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Sea Scouts

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Skipper, Ship 0450 – “the little ship in the desert”





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Overview



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- Introduction
- History
- What is Sea Scouts ACTUALLY?
- Opportunities
- Integration of SEA SCOUTS to your community
- Partnerships
- How to's
- Review
- Q & A



Sea Scouts, BSA

- Sea Scouting is BSA's first high adventure and oldest nautical youth program in the United States, second in the world and a division of Scouts, BSA



History



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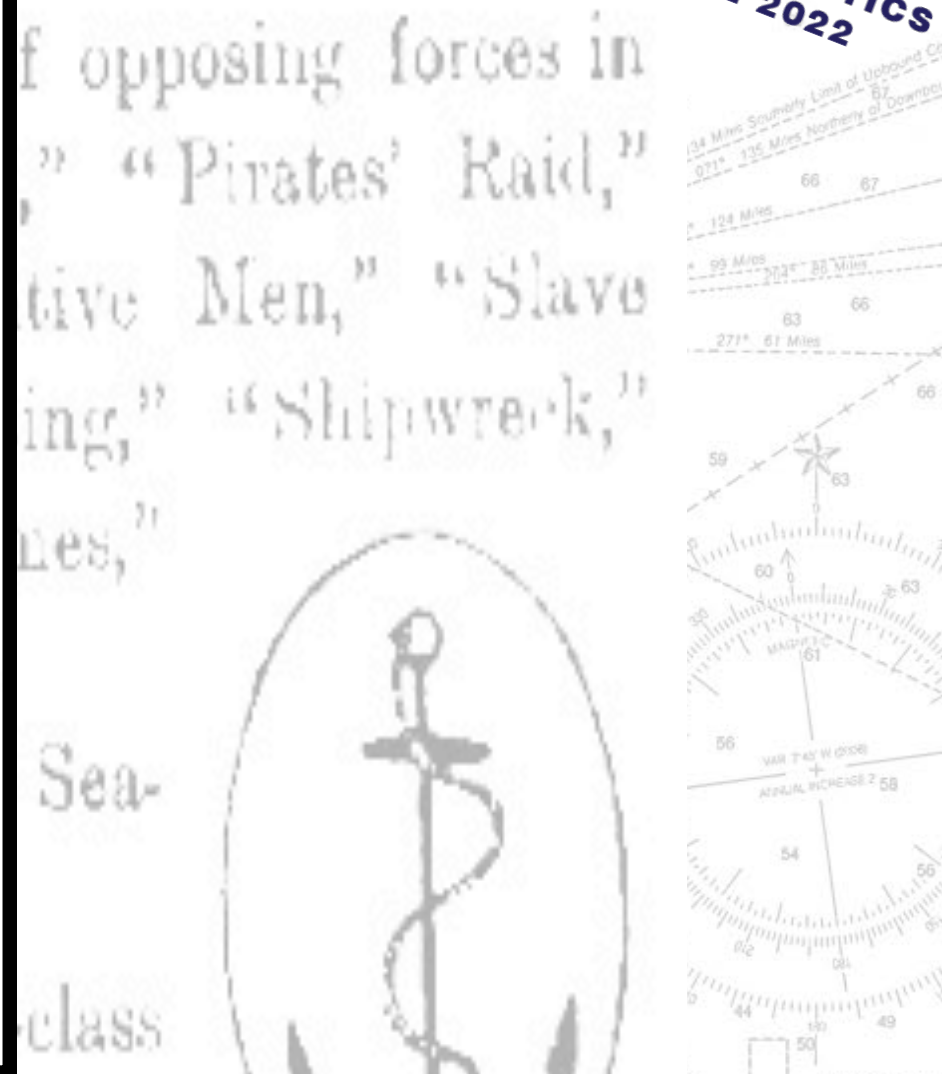
For Organisers and Scoutmasters.



SEA SCOUTING FOR BOYS.

By
Sir Robert Baden-Powell,
K.C.B.

PRICE 6d.





Lord Baden-Powell Founder of Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts



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Sea Scouts, BSA organized in 1912:



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- * To promote better citizenship;
- * Improve boating skills and knowledge in water safety;
- * To provide outdoor, social, and service experiences; and
- * Knowledge of our maritime heritage.





