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**INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW**

In 2002, [Sea Scouting](#) will celebrate its 90th birthday. To commemorate this milestone, Sea Scout vessels from the Northeast Region of the Boy Scouts of America will converge on New York Harbor during the weekend of July 25-27, 2002 for a parade of "Small Ships" and a public display of Sea Scouting and nautical skills. ScoutFleet 2002 will be the national celebration of Sea Scouting's 90 years of service to America.

The purpose of ScoutFleet 2002 is threefold:

1. To provide a worthwhile, fun, and memorable program for participating Sea Scouts;
2. To celebrate 90 years of Sea Scouting in the United States, its history, and the contributions it has made to thousands of young people in America; and
3. To create an event that will focus national media attention on Sea Scouting.

Saturday morning, July 27, 2002, the fleet of Sea Scout vessels will depart from the [Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum](#) (centered around the historic aircraft carrier USS INTREPID at Pier 86, 12th Avenue & 46th Street, New York City) and parade past the Manhattan waterfront to the Statue of Liberty and back to the Museum. A 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony and Sea Scout Exposition follow aboard a 330' barge that the Museum is providing to the Northeast Region to hold this event.

For years, dozens of Sea Scout vessels made the pilgrimage to New York harbor to watch the parades of tall ships put on by [Operation Sail](#). Now they will get to BE the parade! The Sea Scout Exposition gives participating units the chance to share what they do best with the public.

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Boats should begin arriving at the museum on Friday July 25th and may stay until noon on Sunday the 27th. Units with trailerable boats may wish to drive to the Hudson River and launch their boats just a few miles north of the Museum. Greater New York Councils has space at [Camp Alpine](#), (near the trailer launch site) for overnight camping and parking cars and boat trailers. Another location for automobile-trailer visitors is [Great Kills Harbor](#) on Staten Island, NY. Boats and trailers could be left at Great Kills Harbor, and camping could be done at BSA's [Camp Pouch](#), six miles away. Great Kills has the advantage of being a location the seagoing Chesapeake Wardroom Flotilla will be visiting, so you could make the last leg of the journey into New York Harbor in company with your Chesapeake Wardroom brethren.

We are working on a limited number of sleeping berths on the USS INTREPID and the placing of tents on the steel deck (read: free standing, no stakes) of the spud barge.

The ScoutFleet Committee will provide patches for participating Sea Scouts, flags for the parade vessels, and souvenir T-shirts for the general public. Also planned is a ScoutFleet Journal giving the history of the program, stories of Sea Scouts past and present, and profiles of each participating vessel plus photographs and information about each Ship and its crew.

### **TENTATIVE CHESAPEAKE FLOTILLA WARDROOM ITINERARY**

The trip to New York and back is a significant undertaking. Most Sea Scouts will find this cruise the most demanding they will encounter. The passage includes long days underway, transit of the often rough Delaware Bay, offshore legs in the North Atlantic Ocean with few all weather inlets and commercial vessel traffic in the New York area. This requires seamanship elements not normally encountered by Sea Scout vessels on their bay cruises. Tides and currents are a very significant aspect of The travel time for this trip is about the same as driving from Washington, DC to San Francisco and back in two weeks.

The nightly stops are flexible but there are mandatory cell phone call-in checkpoints. This will allow for variation in interests, needs and will reduce waits at fuel docks and pump out stations. It will also reduce the impact on some of the smaller harbors of the entire flotilla arriving at 6pm.

This is not a follow the leader trip. Each crew needs to spend many hours reviewing charts, notices to mariners, guide books, coast pilots, the light list, and tide and current tables. There is safety in numbers and support but don't bring a boat that is not properly equipped with both equipment and a crew with extensive knowledge of the route. Good charts are required. "A Cruising Guide to New Jersey Waters" by Captain Donald Launer is useful. Knowing the options when the weather changes and keeps you from entering your planned inlet, when the motor quits or a when crewmember develops a medical problem, is required. The "ScoutFleet 2002, Safety Guidelines" provides additional information on boat and crew preparation.

The basic itinerary is outlined here. Boats north of Annapolis are welcome to join the flotilla and return to their homeport in route. These boats are required to provide the proposed departure and return time and locations. They also need to call in when they leave and return to their homeport.

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**FRIDAY – 19 JULY 2002 – ASSEMBLY OF THE FLOTILLA, ANNAPOLIS, MD.**

- All day  
Flotilla boats from the central bay assemble and anchor in Annapolis Roads (i.e., mouth of Spa Creek just off the Severn River in front of Naval academy) or possibly in Spa Creek or moored and rafted at the end of City Dock, Annapolis, MD. (The Annapolis assembly is subject to change due to a possible conflict with a major race. The assembly may be moved to Baltimore.)
- Evening  
Shoreside cookout and social activity, possibly at Farragut Field, U.S. Naval Academy.

**SATURDAY – 20 JULY 2002 – ANNAPOLIS, MD TO NORTH CHESAPEAKE BAY/C&D CANAL (44+ NM)**

- Morning
  - Underway to arrive at north Chesapeake overnight in daylight. The main overnight options are the Bohemia River before the C&D Canal, Chesapeake City or Summit North Marina on the C&D Canal, or Reedy Island in the Delaware Bay
  - Boats from the north bay join as flotilla progresses or meet at overnight stop.
- Afternoon
  - Underway up the Chesapeake Bay and prepare to/transit [Chesapeake and Delaware Canal](#)
- Evening
  - Bohemia River, Chesapeake City, Summit North Marina or Reedy Island in the Delaware Bay. Note that tides and currents are much greater in the north Chesapeake Bay, C&D Canal and the Delaware Bay than in the central Chesapeake Bay. Take care not to anchor at high tide and find yourself aground when you plan to leave. Currents on the Delaware Bay at the end of the C&D Canal often exceed 3 knots. Unfortunately, the ideal times on this day for a favorable current for the long trip down the Delaware Bay are midnight and noon. Midnight is a night sail after a long day up the Chesapeake. Noon is late for the long trip to the Maurice River or Cape May. Note that an adverse current in the C&D Canal means a favorable current on the Delaware Bay.
  - Fishing requires a Maryland license except Reedy Island in Delaware. Note that Maryland offers a boat fishing license that covers all the crew.

**SUNDAY – 21 JULY 2002 –NORTH CHESAPEAKE BAY/C&D CANAL TO DELAWARE BAY OVERNIGHTS (57+ NM TO CAPE MAY)**

- Morning
  - Get underway for Delaware Bay. Overnight at Cohansey River NJ, Maurice River NJ, Lewes, DE or Cape May, NJ. The C&D Canal is very well lit (lined with spotlights) and can be easily transited before dawn. If you have an adverse

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current, hug the shore where the current is less. The Canal is deep almost to the rip-rap shore.

- Afternoon
  - Underway down Delaware River into Delaware Bay.
- Evening
  - At Delaware Bay overnight.
  - Fishing. (No license required in Delaware, New Jersey license required).

### **MONDAY – 22 JULY 2002 - DELAWARE BAY OVERNIGHT STOP TO CAPE MAY, NJ**

- Morning
  - Underway for Cape May. (Boats at Cape May have a lay day to visit the town and beach) The trip up the Chesapeake and down the Delaware Bays adds considerable distance compared to the land route to NYC. Cape May is SOUTH of Annapolis!
- Afternoon
  - Underway down the Delaware Bay en route to Cape May, NJ. Tall masted (over 55' ) will need to go out around Cape May and Prissy Wicks Shoal. Others may take the short cut through the Cape May Canal.
- Evening
  - Arrival at Cape May, NJ. We hope to arrange for showers at the U.S. Coast Guard Base at Cape May. There is an area to anchor off the Coast Guard Base and quite a few marinas that offer transient slips. Deep water outside channels is not a high point of Cape May.

### **TUESDAY – 23 JULY 2002 – CAPE MAY, NJ TO NEW JERSEY COAST OVERNIGHT (ATLANTIC CITY, BARNEGET INLET, MANNASQUAN INLET OR INTERCOASTAL LOCATION)**

- Morning
  - Underway at first light for first New Jersey coast overnight. Power boats have the option of taking the Intercoastal Waterway (ICW). The ICW has a fixed 35 foot bridge between Cape May and Atlantic City which will require the sailboats to sail in the Atlantic Ocean to Atlantic City. The ICW route is about 15 miles longer than the offshore route.
- Afternoon
  - Underway in the Atlantic Ocean or the ICW along the coast of southern New Jersey
- Evening
  - Arrival at first New Jersey overnight. Most boats will be at Atlantic City. The Sen. Frank S. Farley Marina is state owned and has good facilities, including a casino. We may be competing for space with a fishing tournament.

### **WEDNESDAY – 24 JULY 2002 –INROUTE TO SECOND NEW JERSEY OVERNIGHT**

- Morning
  - Underway at first light.

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- Afternoon
  - Underway along the ICW or the coast of northern New Jersey.
- Evening
  - Arrival at second New Jersey overnight. Most boats will be at Manasquan Inlet.

