

Sea Scouts Growing and Going Strong

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Columbia's Sea Scout Ship Challenge #5111 is full ahead, training new and returning youth and adults aboard our vessel, *Nautilus*, prepping for long cruises, racing in Wednesday evening and port-to-port regattas, and adding exciting activities to our already full agenda.

NEW MEMBERS

Following her mother's and sisters' lead, Nina Fleischman has recently joined the Ship, and has brought along her friend, Bridget Cybulski. They are both sophomores at Oak Park River Forest High School, and now are hooked on sailing. Tiana Sherwood, of Sauganash, joined us over the winter, took SCUBA training, and has become very active in regular sailing training. Miguel Paiz and Diomir Tomaszewski also came to us during the off-season, participating in all activities, advancing to Apprentice Rank and becoming two of our most active new members in sailing, racing and service.

BEER CAN RACING

We continue to lead the fleet on Wednesday night Beer Cans, taking line honors in JAM 1, serving as committee boat, and teaching valuable skills to our new and veteran young sailors.

MAC RACE

Three of our youth participated in the Mac Race aboard our vessel, *Nautilus*, hired for the fourth year by COLYC members Neal Mehlman, Russ Salzman, with their returning syndicate and a few new hands. Boatswain Alex Zoipoulus returns for his 2nd Mac, Yeoman Keaton Martin and Boatswain's Mate Jared Gorzen, first timers, were part of the crew of 12, which also included Skipper Marty Bernstein, and Mate James Bruno Lago.

A frustratingly slow race was more than compensated by the crew camaraderie, performance, and togetherness upon reaching the island. Our two "newbies," Jared and Keaton, had a great

experience (complete with the traditional dunk once we reached the island), hopefully to be repeated time and again. These kids get respect not only from our crew, but from other crew as well.

Perhaps as important is the parent participation; it's what keeps us rolling. Our thanks to Debbie and Jackson Martin, to Liza Curiel, and all trained Sea Scout leaders, for their support before and after the race.

Thanks again to the fabulous group who hired our boat, resulting in a significant donation to our Ship. To Jessica Marcus, Neal Mehlman, David G. Brown, Russ Salzman, Michael Bauknecht, Brian Koloms and Steve Purze—you have our undying gratitude.

SCUBA

Two of our newly trained youth took their PADI open water dives at the Haigh Quarry in June. Congrats to certified divers Miguel Paiz and Diomir Tomaszewski. Keaton Martin took partial certification during his family's Australian vacation in the spring. The rest of our SCUBA candidates hope to complete open water certification later this summer, or





during our planned winter super activity sailing/SCUBA trip to the Caribbean.

LONG CRUISE

After three years traveling to Two Rivers, WI, and camping at Point Beach State Park, our long cruise this August will take us across the lake to Muskegon, camping at the State Park Yurt* and sleeping overflow on the boat. In addition to local service projects, a tour of the WWII submarine *USS Silversides* is planned. The cruise will leave on Monday morning, sail overnight, camp for three days, and return to Chicago on Friday, arriving Saturday morning.

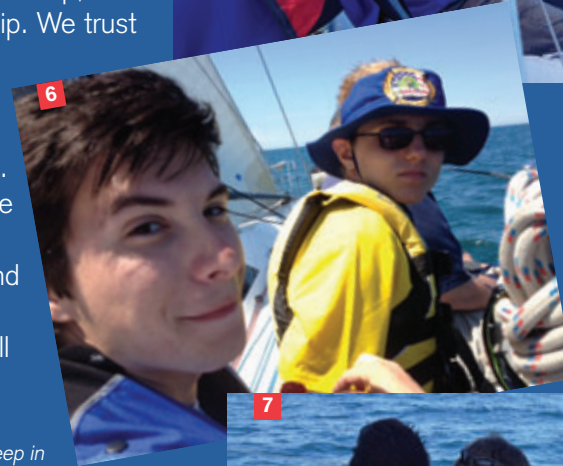
OBO & SEA BADGE TRAINING

Adult leader training includes a course in Qualified Boat Operators aboard our vessel, and is open to all registered Sea Scout leaders, council-wide. This allows all interested Ships in the area to use and enjoy the vessel safely. This fall, thanks to the planning efforts of Mate Robert Bied, Chicago will play host to a Sea Badge Course for advanced adult leadership and

management training. The three-day session will be held at Great Lakes Naval Training Center the weekend of October 25-27.

Our young people are growing in seamanship, sportsmanship, citizenship and leadership. We trust that they are on their best behavior when you encounter them on the water or at the Club. They certainly appreciate the support from our membership, officers and staff. Thank you, again. BRAVO ZULU—job well done.

**Wonder what it will be like to sleep in the Yurt? Here's the link to see what it's all about: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10365_24196-293159--,00.html*



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