Sea Scout History



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- Founding of Sea Scouts

Arthur Astor Carey
founded Sea Scouts in
Boston on *B.S.S.
Pioneer*.





Sea Scout History



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• Origins of Sea Scouts **1912:**

Charles T. Longstreth
organized a Sea Scout patrol
aboard his yacht *Arawan* in
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- The History of Sea Scouting in the United States
- <http://www.seascout.org/about/history.html>

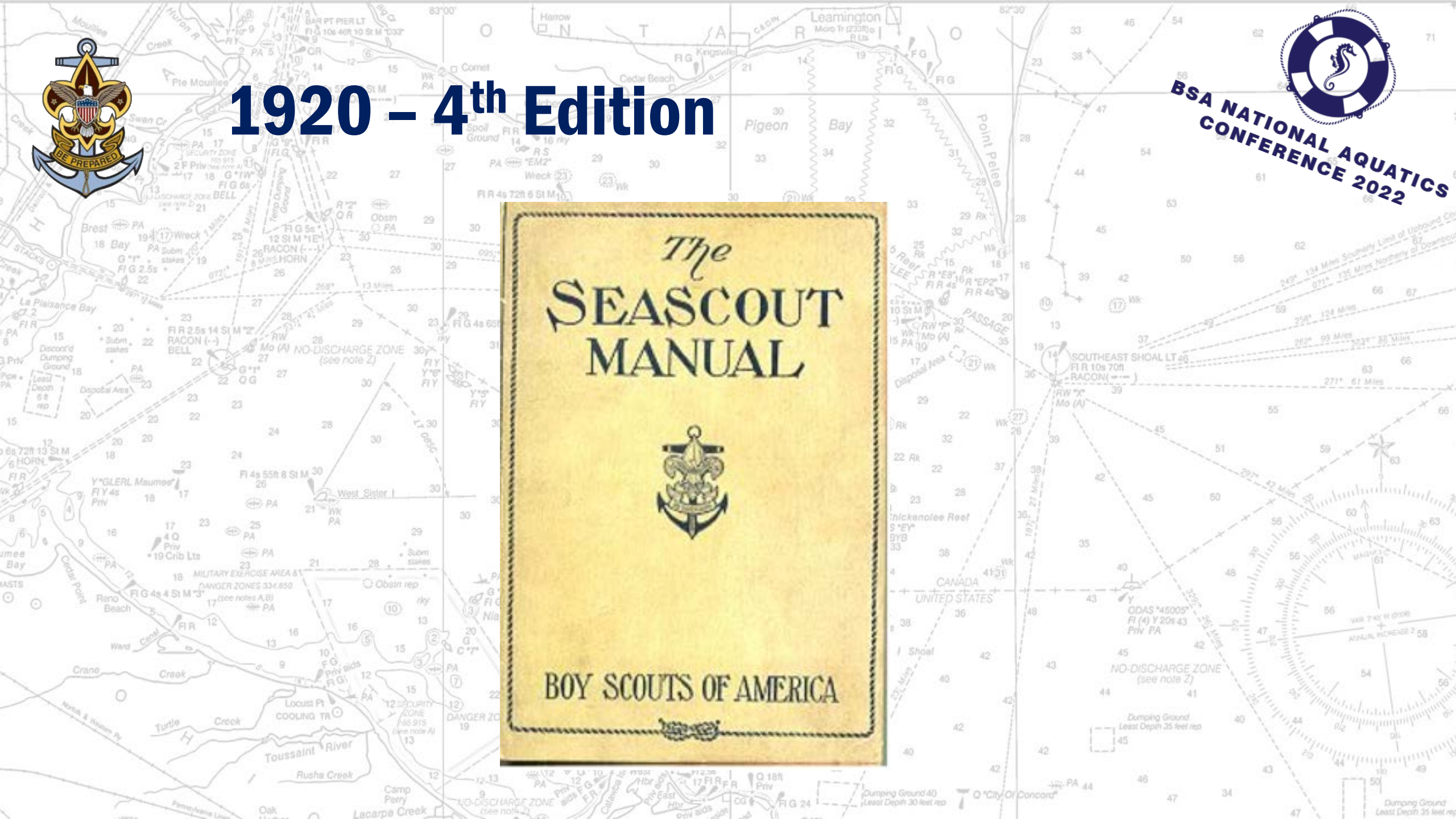
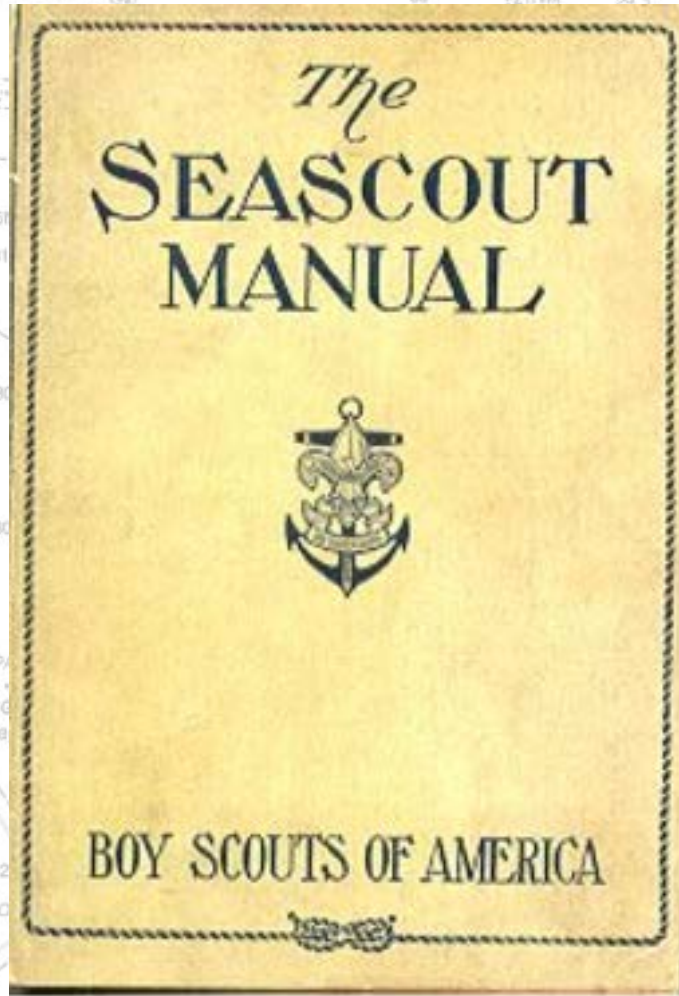


