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## Katie S. Hagen

I was born on November 04, 1982 in San Francisco, CA to Mr. Dean Hagen and Ms. Sharon Howes. I lived in the bay area until I moved to Slidell, LA in December of 1990. My high school years were a tremendous success. As far as athletics are concerned, I lettered in soccer, tennis, and cross-country. I also participated in a wide variety of school clubs. This past year I was the President of my high school's National Honor Society and Vice-president of the Spanish Club. I graduated Valedictorian of Pope John Paul II High School in Slidell with a 4.259 GPA on May 23, 2000. Currently, I am attending Tulane University in New Orleans, LA on a Navy ROTC full-paid scholarship. When I graduate, I will be a commissioned officer and obligated to serve four years in the Navy. I plan to major in business.

Sea Scouts are a huge part of my life. I joined when I was 14 years old. I was Boatswain of Ship 1 in Slidell, LA for two years and attained my Quartermaster award in January 2000. I was a part of the Seawolf, Ship 410, crew which won the Golden Windjammer Award at the Southwestern Sea Scout Rendezvous in California during Thanksgiving week in 1999. I was a SEAL (Sea Exploring Advanced Leadership training) graduate in the summer of 1999 in Miami, Florida and received the silver dolphins pin. I graduated first in my class and placed second in the nation for overall leadership. This past February, I served as an ambassador for American Sea Scouts at the America's Cup in New Zealand. I have obtained the small-boat handler and qualified seaman awards and have been awarded the long cruise badge. I have also won the Young American Award both my sophomore and senior years of high school. (Thank you, Skipper John Erickson, for helping me get where I am today.)

I have a lot of enthusiasm for the Scouting community this year. Between me and your regional boatswains, it is our duty to express the needs, ideas, and concerns of all Sea Scout youth to the Venturing staff. I took the position of National Boatswain because I thought I would be able to inspire all of you to make a difference in a program that has given us so much. Please give us your input; be an active voice in your ship! Get on the Sea Scout Net and tell us what you think. We are ALWAYS open to scouts' ideas, thoughts, and concerns.

My ultimate goals are to help close the gap between the scouts and the Venturing staff and to spread the word about Sea Scouting. I run into people all of the time who have never even heard of the program. I can't even imagine where I would be today if I had not gotten involved. I look forward to serving you as your new National Boatswain. Remember to get involved; that is the only way to make a difference!

See Inside for SEAL Info!



# VIKINGS HELP VIKINGS



Members of Sea Scout Ship 101 Viking of Stratford, Ct. spent the night aboard their 38' year old Icelandic Viking ship ÍSLENDINGUR as they departed for the Coast Guard Cutter Thors on Thursday, September 14, 2000. The ship and its crew were the official escorts for the occasion. The crew of Sea Scouts, Thor, and four reporters and a camera crew were also on board. The Sea Scouts in their dress blues were the subject of a documentary.



In 2001 Sea Scout Ship 101 Viking, Connecticut's oldest Sea Scout Ship will be 70 years old, but this event was to commemorate an older anniversary, Leif Erikson's one thousandth anniversary of the discovery of North America. The Viking ship ÍSLENDINGUR was constructed in 1996. It is a replica of an old Norwegian Viking ship excavated in Norway in 1882. "Gaukstadaskip" had been buried for 1000 years but has remained in excellent condition. It is on exhibit at the municipal museum in Norway. The Sea Scouts were invited to tour the ÍSLENDINGUR and later attended the reception hosted by the Icelandic Embassy. During the weekend they attended several events organized for the crew of the ÍSLENDINGUR. Several Sea Scouts competed against an Icelandic chess master flown in for the festivities and the crews of both vessels attended a picnic. A ship like ÍSLENDINGUR has 70 crewmembers on board with 32 oars. The crew is on a double shift schedule i.e. 64 rowers. Aboard a ship like this there would be a sandpit to support an open fire, enabling the crew to cook a fresh meal while at sea. Live stock such as lamb and sheep would be on board for slaughter. As a result the crew did not go hungry. In 1994 Gunnar Marel a descendant of Leif Eirikson decided to build a Viking ship to commemorate Leif Eirikson's voyage.

He started in September 1994 and the job was finished on May 16, 1996 when the ship, later named ÍSLENDINGUR, was launched. Gunnar built the ship more or less single handedly, with the aid of a good shipbuilding friend, Thordur Haraldsson Íslendingur

