

UNIVERSITY OF
SEA SCOUTING
AT FT. SCHUYLER



Scouting  **America**
Patriots' Path Council

2026

University of Sea Scouting At Fort Schuyler Friday - Saturday, April 24-25, 2026

Patriots Path Council is proud to host the annual University of Sea Scouting at SUNY Maritime's Fort Schuyler on Saturday, April 25, 2026. 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 Campus Cafeteria.**

The event will begin promptly at 0845 on Saturday, April 25, 2026. 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.

*****PLEASE MAKE NOTE*****

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE THROUGH THE ONLINE PORTAL NO LATER THAN **April 15, 2026**. 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 must always be 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. If not, they must do so before attending the 2026 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 and Scouter Code of Conduct must be reported to the organizers of the University of Sea Scouting immediately. **Any potential issues involving BSA Youth Protection will be investigated immediately and participants may be asked to leave without refund of fees.**

Registration Details

Patriots Path Council and Liberty Nautical Education Center are proud to host the annual University of Sea Scouting at SUNY Maritime College.

Registration Cost Breakdown:
Cost is \$35.00 per person

Registration can be found on the Patriots Path Council Website.

Payment for the event can be made through the following links at:

[Payment Link](#)

This year's registration includes: Registration, Lunch at the SUNY Maritime Galley, and a commemorative 2026 University Patch!



2026 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 (Scouts 10-13) are required to register solely for the Exploring Track and it is imperative that they are accompanied by a Club (Troop) 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 on Friday night for interested ships desiring to camp at the historic Ft. Schuyler. Registration for overnight stay is priced at \$35.00, 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.

A program midway will be available on Saturday, featuring a diverse array of nautical organizations poised to showcase the myriad opportunities available to our Sea Scouts.

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 must 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.**

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 Scout's attendance at each individual class they registered for.



Registration for classes will be done 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 SUNY Galley as well as secure the necessary Visitor ID for each paid participant.
NO LAST MINUTE EXCEPTIONS. We appreciate your cooperation.

University Coordinators:

University Dean: Commodore David N. Tarantino, skipper@ship1908.org

Maritime Explorer Track Chair: Lia Abrams, Ship 1908 Rising Phoenix

Sea Scout Track Chairs: Lora Panepinto, Ship 228, Snazzy Panepinto, Ship 228, Don Fowler, Ship 1510

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

Medical Officer: Dr. Noel E. Guzman MD, PhD, Ship 441 Vigilant

Registration Coordinator: Victoria J. Tarantino, 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 and Midway

1400 Period Four

1500 Period Five

1600 Period Six

1700 Period Seven

1800 Clean-up

1815 Closing Ceremony

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. (Pre-requisites: Registered Sea Scout aged 14 plus. Late 15 minutes to class and you will be dropped.)

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.
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Introduction to Leadership Skills for Ships: The goals of ILSS are to give youth a clearer picture of how their position fits in the ship, help youth understand how they make a difference, and give youth additional tools and ideas for their role as leader.
REQUIRES THREE PERIODS.

Safety Afloat / Safe Swim: This class covers essential water safety practices for Sea Scouts, focusing on Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat guidelines. Participants learn to assess risks, plan safe aquatic activities, supervise swimmers, and implement procedures that prevent accidents and promote a culture of safety on the water.

Activities and Awards: There is a lot more to Sea Scouting than the ranks. Learn about all the cool extra awards and programs sea scout can participate in to broaden their experience in the program. Open to youth and adults.

Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award: This class introduces Sea Scouts to the principles of outdoor ethics through the Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award. Participants learn Leave No Trace practices, sustainable boating and camping habits, and ways to minimize their environmental impact while enjoying and protecting natural and maritime environments.

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.

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

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.

Understanding Teaching Requirements: Looking at those QM requirements? They keep asking YOU to teach!? Take this course to learn how to approach these requirements without losing your head. Covers best practices for teaching and directs you to resources to help you with these requirements.

Ornamental Ropework: This course teaches Sea Scouts the art of ornamental ropework, including decorative knots, splices, and lanyards. Participants practice creating functional and decorative rope projects, developing precision, creativity, and mastery of traditional marlinespike techniques.

Racing: Reviews the Level 1 Racing Elective - learn the rules, procedures, and signals used in yacht racing.

Apprentice Academy: Designed for new sea scouts working on their first rank. Join your fellow sea scouts in learning everything - yes, everything! - you need to know for Apprentice rank. From learning the Sea Promise to throwing that heaving line, you'll learn it here. (Apprentice Rank)

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

Able 5: Builds off of ORD 5 but you do not need to take that course to participate in this one. Learn how to go through a vessel safety check and prevent fires on your vessel.

Able 6 Part 1: Finally, a break from knots... lets learn how to splice line and repair sails instead! It is recommended that participants have strong knot tying skills and patience.

Able 6 Part 2: Learn about block and tackle systems and how to set up some of these basic systems. Participants should be ready to work in small teams to help build these block and tackle systems.

Able 8: Builds off of ORD 8 but participants do not need to take that course to participate in this one. Continue to build your anchoring skills by learning everything you need to know about the anchor chain and rode, and how anchors are handled.