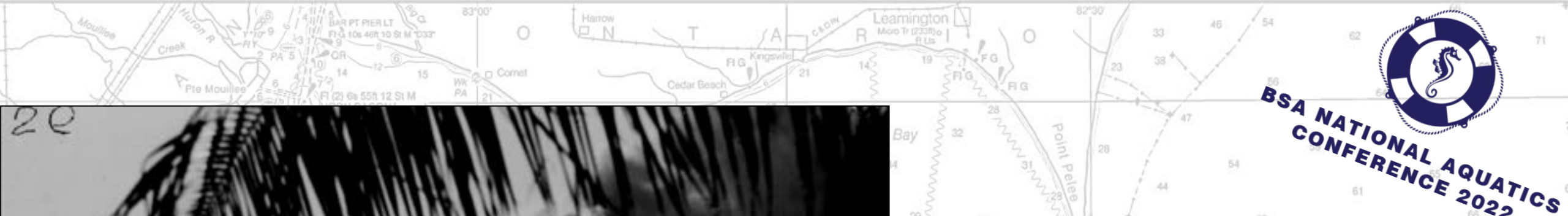


1920 - 4th Edition



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• 1941

1972: Sea Scouts Officially Become Co-Ed



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February 2016- The National Executive Board of the BSA established Sea Scouting as a full-fledged program of the BSA just like Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, and Venturing.



SEA SCOUT
MANUAL



Sea Scouts



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Provides for three tracks of participation

- Recreational Boating and Aquatics
 - Fun, Adventure, Leadership
- Maritime Industry Careers
 - Merchant Marine
 - Commercial Diving
 - Maritime high schools
- Military Careers
 - U.S. Navy
 - U.S. Coast Guard



What does Sea Scout Ships do?



