

UNIVERSITY OF **SEA SCOUTING** AT FT. SCHUYLER



2025

University of Sea Scouting

At Fort Schuyler

Friday - Saturday, 30 & 31 May 2025

Patriots Path Council is proud to host the annual University of Sea Scouting at SUNY Maritime's Fort Schuyler on Saturday 31 May 2025. The event will consist of various training modules geared toward specific Sea Scout rank advancements as well as a campus tour and presentation by the college admissions staff for those who are interested. Courses are geared toward various levels of experience, from new Sea Scouts to our more salty individuals. **Lunch will be provided in the lobby.**

The event will begin promptly at 0845 on Saturday, 31 May 2025. All Ships will muster around the flagpole in the Fort at this time. Please plan on arriving at least a half hour early, as participants will need to pick up their ID Badges and class assignments at the registration table in the Fort main lobby before proceeding to the opening ceremonies.

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE THROUGH THE ONLINE PORTAL NO LATER THAN 24 May 2025. All participants MUST be listed on the registration form. Due to a mandatory registry check required by the State of New York, NAMES AND BIRTHDATES OF ALL PARTICIPANTS OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE PROVIDED. WE ALSO NEED A HEADSHOT FOR YOUR ID BADGE.

All Sea Scout leaders and Scouts are to be always mindful of the BSA Youth Protection Policies. By now, all adult leaders and Sea Scouts over the age of 18 must have a completed BSA Youth Protection Certification and if not, they must do so before attending the 2025 University of Sea Scouting to ensure that BSA Youth Protection policies are being maintained and to work with any participants on compliance regardless of unit. Instances of violations of the BSA Youth Protection policy must be reported to the organizers of the University of Sea Scouting immediately. Any potential issues involving BSA Youth Protection will be looked into immediately and participants may be asked to leave without refund of fees.



Registration Details

Patriots Path Council is proud to host the annual University of Sea Scouting at SUNY Maritime College.

Registration Cost Breakdown:
Cost is \$45.00 per person

Registration can be found on the Patriots Path Council Website.



2025 University!

This year we are pleased to continue a dedicated track tailored exclusively for our Maritime Exploring Clubs at the University of Sea Scouting. Exploring participants are required to register solely for the Exploring Track, and it is imperative that they are accompanied by a Club leader throughout the duration of the event. Sea Scouts are also able to enroll in Exploring Track events.

We are proud to once again offer camping options for Friday night for interested ships desiring to camp at the historic Ft. Schuyler on Friday night into Saturday. Registration for overnight stay is priced at \$45.00, encompassing admission to the University of Sea Scouting. Those staying overnight need to plan for dinner as a unit. You may cook on campus with propane, however, there are to be no wood fires or fire pits.

Moreover, a program midway shall be available, featuring a diverse array of nautical organizations poised to showcase the myriad opportunities available to our Sea Scouts. Noteworthy among these offerings is a dedicated Photo Booth, where scouts can avail themselves of professional headshots wearing their uniforms, further enhancing the overall experience and memories forged at this year's University.

Disclaimer

While your Sea Scouts will be attending the University of Sea Scouting that does not mean they are ready to be signed off on the requirements they have been taught. Sign-offs are at the discretion of the individual Skipper of each Ship. Any signatures given by the faculty of the University are to simply show the Scouts attendance at each individual class they registered for.



Uniform of the day will be the Class A for your Ship (except for those taking the engine class which requires a change of clothes i.e. Class B). Scouts BSA and Venturing BSA Members who will join us as guests may wear their Class A. Uniforms. It is recommended that you wear your Class B Ship T-shirt under your Class A Uniform. All participants are also advised to bring their Sea Scout Manual and advancement cards/records.

Registration for classes will be done by each Ship's Skipper through the online portal. Classes are first come first served so we encourage you to register early! Note, some classes may require more time/period commitment than others (like Navigation and Engines).

If the Skipper will not be attending the event, please indicate who will be the adult in charge in the registration portal. The contact person's cell phone must be included so we can reach them during the day's events in case of emergency.

Please ensure your unit follows the BSA travel event checklist. Advanced registration is mandatory so we can confirm headcount for the cadet mess as well as secure the necessary Visitors ID for each paid participant. NO LAST MINUTE EXCEPTIONS. We appreciate your cooperation.

University Coordinators:

Commodore David N. Tarantino, skipper@ship1908.org

Maritime Explorer Track Chair - Monica Couillard, Ship 1908 Rising Phoenix

Sea Scout Track Chair - Lora Panepinto, Ship 228 Argonaut

Adult Leader Track Chair - Alexander Rothschild, Ship 1908 Rising Phoenix

Directions from NJ & Manhattan: Take I-95 to the Throgs Neck Bridge exit. Follow I-295 to the Harding Ave. exit (the last exit before the toll booth) and turn right onto the service road. At the first traffic light, turn left onto Pennyfield Avenue and follow it all the way to the college. Be prepared to show your personal ID at the security gate if asked.

