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## William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup

follows the proud tradition of the oldest award in sports, the America's Cup

The Cup was hand-crafted by the silversmiths of *Garrard*'s in London, England—the same firm that manufactured the original America's Cup 150 years ago

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## Be Prepared for Sailing, *Esprit de Corps*, and Fun

The Second **WIK International** & ***BoatU.S. U.S.*** Sea Scout Cups will be held concurrently June 20-26, 2004 at Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup follows the proud tradition of the oldest award in sports–the America's Cup. This second friendly international competition will see Sea Scouts racing 420's, making new friends, and having fun.

**James Houson** from Houston, Texas has been appointed Boatswain for the Koch Cup.

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# Boat U.S. Foundation National Flagship Award

**Redwood City Sea Scouts Earn National Award**

Redwood City, CA – **The Pacific Skyline Council** of the Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce that **Sea Scout Ship 33, *Gryphon***, based in The Port of Redwood City, has earned the 2003 *Boat U.S. Foundation* **National Flagship Award**. This award recognizes one Sea Scout Ship in the entire United States for its excellence in programs for youth achievement, commitment from adults, and balance of activities that involve days on the water, community service, and participation in a wide range of scouting activities.

The *Gryphon* had 40 days of activities on the waters of the San Francisco Bay, and its crewmembers contributed more than 400 hours of community service and participated in 10 regional scouting events. The 19 crewmembers earned 33 awards in the last 18 months including three Eagle Scouts and four Quartermasters. In addition, the crew had to have their 65' boat "hauled out" of the water to perform maintenance on the bottom of the boat where they did all of the preparation, painting, and repairs necessary.

*"These activities help each of the crewmembers learn teamwork and self sufficiency, and increases their self esteem,"* said Skipper **Mike Marzano**. *"Our ability to earn such an incredible national honor is truly due to an exceptional group of young adults that have found the time to be dedicated to this program, and to each other."* 16-year old Boatswain **Jason Lawrence** added, *"We've learned a great deal about leadership, and that is what allows us to take our program to the next level."*

**Redwood City Elks Lodge** 1991 sponsors the Sea Scout Ship *Gryphon*. Redwood City Councilmember **Diane Howard** commends the crew on reaching this pinnacle of Sea Scouting, and adds, *"Sea Scouting is part of the fabric of programs that help Redwood City youth develop into outstanding contributors to our City."* Visit the Gryphon web page at www.sssgryphon.org.

# Eurosea 7

## European Sea Scouting Seminar

by Bruce Johnson, Commodore
Northeast Region, BSA

**Eurosea** is the Sea Scouting/Guiding Seminar that the European Region of Scouting and Guiding has been organizing since 1985. Since the first seminar held in Greece, there have been five others organized in various countries: 1988 (The Netherlands), 1992 (Sweden), 1994 (England), 1997 (Norway), and 2000 (Poland).

At Eurosea 6, which took place in June 2000 in Poland, participants accepted Portugal's offer to organize the next European Sea Scout Seminar in 2003.

Eurosea 7 was held in Portugal on September 4- 7, 2003 at the CNE National Environmental Training Scout Center at São Jacinto. Forty-seven regional and national Sea Scout leaders from 23 (mostly European) countries. Although there were a number of concerns expressed by most participants (such as the need for more effective publicity), Sea Scouting is a varied as the different types of boating. For example, Sea Scouting in the Netherlands represents nearly a third of all Scouting in the country. On the other end of the scale is Slovenia, where Sea Scouting is just now being organized, a few years after the country's independence from Yugoslavia.

Presentations were delivered on varied topics such as "Priorities of the World Organization of Scouting Movements (WOSM)," "Why and What are we doing in Sea Scouting?," "Creating a Sea Scout Program (Finland)," "Sea Scouting on the Internet," "William I Koch International Sea Scouting Cup," and "Sea Scouting in Europe: What is the Future?" Many of the presentations can be viewed on the seminar's webpage europe.seascout.org/eurosea/7/ on the European Sea Scouting website europe.seascout.org.