### **THURSDAY – 25 JULY 2002 – INROUTE TO GREAT KILLS, STATEN ISLAND, NY**

- Morning
  - Underway at first light. Manasquan Inlet to Sandy Hook is in the Atlantic Ocean.
- Afternoon
  - Rounding Sandy Hook, NJ en route to Great Kills, Staten Island, NY.
- Evening
  - Arrival at moorings in Great Kills Harbor, Staten Island, NY.
  - Some vessels may wish to overnight in the Sandy Hook area and meet Friday at the USS INTREPID. An early start from both Great Kills and Sandy Point has favorable tides in the morning with slack tide at the Verazanno Narrows Bridge at 06:30 turning to a flood. The Sandy Hook area includes
    - [NOAA's Northeast Fisheries Science Center](#).<sup>1</sup> The mission there is to conduct research in ecology, leading to a better understanding of both coastal and estuarine organisms and the effects of human activities on nearshore marine populations.
    - There is also a State Park that is noteworthy for having an official ["nude beach - clothing optional."](#)<sup>2</sup>
    - See the [Sandy Hook Lighthouse](#), America's oldest light, which has guided ships along the Jersey Shore since 1764.
    - In 1870, the first U.S. Army Proving Ground began testing weapons here and in 1895 Fort Hancock was established as part of the defenses for New York Harbor. Today, the buildings and fortifications of [historic Fort Hancock](#) are preserved and open for visitation.

### **FRIDAY – 26 JULY 2002 - GREAT KILLS, NY TO NEW YORK CITY (20 NM)**

- Morning
  - Underway from staging area at Great Kills, NY to INTREPID spud barge. Boats from Sandy Hook can meet at G "17", 40 32.8'N, 74 02.3'W which is about 6NM from both Great Kills and Sandy Hook.
- Afternoon
  - 12:00 -Registration & orientation.
  - Afternoon tours of [the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum facilities: the aircraft carrier USS INTREPID, the destroyer USS EDSON, the guided missile submarine USS GROWLER, a Lockheed A-12 Blackbird aircraft, and the Navy Flight Simulator.](#)
  - In the alternative, the afternoon could be used to walk about 6 blocks east from the INTREPID pier to Times Square, Metro lines 1 or 9 to Wall Street, and then walk about 10 blocks east to [the South Street Seaport Museum](#). The mission of

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<sup>1</sup> Determine optional touring agenda.

<sup>2</sup> Sorry - no pictures available. An interesting picture, however, could be taken of the Skipper's face when the coed crew votes to go to the nude beach.

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the South Street Seaport Museum is to trace the history of the Port of New York, and its commercial and cultural impact on the city, the state, and the nation. The museum fulfills its mission through its [galleries and exhibits](#), [living history programs](#), [programs and events](#), [educational programs](#) for children and adults, and the largest privately owned collection of [historic vessels](#) (in tonnage) in the United States.

- A third alternative is to use Friday afternoon to take the Circle Line tour of [Ellis Island](#), the facility that for decades welcomed waves of immigrants to the US, and the [Statue of Liberty](#).<sup>3</sup>
- Evening
  - At Crew option.

### **SATURDAY – 27 JULY 2002 - INPORT NEW YORK CITY – SCOUTFLEET DAY**

- Morning
  - Breakfast and dressing of the fleet at INTREPID's spud barge.
  - 08:00 - Boats get underway in preparation for the parade.
  - 10:00 - Parade rounds the Statue of Liberty.
  - 12:00- Fleet returns to the Intrepid. Press boats drop off reporters and depart. Reporters mingle with the Ships and interview the Sea Scouts.
  - 13:00 - Spud barge opens to the public. 90th anniversary ceremony & speakers (Scout officials, elected officials, etc.)
  - 14:00- Sea Scout Exposition of scout skills opens to the general public.<sup>4</sup>
  - 18:00- Spud barge closes to public.
- Evening
  - Tentative plans call for an exclusive Circle Line harbor cruise around New York City for all participants and Friends of Sea Scouting.
- Late Evening
  - A potential special event for Saturday night will be to have all several hundred participants "sleep over" on the hanger deck of INTREPID. On a 900' ship there is room for sleeping, reading, socializing, dancing, Frisbee contests, etc. Obviously someone will have to maintain "watch" on the Ship's vessel.

