

Sea



Scouts

Skaneateles Area Sea Scout Ship 23*, or SSS 23, was chartered in July 2006, sponsored by Skaneateles Sunrise Rotary Club. SSS 23 plans to capitalize on the area's unique assets of Skaneateles Lake and various facilities and supporting organizations in and around the Lake. Goal is to be operational for school year 2006-07.

**Equivalent to BSA "Venture Crew"; not necessarily possessing capital assets.*

Background Sea Scouts is a co-educational program offered to young adults between the ages of 14-20. Sea Scouts emphasizes maritime safety and training and facilitates youth getting out on the water under sound leadership and guidance. Sea Scouts provides unmatched opportunities to learn traditions of the sea, sailing, boat handling, piloting & navigation, nautical rules of the road, boat maintenance, marine electronics and cruise planning, as well as team and leadership skills in a well structured activities program. Sea Scouts also may participate in traditional BSA activities, such as camping, hiking, canoeing and historical tours. Cost to register is only \$11 per year plus appropriate publications, uniforms and activity fees. Additional information is available on www.SeaScout.org

Aside from the Lake itself, Skaneateles has the significant advantage of having many supportive organizations and businesses relevant to a Sea Scout program, e.g. Rotary, Mid-Lakes Navigation, The Sailboat Shop, sailing clubs & marinas, Skaneateles Country Club sailing, Skaneateles Community Center, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Finger Lakes Antique & Classic Boat Association, SAVES, Friends of the Lake, and many others .

Hiawatha Seaway Council B.S.A. is providing key seed resources, e.g. a professional organizer / mentor, insurance, chartering, program oversight and quality control.

In summary, Sea Scouts, B.S.A. offers an unmatched resource to instill maritime safety and a service ethic in area youth, while providing significant opportunities to participate in local & national Sea Scout service projects, superb training and competitions.

Way Forward

- ***Continue to organize SSS 23, publicize activities and conduct SSS 23 meetings & information nights & meetings in coordination and cooperation with local Boy Scout Troop, BSA Council and other supporting entities.***
- ***Continue to recruit candidate adult leadership, youth & training subject matter experts.***
- ***Capitalize materials and equipment needed for the first year.***
- ***Funding SSS 23 charter, uniforms, equipment & training materials, as well as future service project support in partnership with youth, parents & supporting organizations.***

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