- ▶ Program focus on:
- ▶ Sailing
- ▶ Power Boats
- ▶ Paddling—Kayaking, Canoeing, SUP
- ▶ Scuba
- ▶ Maritime careers



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On, In, Around & Under the Water

- Character and Leadership
- Scout Oath and Law
- Rank Advancement
- Camping
- Youth ages 13 -20
(8th grade completed)





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Mission, Values, and Purpose

• THE SCOUT OATH OR PROMISE

• On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; and To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

• THE SCOUT LAW

• A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

The Sea Promise

As a Sea Scout I promise to do my best—

1. To guard against water accidents.
2. To know the location and proper use of the life saving devices on every boat I board.
3. To be prepared to render aid to those in need.
4. To seek to preserve the Motto of the Sea, "Women and Children First."



To let those less able come first

The Scouting of Sea Scouts

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Boating Programs that engage YOUTH

- We need to make ALL programming more EXCITING than cellphones
- Or include Social Media into our program





Today's Teens!

Post Millennial (1990-current)

- AKA TwoKays or 2Ks.
- AKA “Gen Y” or the cohort following Gen X.
- Currently 15-21 year olds.
- Grew up in a world full of choice and options.
- They see limitless possibilities to make life their own.
- Often misjudged and misunderstood.
- Digital Generation, learn quickly.



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Sea Scout Ships can emphasize

Motor Boating
Sailing
Paddlesports
SCUBA







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Rank Advancements

Apprentice

Ordinary

Able

Quartermaster





Youth Leadership



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- 🌀 **Quarterdeck**
- 🌀 **ILSS**
- 🌀 **NYLT**
- 🌀 **SEAL**



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SEAL – Sea Experience Advanced Leadership





William I. Koch Sea Scout Regatta

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Safe Boating Partnerships



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Sea Scouts, BSA The Coast Guard Auxiliary's Youth Leadership Development Program



Concept - September 2018



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Other Branches youth programs:

- Civil Air Patrol & Air Force Junior ROTC
- U.S. Naval Sea Cadets & Junior ROTC
- Army Junior ROTC
- Young Marines



Now Coast Guard has Sea Scouts, BSA





USCG Auxiliary and Sea Scouts

- AUXSCOUT national rollout 01 November 2019
- <https://seascout.org/cgaux/>
- as of December 31, 2019, there were four –
- As of today, more than 26 Ships have been chartered. *Representing about 460 members.*



USCG Barque Eagle



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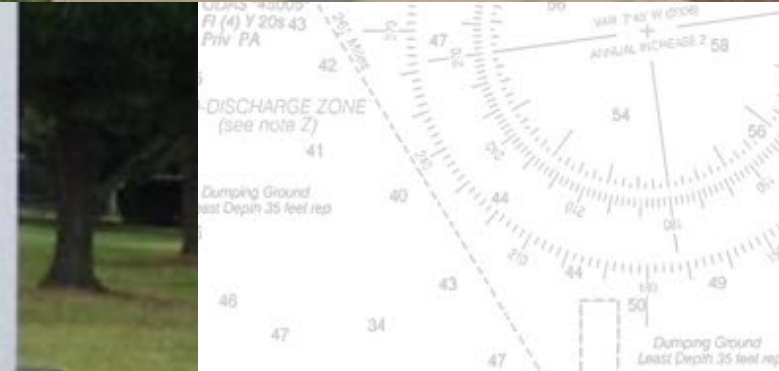


USCG Auxiliary and Sea Scouts



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- **Seven Safety at Sea training events were held this year involving over 1,000 Sea Scout participants.**





USCG Auxiliary and Sea Scouts

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- The Auxiliary is providing monthly online applied STEM workshops via Zoom that focus on Sea Scout advancement topics and advanced boating safety and nautical skills.
- These videos are available on YouTube and are getting thousands of views monthly.

The screenshot shows a Facebook page with the following event listings:

- Upcoming events** (Buttons: Find events, Create event)
- TUE, OCT 25 AT 6 PM MST**
Coast Guard Tech Talk - Unmanned Systems : Aeri...
Created by Peter Sargent
Buttons: Interested, Going, Invite, Share, More
- SAT, OCT 29 AT 11 AM MST**
3rd International Sea Scout Scuttlebutt
Created by Bruce Johnson
Buttons: Interested, Going, Invite, Share, More
- TUE, NOV 15 AT 8 PM MST**
Coast Guard Tech Talk - Unmanned Underwater V...
Created by Peter Sargent
Buttons: Interested, Going, Invite, Share, More



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Sharing the Helm

“The Skipper is the key adult leader and is responsible for training the Ship’s Boatswain.”