### **SUNDAY – 28 JULY 2002 - NEW YORK CITY TO SANDY HOOK, NJ (20 NM)**

- Official schedule says, "Vessels depart for home" after a 0900 interfaith service. The spud barge must be vacated by noon. However, there may be additional official activities on Sunday that are not yet in the official schedule. Those vessels that have not yet had the opportunity to explore Sandy Hook, NJ, may wish to do so on Sunday. Attractions are listed above under July 25

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<sup>3</sup> Need to determine admission costs. Dave Mosher advises that National Park Service prohibits direct tie up of private vessels at these locations due in part to fears of terrorist threats. However, tie-ups might be possible at the Circle Line tours piers and visitors could proceed to the two landmarks by regular Circle Line tour.

<sup>4</sup> One potential "sure to be memorable" event will be rigging a breeches buoy between the submarine GROWLER and the spud barge and to simulate one historic method of saving mariners from a stranded ship. "Land" Scouts have been invited to attend, so here is our chance to show them why, "Sea Scouts have more fun!". Each participating ship is encouraged to put on some particular demonstration for the public such as signaling, knots, ornamental rope work, etc.

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**MONDAY – 29 JULY 2002 – SANDY HOOK, NJ TO FIRST NEW JERSEY OVERNIGHT**

- Morning
  - Underway for first New Jersey overnight. Plan on going to weather on the trip home.
- Evening
  - Arrival at overnight stop. Most boats will be at Manasquan Inlet.
  - Relaxation and watching the fishing boats go out.

**TUESDAY – 30 JULY 2002 – FIRST NJ OVERNIGHT TO SECOND NJ OVERNIGHT**

- Morning
  - Depart.
- Afternoon
  - Underway in the Atlantic Ocean along central New Jersey coast.
- Evening
  - Arrive at second NJ overnight. This will be Atlantic City for most boats.
  - Relaxation, Casino.

**WEDNESDAY – 31 JULY 2002 – SECOND NJ OVERNIGHT TO CAPE MAY, NJ OR LEWES, DE**

- Morning
  - Depart for Cape May, NJ or Lewes, DE.
- Afternoon
  - Underway in the Atlantic Ocean along the southern New Jersey coast.
- Evening
  - Arrival at Lewes, DE or Cape May, NJ.

**THURSDAY – 1 AUGUST 2002 – CAPE MAY, NY OR LEWES, DE TO DELAWARE BAY/C&D CANAL.**

- Morning
  - Depart Cape May, NJ or Lewes, DE for Delaware Bay or C&D Canal overnight.
- Afternoon
  - Underway up the Delaware Bay.
- Evening
  - Arrival at overnight stop.

**FRIDAY – 2 AUGUST 2002 – DELAWARE BAY/C&D CANAL TO CHESAPEAKE BAY)**

- Morning
  - Depart overnight on the home stretch.
- Afternoon
  - Transit [Chesapeake and Delaware Canal](#)
- Evening
  - Arrival at overnight.

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**SATURDAY – 3 AUGUST 2002 – TO HOME PORT OR ANNAPOLIS, MD**

- Morning
  - Underway at first light for Annapolis, MD or home port.
- Evening
  - Arrival at Annapolis.
  - “Welcome Home” festivities.

**SUNDAY – 4 AUGUST 2002 – RETURN TO HOME PORTS.**

- Morning
  - All vessels depart Annapolis for their respective homeports.
  - “Stand down from deployment. Give the ship a clean sweep down fore and aft. Commence liberty call for all hands!”

**CHESAPEAKE FLOTILLA WARDROOM SCOUTFLEET 2002 COMMITTEE**

Flotilla Wardroom Chairman:

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Chesapeake ScoutFleet 2002 - Maryland Activities Sub-Committee

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Sub-committee scope: all program activities in Maryland.

Chesapeake ScoutFleet 2002 - Voyage Activities Sub-Committee

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Sub-committee scope: all program activities outside of Maryland

Chesapeake ScoutFleet 2002 - Publicity Sub-Committee

Publicity Chair: Steve Alexander – [stevedalex@msn.com](mailto:stevedalex@msn.com)

Sub-committee scope: all CWF publicity.

Chesapeake ScoutFleet 2002 - Finance Sub-Committee

Finance Chair: Garth Wells - [GWells@criimi.com](mailto:GWells@criimi.com)

Sub-committee scope: all CWF fundraising and finances.

Chesapeake ScoutFleet 2002 - Health & Safety Sub-Committee

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Sub-committee scope: all CWF Health and Safety issues.