Able 12-13: Dive deeper into environmental laws essential to the world of boating. Learn how to evaluate the surrounding environment by using several tools to tell the weather!

Quartermaster 3 Help: Are you a Skipper or Sea Scout that has no idea how to approach the "Quartermaster Project" - look no further. In this course, you will be guided through the project process from start to finish with tips and tricks from those who have done this too many times to count.

Quartermaster 5: Builds off ORD 5 and AB 5. Learn the heavy weather precautions when dangerous weather approaches.

Quartermaster 12: Learn about Marine Sanitation Devices, gray water, and the importance of protect aquatic environments (occasionally from the former!).

Signal Flags: Reviews the Level 3 Maritime Traditions Elective - learn the international code flags and how to send messages with them.

SCUBA: Learn the basics of SCUBA diving and how you can get certified with Scouting America. Also learn about exciting trips that are available to Scouts.

Long Cruise: Open to adults and youth who want to learn how to safely, effectively, and affordably plan a long cruise for their unit. Learn about popular areas, modes of transport, and great deals you can get as a scouting unit.

Maritime Traditions; Boatswain's Call: Covers the Level 1 Maritime Traditions Electives for boatswain calls and maritime history (please consider bringing your own bosun whistle but it is not necessary, just be prepared to whistle!).

Ordinary 1-3: Covers Ordinary rank requirements 1 and 3 with special emphasis on the "theoretical" requirements such as the symbolism of the sea scout emblem and the history of the US flag. Also provides youth with Quarterdeck training.

Ordinary 5: Covers Ordinary rank safety requirements. This is an introduction to vessel safety, safety equipment, station bills, and communications equipment.

Ordinary 6: Tied up in knots over those Ordinary Marlinspike requirements? Take this course to learn the ropes (AKA learn common line materials, the ORD level knots, and how to dress line).

Ordinary 7-8: Learn the finer parts of identifying sailboat parts and dive deep into anchor fundamentals (types and evaluating needs).

Ordinary 12-13: Covers the first level of environment and weathering requirements in the sea scout advancement including: LNT, invasive species, environmental law, and forecasting.

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Maritime Exploring Track

All Explorers must have a signed blue card and Merit Badge Workbook

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! **(2 Sessions Pre-requisites: 2-4, 6)**

Signs, Signals, and Codes: This class introduces Scouts to the Signs, Signals, and Codes Merit Badge and teaches how people communicate using visual, audible, and coded methods when spoken communication isn't practical. Scouts learn how these techniques are used in Scouting, emergencies, and everyday situations. **(1 Sessions Pre-requisites: 1-3)**

Healthcare: This class introduces Scouts to the Healthcare Merit Badge and explores careers and systems involved in keeping people healthy. Scouts learn about different healthcare roles, basic health concepts, and the importance of teamwork, ethics, and safety in healthcare settings. **(1 Sessions Pre-requisites: 1-5, 9)**

Weather: This class introduces Scouts to the Weather Merit Badge and covers basic weather concepts, forecasting, and safety. Scouts learn how weather affects outdoor activities and how to recognize and respond to hazardous conditions. **(1 Sessions, Pre-requisites: 1-5, 9)**

Communications: This class introduces Scouts to the Communications Merit Badge and focuses on effective speaking, listening, and written communication. Scouts learn how clear communication supports leadership, teamwork, and success in Scouting and everyday life. **(1 Session Pre-requisites: 4-9)**

Reading: This class introduces Scouts to the Reading Merit Badge and encourages the development of strong reading habits. Scouts explore different types of reading, build comprehension skills, and learn how reading supports lifelong learning and personal growth. **(1 Session Pre-requisites: 2-4, 6)**

Adult Track

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.

An Overview to High Adventure Bases: This class provides an overview of Scouting America's National High Adventure Bases and the unique opportunities they offer Sea Scouts. Participants learn about available programs, maritime and outdoor experiences, and how these bases support advanced adventure, leadership development, and seamanship skills.

Power Squadron *Sea Scouting's Oldest Partnership*: This class provides an overview of the United States Power Squadrons® (USPS) and its long-standing partnership with Sea Scouting. Participants learn about the Squadron/Sea Scout Partnership for Recreational Scouting (SPARS), including its purpose, structure, and how it supports boating education, mentorship, and leadership development for Sea Scouts.

AUXSCOUT What is it?: This class provides an overview of Scouting America's National High Adventure Bases and the unique opportunities they offer Sea Scouts. Participants learn about available programs, maritime and outdoor experiences, and how these bases support advanced adventure, leadership development, and seamanship skills.

Skipper's Mess: This moderated forum provides an open, collaborative space for Sea Scouts and leaders to connect, share ideas, ask questions, and seek guidance on current challenges. Through structured discussion and peer exchange, participants build community, gain practical insights, and support one another in addressing pressing ship and program needs.

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Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

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Signed: _____

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

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Participant Name:

Date of Birth (if minor):

Age:

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18):

Address:

City / State / ZIP:

Phone:

Email:

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Date: