

WORD from the SKIPPER

September-October 2010

This time of the Sea Scout season is dedicated to planning for the Caribbean Weekend at Cape Cod and the Fall Cruise. This is also the time for advancement and fund-raising. Crew members should be scheduling time for sign-offs due to all the experienced gained from the summer activities.

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Skipper of the Sea Scout Ship Dragon - Ship 584

**Upcoming Events - September thru November 2010**

**SEPTEMBER**

**Camping / Cruising / Fund-raiser**

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| 7     | Make Whale Toys with FOMA                  |
| 8     | Seabadge Registration Due                  |
| 10-12 | Caribbean Weekend, Cape Cod                |
| TBD   | Popcorn Sales Kickoff                      |
| 25    | National Recruitment Night                 |
| 21    | CRC Venturing Meeting East Hartford Office |
| TBD   | Fall Cruise and/or Overnight Beach Camp    |
| 26    | Safety at Sea, USCG Station Sandy Hook, NJ |

**OCTOBER**

**Adult Training / Fund-raiser**

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| 1-3 | Northeast Region Seabadge Conference SB-2-NY-2010                      |
| 16  | Camp Pattagansett for Mariner Recruitment / Activity 3 pm through 6 pm |
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| TBD | Boom Cleaning Fund-raiser  |
| 25  | SUBVETs E-Board and Committee Chairs Meeting (adults only)             |
| 30  | CO, XO, and COB Dinner at SUBVETs (adults only)                        |

**NOVEMBER**

**Camping / Winterize Boats / Fund-raiser**

- 7 Red, White and Blue Mass at ST. Patrick's Cathedral – Norwich, CT
- 13 Pancake Breakfast Fund-raiser @ Applebee's in Groton
- 11 Veteran's Day – Memorial Service at NSME
- 19-21 CRC Council Wide Venturing Camporee – Camp JNW
- 20-21 Dock Maintenance – Winterize Boats

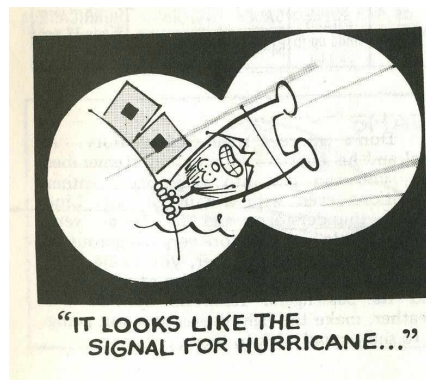
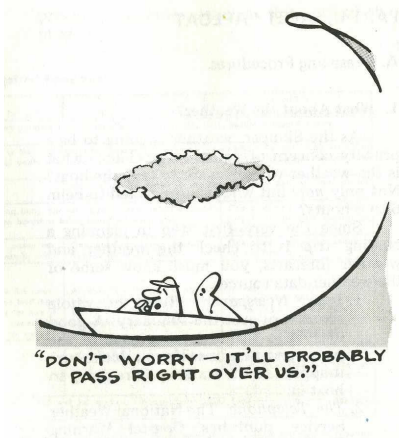


**2010 Summer  
Cruise**

Both boats were taken out for this cruise, 4 people for Peace and Plenty (CAL 29) and 4 people for Starbreeze (Catalina 27). We arrived at Kennedy Beach at 6:30 on Friday and spent the night on the boats.

Next morning we sailed down the Thames River, around Fisher's Island in

the Long Island Sound and anchored at near Napatree Beach on the Little Naragansett Bay side. Liberty call was to Watch Hill for pizza and ice cream. On Sunday, we came home in the heavy rain and wind in the early afternoon. What a great achievement. Big thanks goes to Mates Scott and Linda Levine AND Bosns Bill Wheaton and Rosa Iott for all the hard work of planning.





## Sea Scout Summer Camp Nautical 2010

I proudly announce the successful completion of our 2nd annual Sea Scout Camp Nautical at JN Webster Scout Reservation during August 8-14.

Camp Nautical was an opportunity for any Sea Scout attending to gain skills and experience. Advancement can be a source of pride and measure of your success in Scouting. Advancement in Sea Scouting is a measure of your nautical knowledge and your performance as a leader.

