



***Do you enjoy Sailing?
Just want to try it out? You're invited
to attend our 20th Annual Boy Scout
'Merit Badges Afloat (MBA)'***

Sponsored by Sea Scout 'Ship 1942' – Flagship Fleet

- When:** Saturday, April 20 and Sunday, April 21, 2013
8:00am – 4:30pm (**must attend both full days**)
- Where:** Washington Sailing Marina
(Off of the GW Parkway, just South of Ronald Reagan National Airport)
- Cost:** \$50 per Boy Scout with Lunch provided both days for all participants

Details: This event is open to any teen 1st Class Boy Scouts **age 13 and older**, and is **NOT** an overnight event. Those attending the entire event will earn the Merit Badges of Smallboat Sailing, Weather, & Oceanography. Adults do not need to stay, provided the required forms are left with the adult-in-charge. Boys **who register must attend the full time on both days!!** Please do not sign up for this merit badge training if you can't be there for the full time. **Space is limited to 30 boys** - First come, first served. **Every year we have put this on to FULL Capacity.** Payment is required with registration form. A waiting list will be maintained after the event is full. Refunds will be given for cancellations received prior to April 1st 2013 **ONLY IF YOUR SPOT IS FILLED with someone on the waiting list. NO REFUNDS will be given for cancellations on or after that date.** An e-mail confirmation will be sent to the Troop leader or parent, once registration has been received.

Boys Bring: Rubber-soled shoes with closed toe and heel (***NO flip flops or water sandals***), Rain jacket and/or sweatshirt, sunscreen, hat, water bottle, sunglasses. Boy Scouts '**Be Prepared**' as it's cool on-the-water with the Spring breezes blowing this time of year (*especially early in the morning*). Come with layers.

Leaders: Bring **up to date BSA Medical Form PLUS permission slip for each Boy Scout attending.** You will need to turn in a copy of these forms to the adult-in-charge of the event, so be sure to keep the original for your own records. **No Boy Scout will be allowed to participate without these forms on file. We do ask that at least one adult from each Troop represented, stay the entire time (this duty may be divided up among several different adults throughout the weekend).**

Questions? First read the FAQ section below. If your question is not answered there, feel free to contact either Johanna Kehoe (**Registrar**) at jckehoe@aol.com or Tom Ballew (**Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 1942**) at tballew@cox.net. **No sign-ups accepted before 1 February 2013.**

FAQ's

1. What if it rains that weekend?

The event will be held rain or shine. If weather conditions are unsafe for sailing, other activities will be done on land until the weather conditions improve. **All Guide to Safe Scouting requirements will be followed.** In the unlikely event that the workshop is cancelled due to severe weather conditions, the payment will be refunded.

2. Can my son just come on one day and earn just one of the Merit Badges?

No. Activities from each of the three merit badges are covered on both of the days, so if a Boy Scout attends just one day he will have completed only part of each of these merit badges. This is because we will have some boys out on-the-water

and some boys doing land activities at all times to make the best use of our sailboats and give each Boy Scout the best sailing experience.

3. Will my son actually get to sail?

Yes, he will spend a great deal of time on-the-water, in one of our six 19' Flying Scot sailboats. There will be very experienced teen Sea Scout sailors on every boat as his Sailing Instructors, but the boys attending the Merit Badges Afloat event will be allowed, and eventually expected, to handle their boat.

4. Is there a limit to attendance as to the number of Boy Scouts from any one Troop?

YES. A Scout may come as an individual or a Troop may only sign up five (5) Boy Scouts from any one Troop to attend our Merit Badges Afloat, in one year.

5. Can the adults attending, sail as well?

No, unfortunately we must limit this event to **boys only** due to the number of sailboats we own and will have for our use; but you are more than welcome to stay and take a 1,000 Kodiak picture moments.

6. What are the overall qualifications of the adult-in-charge?

Our Skipper Ballew has sailed over 45 years from Maine to South America and across the Gulf of Mexico. He is a certified Boys Scouts of America National Camping School Aquatics Instructor and American Red Cross Waterfront & Pool Lifeguard and Wilderness First Aid Instructor.

Merit Badges Afloat 2013 Registration

Troop # _____

Leader Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

| Boy's Name: | Age: | Parent's e-mail: | Parent's emergency Cell Number: |
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If registering as an individual Boy Scout, please give BSA ID # to verify that Boy is registered:

of Boy Scouts attending _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____ TOTAL DUE

Mail this Registration Form and payment in the form of a Troop Check made payable to "Sea Scout Ship 1942" for the total number of boys attending to:

**Johanna Kehoe
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