

Sea Scouts by the Numbers

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COLUMBIA SEA SCOUT SHIP CHALLENGE #5111

- 1 First Place in JAM 1 Beer Can Series
- 2 Number of adult leaders aboard *Nautilus* for this year's Race to Mackinac
- 3 Number of Sea Scouts aboard *Nautilus* for this year's Race to Mackinac
- 4 Number of new recruits signed up this year
- 5 Days on the Mac Return Long Cruise
- 8 Days at Florida Sea Base on SCUBA Live Aboard High Adventure
- 10 Number of youth certified as open water SCUBA divers
- 12 years as a Sea Scout Ship chartered by Columbia Yacht Club
- 60 percent subsidy for the High Adventure tuition because of fundraising
- 90 percent participation in Christmas Ship Overnighter & Service Project

Of course, the numbers don't tell the whole story of our Ship. The rest of the story is told in spirit, volunteer effort, teamwork, training, passion, adventure, fun and above all, safety.

Under the watchful eye of Vice Commodore (and now Commodore) Joseph McGinnis, as well as the Flag Officers, Stewards and the Dock Committee, we have been good Scouts and good neighbors, grateful and humbled by the generosity, sportsmanship and cooperation shown us by Club members and staff.

As our youth leaders grow and mature, they take on more responsibility for operations and programs, advancement and training. That is the real world objective of Sea Scouts – learning for life.

An involved group of parents, adult leaders, consultants and advisors rounds out the team. From heading up committees, even traveling to other states for training to researching high adventure venues, travel and transportation options, without their selfless dedication, tireless commitment, we would not exist or would be a Ship on paper only.

So, in this season of thanks and blessings, of renewal and recreation, we pause to express our gratitude to all of those involved, in front of and behind the scenes. The way we say it in Sea Scouts is, "BRAVO ZULU" – Job Well Done! 🚩

PICTURED (L TO R) WALLY GORZEN, JARED GORZEN, FRANCIS BAUMGART, DR. JAMES BRUNO LAGO AND MARTY BERNSTEIN.

