handling lines, preparing food, and participating fully in the operation of your vessel. Crew members are responsible for their own air transportation in and out of Marsh Harbour Airport on Great Abaco (for Bahamas adventures) and the airport at St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands (airport designator **STT**, for St. Thomas adventures). Due to Homeland Security laws, all participants must have proper identification to travel abroad, which means a **valid passport to enter and leave the Bahamas. (Passports are not required, but they are recommended for anyone traveling to the Virgin Islands.)** Unaccompanied Scouts must have parental permission to travel with their unit to the Bahamas.



ADVENTURE	FEE	CREW SIZE	SEASONS
Bahamas Adventure	\$6,850 per crew	6 minimum 8 maximum	Spring/Summer
Bahamas Adventure	\$10,200 per crew	10 minimum 12 maximum	Spring/Summer
Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure	\$16,700 per crew	18 minimum 20 maximum	Spring/Summer
St. Thomas Adventure	\$6,850 per crew	6 minimum 8 maximum	Summer

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