

*Sea Scouting is a program of the Venturing Division of the Boy Scouts of America open to any male or female young adult between the ages of 14 and 21 who has completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.*

## WHAT IS SEA SCOUTING?

Do you want to have fun and experience the rich opportunities and traditions of the sea? Activities include fun on the water, cruising, fellowship, leadership, and service. It's getting out on the water in boats, or in the water for swimming, but there are shore-based adventures as well.

## WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?

You are welcome to come to any Ship 25 meeting on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. Meetings are held at our Sea Scout Base, 3591 Liverpool Turnpike in Emigsville.

Our Ship is sponsored by Yorkshire United Methodist Church, 125 Edgewood Road, York, PA and is part of the Yorkshire Church family of Scouting Units – Pack, Troop, and Ship 25.

## WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Check out the full Ship 25 web site at [ship25bsa.org](http://ship25bsa.org) for our activities calendar, past events log, photos of our past activities, Sea Scout links, and more. The national Sea Scout site at [seascout.org](http://seascout.org) is another great source of information.



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*You'll Never Forget the Year You  
Joined Sea Scouting*



# SEA SCOUT SHIP 25

Sea Scouting started in 1912 and has a long and colorful tradition. Thousands of young men and women have had the opportunity to follow the traditions of the sea while learning what the future holds for a career related to the sea or a lifelong hobby of recreational boating.

Ship 25 maintains three 16' Luger day sailers, and has access to a 12' spritsail-rigged Whitehall pulling boat, a 36' Silverton fly-bridge cabin cruiser, and a 46' Morgan ketch. We follow a challenging rank advancement program and have nautical uniforming, customs, and ceremonies. We have fun!

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Our Sea Scout ship matches the interests of our members with available skills, equipment, and resources. We follow the traditional advancement program found in the Sea Scout Manual and encourage our members to earn the ranks of Apprentice, Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster (equivalent to the BSA Eagle rank).

Sea Scout advancement includes correct uniforming, safety, customs, swimming, boating, marlinespike seamanship, piloting, signaling, close-order drill, cruising, galley operation, sailing, boats, ground tackle, first aid, navigation, boat

maintenance, engines, sea history, lifesaving, equipment, weather, radio, service to others, and Scouting ideals.



## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Ship 25 traditionally participates in the following activities of the Chesapeake Flotilla Wardroom:

- **Monocacy Canoe Race** - a 16-mile head-to-head canoe race each May with our sister Sea Scout ships at Creagerstown State Park in Maryland.
- **Nygaard Regatta** – held over Memorial Day weekend on the Chesapeake Bay. We compete in uniform inspection, close-order drill, signaling, canoe slalom, life ring toss, heaving line throw, navigation problems, swimming, marlinespike seamanship, knot tying, hoisting the scuttlebutt, boatswain's chair lift, pulling boat, compass and relative bearing, marine radio, and a mariner's quiz. The Saturday night Regatta dances are legendary.

- **Northeast Region Sea Scout Sailing Championships** – held each June at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT.
- **Fall Rendezvous or Snug Harbor** – a laid-back relaxing social weekend with sister Sea Scout ships.
- **Bridge of Honor & Sea Scout Ball** – held each March at a resort inn in New Jersey. This is an annual highlight.

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Ship 25 takes full advantage of the numerous training opportunities of the Chesapeake Flotilla Wardroom:

- **Seamanship training** - for youth and adults onboard *der PeLiKan*, a 46' Morgan ketch in the Chesapeake Bay. Learn about marine engines, sail trim, celestial navigation, and more.
- **Sea Scout Winter Training Weekend** – held each January at Catocin Mountain State Park. Instruction in basic Sea Scout skills, coupled with a dance.

## LONG CRUISES

Ship 25 has taken Long Cruises each summer. So far we have covered the entire Atlantic coast from Cape Cod to the Chesapeake. We have also cruised the British Virgin Islands. Where would you like to go this summer?