“The ultimate responsibility for the Ship rests with the Skipper.”

***BSA Policy as outlined in the
Sea Scout Manual***



On the Water Training Opportunities:



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- US Sailing/ US Powerboating
- NSBC Skipper's Club
- Yacht Clubs
- Camps/Schools





In, On, Around, and Under the Water

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Service to Youth & Council



- Cub Cruise
- Boy Scout Cruise
- Venture Cruises
- Merit Badge Midway
- Camporees
- Specialty summer camps
- Scout Exposition
- University of Scouting



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How we can utilize Sea Scouts

- Hire them to work summer camp water fronts
- Help and run a Raingutter Regatta for Cub Scouts
- Teach or supervise aquatic vessels
- Involve them in special events
- Teaching Scouts the knots and tie them
- Help out with map and compass

• THEY ARE YOUR MARITIME SPECIALIZED SCOUTS





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To form a Sea Scout Ship

You do not need a vessel (ship)

You do not have to live near a body of water

**Just the desire to form a Sea Scout Ship and provide
the fun and excitement that follows the wind**





Scouter Training



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- ⊗ Youth Protection Training
- ⊗ Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training
- ⊗ Safety Afloat
- ⊗ Safe Swim Defense
- ⊗ State Safe Boater's Course (NASBLA approved)
- ⊗ American Red Cross: First Aid, CPR, AED
- ⊗ Hazardous Weather
- ⊗ **Highly Recommended for All Adult Leaders**
- ⊗ Seabadge
- ⊗ Wilderness First Aid
- ⊗ Wood Badge
- ⊗ Powder Horn





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Resources - Information

www.seascout.org

www.seascout.org

www.scouting.org

www.usps.org – US Power Squadrons

www.cgaux.org – US Coast Guard Aux

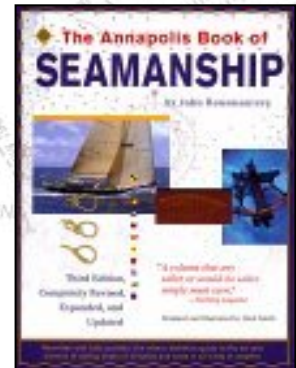
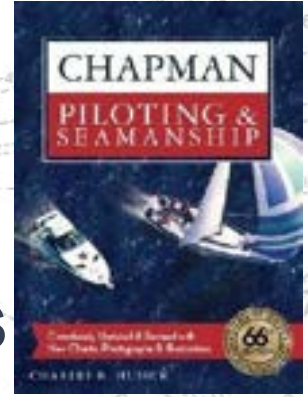
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Sea Scout Manual