Directions from Long Island: Cross the Throgs Neck Bridge, take the first exit. Follow the service road to the light at Prentiss Ave. At the traffic light, turn left and cross over the highway. On the other side of the overpass, bear left onto Pennyfield Avenue and follow it all the way to the college. Be prepared to show personal ID at the security gate.

**THOSE CAMPING OVERNIGHT MUST ARRIVE AT SUNY MARITIME
BEFORE 2100 HOURS TO CHECK IN.**

University Schedule

0815 Ships Arrival & ID Pick-up

0845 Opening Ceremony

0900 Period One

1000 Period Two

1100 Period Three

1200 Lunch

1300 Period Four

1400 Period Five

1500 Period Six

1600 Period Seven

1700 Period Eight

1800 Clean-up

1815 Closing Ceremony

Rules of the Road: ATONS, general rules and responsibility, overtaking, meeting and crossing, danger zones, collision bearings, sound signals, maneuvering and warning signals.

Applicable Requirements: Ord. 9 a, b, c, d, e, f & Able 9 a, b, c, d ONE PERIOD

An Understanding to Navigation: Taught by the Hempstead Bay Power Squadron learn ATONS, understanding and reading charts, basic math for calculations, Longitude and Latitude, compass and basic plotting plus a bit more. Students must bring pencils, erasers, dividers and parallel ruler of any type course will provide hand out materials and practice charts maps

Applicable Requirements: App. 9, Able 9, QM 9, Qualified Seaman Bar
REQUIRES TWO PERIODS.

Sextant Basic: Review of chart symbols and what objects look like in real life. Overview of history of the sextant and basic use. Portions of the class will be held outdoors, so dress accordingly.

Applicable Requirements: Maritime Tradition Elective REQUIRES TWO PERIODS.

Sextant Advanced *Continuing Skills*: Review of basic and introduction to trigonometry. Will provide worksheets and graphs to prove location of 4 local lighthouses. Hands-on use of sextant (provided) as well as telescope, to sight lighthouses and buoys on the water. Note: Students are encouraged to bring their own compass for orienteering to the charts provided, plotting tools if available. Portions of the class will be outdoors, so dress accordingly.

Applicable Requirements: Maritime Tradition Elective REQUIRES TWO PERIODS.

Intro to Paddlecraft: Reviews the basics of different types and uses of paddlecraft.
ONE PERIOD

Communication: Basic radio communication challenge session. Short overview of VHF channels and pro words. Expect to be prepared from Sea Scout Manual, will enable sign off on Ordinary requirements.

Applicable requirements: Apprentice 5c, Ord. 5e & 5F, ONE PERIOD.

Campus Tour / SUNY MARITIME Q&A: For those scouts interested in pursuing a maritime education and future education and future career by taking advantage of the facilities and programs available at SUNY Maritime College. Informational purpose only, no recruitment involved. **REQUIRES ONE PERIOD.**

Intro to Sailing: An overview of the rules and basics of sailing.

GPS/Radar: Discuss how GPS and Radar work and their operation on boats. Also discuss NMEA data links for GPS-VHF and HF radio, AIS and Chart plotters. Show some basic communications theory and spectrum allocation for these systems. Applicable advancements: Ord 10 g, Able 10 e, f, QM 10 b, c. **ONE PERIOD**

Naval Architecture 101: This session will teach the basic parts of various vessels and their identifying characteristics. Applicable Requirements: App. 7a, b & Ord. 7a **ONE PERIOD**

Electricity: Basic Electricity for Small Boats course will look at electrical circuit terminology. measurements and components used on sea scout vessels. Trouble shooting electrical problems will be discussed followed with a hands on exercise for wire splicing and connections. The course will cover some of the level 3 electricity elective applicable to Ordinary, Able and Quartermaster, primarily focusing on practical skills needed aboard small and mid sized boats. **ONE PERIOD**

Sail Repair: This session covers the sewing of a flat seam, round seam, and grommet eye in sail material. It will teach how each is used in the construction and care of sails. Applicable Requirements: Able 6b **TWO PERIODS**

Engine Maintenance: Will cover hands-on basic oil change, checking engine filters, belts, tools, impellers, importance of preventative maintenance. Differences between diesel and gasoline engines. **NOTE:** Youth will be given gloves but plan on getting “down and dirty” with the demonstrations (a change of clothes would be advised). Portions of this class may be held outside. Applicable Requirements: Engines Elective Levels 1 & 2 **REQUIRES TWO PERIODS.**

Signs, Signals and Codes: Discuss the importance of signaling in emergency situations and practice Morse code and semaphore flag signals and the nautical alphabet. If you're working on the merit badge, you will build your experience with some of the requirements. You may use this worksheet [Learn about Semaphore, Morse Code and International Signal Flags their uses and how to operate them.](#) to help you organize your work, but it's recommended that you also read the Signs, Signals & Codes Merit Badge pamphlet.