By Skipper Roger Crossland  
Sea Scout Ship 101 Viking



Photo by W. James



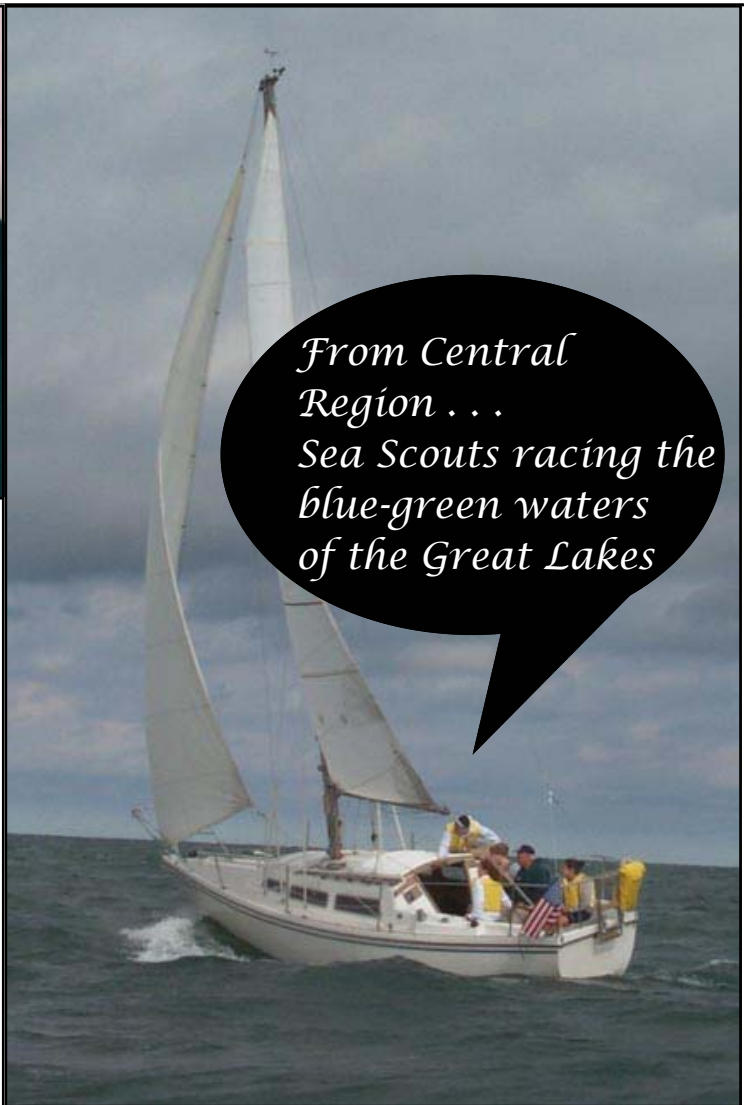
**Captain James Umberger** USCG (Ret.), immediate past National Commodore, receives the National Venturing Award of Merit from **Jimmie Homburg**, National Commodore as National Venturing Director **Charles Holmes** looks on.

Captain Umberger's well-deserved recognition was presented recently at the National Sea Scouting Committee Meeting in San Francisco, California.



# New Ships

It is a pleasure to report that Sea Scouting is growing nationally, and growing faster in Northeast Region than any other region. There are a number a new Ships around the region. Particularly noteworthy is that there are four new Ships in Maine, *Islandingur* and two new Ships in Puerto Rico (bringing the number of Ships there up to four). Bravo Zulu everyone! Let's keep up the good work.



*From Central Region . . . Sea Scouts racing the blue-green waters of the Great Lakes*

# 2001 Jamboree

The Jamboree is from July 23 to August 1, 2001 at Fort A.P. Hill, VA. The theme for the event is "Strong Values, Strong Leaders . . . Character Counts." Sea Scouts will be teaming up with the Venturing Division exhibit.

For more information click on <http://www.bsa.scouting.org/jamboree/>

Skipper Bill James,  
Chairman



**NATIONAL SEA SCOUT COMMITTEE  
APPLICANT FOR SEAL TRAINING 2001**

Please list the classes you wish to attend in order of preference. If you will not consider attending any particular class indicate by placing a "0" in that block, otherwise rank one through three.

**June 22 - 30 (Chesapeake Bay, MD) \_\_\_\_\_ July 13 - 21 (Newport Beach, CA) \_\_\_\_\_  
June 23 - 30 (San Diego, CA) \_\_\_\_\_ June 15 - 23 (Chicago) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Houston \_\_\_\_\_**

**Course cost \$125 to175**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE March 1, 2001**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please fill this application out in black ink **PRINTING IN UPPERCASE** letters only or type the application. Be sure to fill in all blanks. When completed and signed by applicant, parent and skipper, forward by **US mail to:** Jim Elroy, SEAL Training Coordinator, 318 Indian Trace #511 Weston, Florida 33326. Any questions, please call 305 798 8130 or FAX 954 472 5718. E-Mail:

[seawolf410@aol.com](mailto:seawolf410@aol.com)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number \_\_\_\_\_ E- Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Social Sec# \_\_\_\_\_

Ship number \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time in Sea Scouting \_\_\_\_\_ Can you swim 200 meters? \_\_\_\_\_

Date promoted to Ordinary \_\_\_\_\_ (If pending, give date you will complete Ordinary requirements) School Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper name \_\_\_\_\_ Skipper telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip code \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership positions held in ship, school, other activities \_\_\_\_\_

What type of a career will you seek \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your experience on the  
water \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*On a separate sheet of paper, describe why you want to take this leadership course. Please attach to this application.\*\*\*\***