Sea Scouts Support Engagement



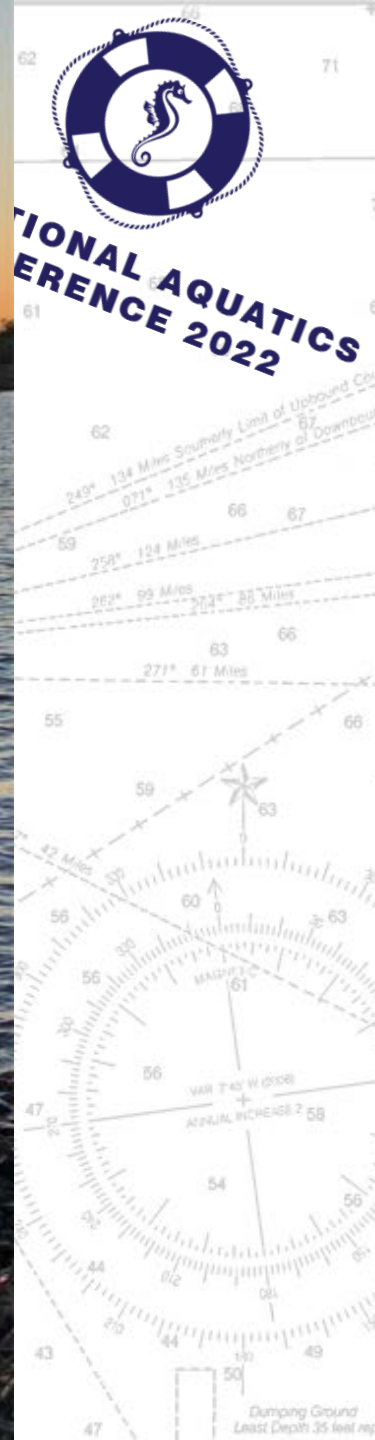
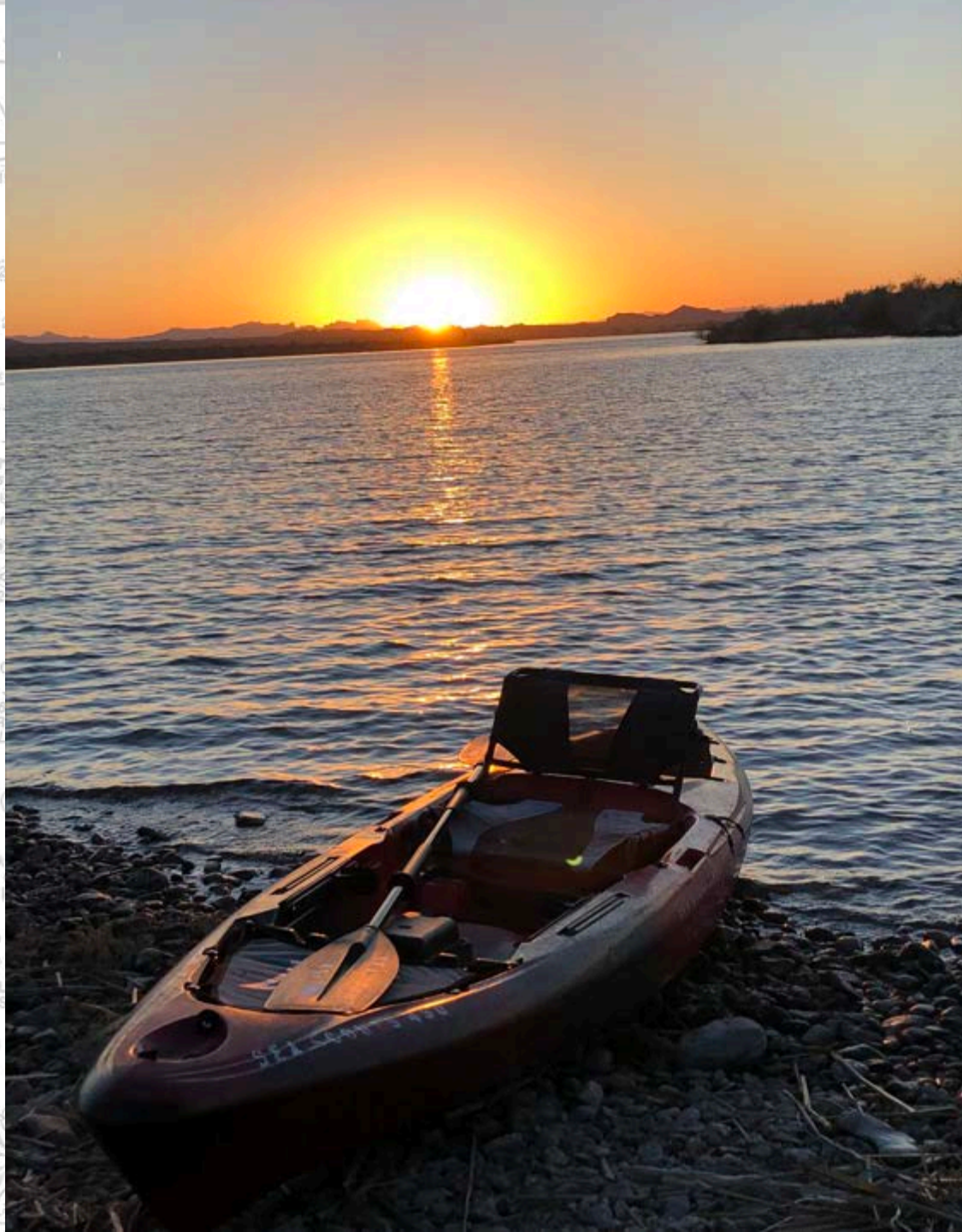
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SCOUTS WITH BOATS = SEA SCOUTS



Thank you
Questions?





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• **Special Thanks to:**