Applicable Requirements: Maritime Tradition Level 3 TWO PERIODS

Apprentice Track: Learn all the knowledge you need for attaining the first rank in the Sea Scout program! In this class, we will cover all theory-based requirements through engaging activities over a two session course. We will also guide you through the basic principles around Sea Scout advancement after apprentice. TWO PERIODS

Marlinspike: This class is designed to cover the Splicing and fancywork requirements for Sea Scouting. It includes Eye Splice, Turks Head and Back Splice.

Sea Chanties: This class introduces Sea Scouts to the rich musical traditions of the sea. Scouts will explore the history, purpose and rhythm of various chanty styles and learn how music played a vital role in fostering teamwork and morale at sea.

Simulator: Scouts will have the opportunity to utilize SUNY Maritime's Simulator under the supervision of Maritime Captains. (8 Scouts per Session)

SAR: This class introduces Sea Scouts to the fundamentals of Maritime Search and Rescue (SAR). Scouts will learn key principles, communication protocols, and basic skills used in real-life rescue scenarios. The session emphasizes teamwork, safety and emergency preparedness on the water.

Fire Safety: This class teaches the basics of fire safety aboard vessels and around the waterfront. Scouts will learn how to prevent, identify, and respond to different types of fires using proper equipment and procedures.

Maritime Exploring Track

Radio: In this hands-on class, Explorers will discover how radios work, learn the basics of radio waves, and explore the different types of radio communication—including amateur (ham) radio. Through fun activities, they'll practice using radios, understand radio safety, and even try out real-world communication skills. Perfect for curious minds who want to connect with others near and far!

Electricity: This electrifying class introduces Explorers to the fundamentals of electricity—how it works, how it's generated, and how it's used safely. Explorers will get hands-on with circuits, learn about conductors and insulators, and even build simple electrical devices. Sparks of curiosity encouraged! **(2 Sessions)**

On-the-water Emergency Preparedness: Designed for Explorers who enjoy aquatic adventures, this class focuses on how to prepare for and respond to emergencies on or near the water. From understanding water hazards to practicing rescue techniques and building emergency kits, Explorers will gain the confidence and skills to stay calm and act fast when it matters most. **(2 Sessions)**

Citizenship in the Society: This thought-provoking merit badge helps Explorers explore ethics, diversity, and their role in creating a more inclusive and respectful society. Through open discussion and reflection, Explorers will build empathy, learn about civic responsibility, and discover how they can be everyday leaders in their communities. **(2 Sessions, Pre-requisites: 1, 2, 3, 8, 9,)**

Chess: Chess is more than a game—it's a mental workout! In this engaging class, Explorers will learn the basics of chess, from how the pieces move to beginner tactics and strategies. Whether you're new to the game or looking to improve, come challenge your mind and enjoy the thrill of a checkmate. **(Pre-requisites: 4, 5a, 5b)**

Adult Track

Meet and Greet: Come ready with ideas and meet new leaders while reconnecting with old friends! ONE PERIOD - Mandatory 1st Period

The Quartermaster Process: This session is designed specifically for Sea Scout adult leaders who want a clear understanding of the Quartermaster Award—the pinnacle of Sea Scouting achievement. Leaders will explore the step-by-step advancement process, documentation requirements, project expectations, and how to effectively mentor and support youth candidates. Whether you're new to Sea Scouting or looking to deepen your knowledge, this class will equip you to confidently guide your Scouts on their path to Quartermaster.

Adult Track

An Overview to High Adventure Bases: This session introduces adult leaders to the unforgettable experiences offered by BSA's High Adventure Bases: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, and Summit Bechtel Reserve. Learn what each base offers, how to plan and prepare for a trek, what training and gear are needed, and how to make high adventure accessible for your unit. Whether you're dreaming of the mountains, paddling the wilderness, sailing the seas, or conquering challenge courses, this class is your first step toward high adventure!

Prep Class for the Safe Boating Course: This class is designed to help Scouts and adult leaders prepare for the Safe Boating Exam, covering essential knowledge for safe, responsible operation on the water. Topics include boating terminology, navigation rules, safety equipment, emergency procedures, and environmental stewardship. With engaging instruction and practice questions, participants will build the confidence and know-how to pass the exam—and boat smarter and safer. Perfect for Sea Scouts, leaders, and anyone pursuing boating certification!

AUXSCOUT What is it?: This informative session introduces adult leaders, Sea Scouts, and Auxiliary members to the AUXScout Program—a collaborative effort between the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Sea Scouts, BSA. Learn how this partnership supports youth development in maritime skills, safety, and service. We'll cover eligibility, how local units (flotillas and ships) can work together, leadership opportunities, and how Sea Scouts can benefit from mentorship, advanced training, and potential pathways into maritime careers or further service. If you're looking to strengthen your Sea Scout program through deeper community engagement and maritime experience, this is the class for you.

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Signed: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

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