The Seamanship Program allowed crew to experience most of the requirements needed for the Rank of Ordinary. With structured courses in the morning and evening the crew learned about boats, marlinespike seamanship, ground tackle, piloting, communications, time, swimming, cruising, safety, galley, sailing, drill, compass, signaling, quarterdeck leadership training and ornamental rope work.

Courses were taught by youth and backed up with professionals in the community such as the US Power Squadron, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, CT River Oar and Paddle, Sea Scout Ship 584 and couple recognized adults in the community.

The crew found fun in the afternoons devoted to free time that included open range shoot, zip-line, COPE, CPR, life guard instruction, US Flag retirement ceremony, waterfront activities and a night time lau/beach fire with evening swimming at the waterfront.

We are already planning next year's Camp Nautical experience.

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## Live the Adventure

You're a Sea Scout.  
What's next?

Sea Scouts sail on Coast Guard boats, man NOAA research vessels, and marshal America's Cup races.

You can too!

Ask your skipper about opportunities around the country and around the world for active Sea Scouts. Join a SEAL class and hone your leadership skills, or train to win the William I Koch Cup.

Visit a sea base. Plan a long cruise. Participate in rendezvous or a Safety at Sea weekend.

If you're ready to experience all that Sea Scouts has to offer, talk to your skipper and say, "I'm ready to..."

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# Sea Scouts

## Adventure



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## What Did You Do This Weekend?

We are proud to announce the kickoff for the Sea Scout Centennial 2012 Countdown, a nationwide recruiting drive. Our theme is "What Did You Do This Weekend?" Our challenge to all Sea Scouts is to increase our membership from 7,000 to 10,000 members. This will require every Sea Scout Ship recruiting six new Sea Scouts between now and December 31, 2012.

For ideas and resources to assist in recruiting new youth or organizing new ships, go to the link: <http://www.seascout.org/joinus/>. The **Sea Scout Centennial Recruiting Week Program Announcement** located on the link will share additional recruiting tips to support your efforts.

September 20th to 25th is the first Sea Scout Fall Recruiting Week, culminating on Sea Scout Recruiting Day on September 25th. Sea Scouts from across the country should be asking others "What Did You Do This Weekend?" and inviting them to check out Sea Scouts.

## **What: Cape Cod & Islands Caribbean Tourist Weekend 2010**

When: September 10th - 12th 2010

Who: This is a Venturing Scout, Sea Scout, Explorer Post Activity.

If your Crew, Ship or Post is looking to start the New Scouting year off with a bang.

This might be just what you need. Over the past few years we have averaged over 200 young people from Venturing Scout Crews, Sea Scout Ships and Explorer Posts from all over the New England Area. Most Camp Activities will be open during the weekend, Midnight movies, Shooting, Archery, COPE, Mountain Bikes, Sailing, Beach Volley Ball, Blacksmithing, to top it off we have a Bonfire Beach party and lots of food.

Cost: Price per person \$35

So what do you need to do? Notify your Crew Leaders and/or Boss that you want to attend. We will collect the attendance and money and will register everyone as a Ship. Bring your money to the next Ship 584 meeting.

The next **Northeast Region Seabadge** Conference SB-2-NY-2010 is scheduled for Friday - Sunday, October 1 - 3, 2010, at the U.S. Coast Guard Sector New York, Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island-NYC. A fact sheet on Seabadge SB-2-NY-2010 is enclosed for your information.

The course fee is \$160.00. Applications and a \$60.00 deposit must be received by the NER registrar Ms. Beth Parks, 313 South Union Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. It must be postmarked no later than midnight Saturday, September 4, 2010. Those not selected will have their deposit refunded and deposits are non-refundable after Wednesday, September 8, 2010 for participants who withdraw from the course.

Seabadge is an advanced training experience for Sea Scout adult leaders and Committee Members at the unit, district or council level. The purposes of the Seabadge experience are:  
1-Improve the understanding of leadership, management, and motivational skills among Sea Scout adult leaders.

2-Provide management, leadership, and presentation skills and tools to leaders so that they may use and share them with others in their day-to-day Sea Scout activities.

3-Use the skills and tools acquired at Seabadge to improve the quality of the Sea Scout program.

4-Encourage the development of lifelong contacts and sharing of resources by and between course participants and staff.

This training program is relevant for any Sea Scout adult leader at the ship, district, council, area or regional level