It was clear from discussions during and outside the presentations that the European Sea Scouts feel very strongly that their website (hosted by BSA's Sea Scout Internet Service) is in their eyes a big success. A highlight activity was the international evening and marketplace, where the seminar's participants put on displays and demonstrations from their home countries. Included in the exhibits were examples of cooking special to Sea Scouts at home. (Holly and I brought peanut butter and jelly, as well as pretzels and honey mustard dip. I know, it isn't gourmet, but our Sea Scouts love PB&J.)

The following evening we were treated to a Portuguese party, complete with roasted sardines and folk dancing. Eurosea is held every three years, and the 2006 Eurosea seminar will probably be held in either Ireland, Italy, or Finland. If you would like to participate next time, all you need to do is help strengthen Sea Scouting in BSA's lone European outpost, the Transatlantic Council.

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**Rick Lydecker** of the Sea Scouting National Committee recent recipient of the National Venturing Leadership Award with wife Marianne and daughter Suzannah at the NER Bridge of Honor.

# National Venturing Leadership Award to Sea Scouters

**Bill James** (left) and **Robin Ouellette** members of the Northeast Region Sea Scouting Committee. Bill was honored with the National Venturing Leadership Award at NER Bridge of Honor and Robin was presented the Silver Beaver at the **National Capital Area Council** Annual Awards Banquet.

# Silver Antelope to Sea Scouter

Vice Commodore (Training) **John Severino** received the **Silver Antelope** from the NE Region at the National Meeting in Philadelphia. John, a Commander in the US Navy, recently returned from the Persian Gulf after being reactivated over a year ago. He is an Eagle Scout with Silver Palm, graduate of the US Naval Academy and has received the Silver Beaver, Whitney M. Young, Jr. Service Award, Vigil Honor and many other noteworthy recognitions from Scouts and the United States Navy.

# Silver Beaver Awarded to Sea Scouters

**The Silver Beaver**, the highest award a council can bestow for exceptional service to youth, was awarded to **Steve Gilligan**, First Mate, Ship 1797 and **Steve Korth**, Committee Member, Ship 1797 by the **Boston Minuteman Council.** **Barry Hall**, Skipper of Ship 90 of New Milford, Pa. was presented the award by **Baden-Powell Council** and **Lynn N. Odegaard**, Commodore, **Staten Island Council** on June 3.

## Greetings Sea Scouts!

My name is Christopher Kerzich and I have been chosen as the 2003-2004 National Boatswain for Sea Scouting. I currently reside in Bedford Park, Illinois and am a Sea Scout with the SSS Privateer from the **Chicago Area Council** BSA, chartered to the **Chicago Yacht Club**. I also divide my time living in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where I am a student a Marquette University studying Political Science and Public Relations. My involvement in Scouting began when I was a Tiger Cub. Since then, I have been able to growth through involvement in Boy Scouts, The Order of the Arrow, Venturing, and Sea Scouting. Through these programs, I have both earned and been honored with the highest awards and honors of these programs, but more importantly have been able to reap the benefits of character development.

Through Sea Scouting, I have experienced the great aspects of the program through attending **Sea Scout Advanced Leadership Training (SEAL Training)**, The **Top Gun Program**, and the **William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup**. It has been through these programs and experiences that I believe that I am better able to represent all the Sea Scout Youth. I hope to use my term in order to promote Sea Scouting and the great opportunities that are available for all. I firmly believe the greatness of the program lies in its ability to teach the youth of America leadership skills through nautical activities such as sailing and motor boating. I will strongly encourage all Sea Scouts to explore the special opportunities that they can experience. These opportunities include SEAL Training, the qualifying races for the 2004 William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup, and Top Gun Program. Most of all, I believe that all Sea Scouts should aim for the highest award that the program offers, the Quartermaster Award. As a Quartermaster, I hope to be a model for the priceless leadership skills that the program gives all youth. Through promotion of these aspects of the Sea Scouting Program, I believe that all will see the greatness of The Boy Scouts of America's second oldest program. As National Boatswain I one primary responsibility is to assist all with any questions or concerns and to promote the various aspects of the program. I will be free to assist scouts, units, or councils with the promotion of activities and aspects of the Sea Scout program. Please feel free to contact me at the email address listed below. I await meeting and representing the members of Sea Scouting B.S.A.

**Chris being congratulated at the National Meeting in Philadelphia by Bill James for his appointment to National Boatswain and White House intern.**

Yours In Sea Scouting,

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