



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

Sponsored by Sea Scout 'Ship 1942' – Flagship Fleet

When: Saturday 8:00 am, Sept. 23 to Sunday 4:30 pm, Sept. 24, 2017
– (**this is NOT an over-night camp out**)

Where: Washington Sailing Marina, 1 Marina Drive, Alexandria, VA
22314 (Off of the GW Parkway, just South of Ronald Reagan National Airport)

Cost: \$60 per Boy Scout with hot lunches provided both days for all participants

Details: This event is open to any teen **1st Class Boy Scouts age 13 and older**, those attending the entire event will earn the **Merit Badges of (1) Smallboat Sailing; (2) Weather; & (3) Oceanography**. 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 40 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 Sept 15, 2017 - **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 Fall breezes blowing this time of year (*especially early in the morning*). Come with layers.

Leaders: Bring up to date **BSA Medical Form**. **By filling out the reverse, it acts as the Parent's permission slip** for each Boy Scout attending (which will be sent out about 1-week before the event). 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 during the sailing day time hours (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 Tom Ballew (**Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 1942**) at tballew@cox.net. Only a check received reserves the actual sailing slot.

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. **A rain proof jacket is a must.**

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 merit badge training 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 all 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 seven 19' Flying Scot sailboats. There will be very experienced teen Sea Scout sailors on every boat acting as his Sailing Instructor along with a very experienced registered YPT sailing adult with them, 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 single Troop may only sign up five (5) Boy Scouts from any one Troop to attend our Fall offering of Merit Badges Afloat. We offer MBA again the Spring in the month of April.

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 available 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 adults-in-charge?

Our adult leaders have hundreds of years of combined sailing experience. They are certified Boys Scouts of America National Camping School Aquatics Instructors and American Red Cross Waterfront & Pool Lifeguard and Wilderness First Aid Instructors.

Merit Badges Afloat Fall 2017 Registration

Troop # _____

Leader Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Boy's Name:	Age:	Parent's e-mail:	Parent's emergency Cell Number:

If registering as an individual Boy Scout, please give BSA ID # to verify that Boy is registered:

of Boy Scouts attending _____ x \$60.00 each = \$ _____ 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:

**Merit Badges Afloat Event Registrar
Skipper Tom Ballew
11110 La Messa Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030**