**RESOURCES & REFERENCES**

**Live Action Views of ScoutFleet 2002**

1. Live video cam of Annapolis Boat Basic – Let the folks back home watch our departure from and return to Annapolis:  
<http://colossus.netwatchinc.com/defaultlarge.asp?site=annapolis2>
2. To see what vessels are actually passing through the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal at this very moment: <http://ebs.nap.usace.army.mil/ASP/CandD/CandD2.html>. Tell the folks back home to watch for us!
3. Cape May Shore Cam = <http://colossus.netwatchinc.com/default.asp?Site=CapeMay>
4. Live video cam of USS INTREPID and the spud barge where we will be tying up – let the folks back home know they can see you live at ScoutFleet 2002 on the web at: <http://www.earthcam.com/usa/newyork/intrepid/>. Remember to click on “+ Enlarge” and be patient while the cam swings around to view the spud barge. Wave!

**BSA Planning**

1. Planning a Long Cruise Superactivity = Sea Scout Manual, pp. 69-75.
2. Sea Scout Long Cruise Badge Requirements = Sea Scout Manual, pp. 100-101.
3. Official BSA Cruise Plan Requirements =  
[http://www.seascout.org/for\\_leaders/recommended\\_cruise\\_plan.html](http://www.seascout.org/for_leaders/recommended_cruise_plan.html)
4. BSA Safe Swim Defense Plan =  
[http://www.cpcbsa.org/cpcbsa/bsa\\_info/safe\\_scouting/safe\\_scout\\_II.htm](http://www.cpcbsa.org/cpcbsa/bsa_info/safe_scouting/safe_scout_II.htm)
5. National Tour Permits =  
[http://www.seascout.org/general\\_resources/nationaltourpermit\\_front.html](http://www.seascout.org/general_resources/nationaltourpermit_front.html)
6. Annual BSA Boat Safety Checklist =  
[http://www.seascout.org/for\\_leaders/form\\_boat\\_safety\\_checklist.html](http://www.seascout.org/for_leaders/form_boat_safety_checklist.html)
7. ScoutFleet 2002 web site = <http://scoutfleet.org/>
8. ScoutFleet 2002 registration page = [http://scoutfleet.org/ops\\_page.html](http://scoutfleet.org/ops_page.html)

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### **Port Guides**

1. ScoutFleet 2002 preliminary site photos = <http://scoutfleet.org/pix1.html>
2. Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum web site = <http://www.intrepidmuseum.org/>
3. Camp Alpine web site = <http://www.nnjbsa.org/camps/alpine/>
4. South Street Seaport Museum web site = <http://www.southstseaport.org/index.htm>
5. United States Merchant Marine Academy web site = <http://www.usmma.edu/>
6. NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Sandy Hook, NJ = <http://www.sh.nmfs.gov/>
7. Operation Sail web site = [http://www.opsail2000.org/web/index\\_opsail2k.html](http://www.opsail2000.org/web/index_opsail2k.html)
8. State University of New York Maritime College = <http://www.sunymaritime.edu/>
9. Barnegat Inlet visitor information = <http://www.barnlight.com/>
10. Cape May attractions with photos = <http://www.covesoft.com/Capemay/attractions.html>
11. Utsch's Marina, Cape May, NJ web site = <http://www.capemayharbor.com/>
12. The Lobster House, Cape May, NJ = <http://www.thelobsterhouse.com/>
13. Lewes, DE and Cape Henlopen area web site = <http://www.lewesde.com/>
14. Cape Henlopen State Park web site = <http://www.destateparks.com/chsp/chsp.htm>
15. Atlantic Highlands, NJ official web site = <http://www.ah-nj.com/History.html>
16. Maurice River, NJ web site = <http://www.cumauriceriver.org/pages/maurice.html>
17. The wild and scenic Maurice River = <http://www.igc.apc.org/mauriceriver/>
18. The Chesapeake Bay Boating Guide = <http://www.thebayguide.com/home.html>
19. Excellent history and info on C&D canal = <http://www.nap.usace.army.mil/sb/c&d.htm>

### **Nautical Ephemera**

(For detailed CFW ScoutFleet 2002 Nautical Ephemera, see that separate document)

1. Chesapeake Bay tidal information for future dates:  
[http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/access/tide\\_finder.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/access/tide_finder.html)
2. Chesapeake and Delaware Canal tide and current calculator for various dates =  
<http://www02.coconet.com:8080/locations/320.html>
3. ATLANTIC CITY tide charts:  
[http://www.leht.com/Aerial\\_Photos\\_Tidal\\_Charts/index.htm](http://www.leht.com/Aerial_Photos_Tidal_Charts/index.htm)

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4. Coastal Marine Zone Forecast Sandy Hook to Manasquan Inlet, NJ =  
<http://weather.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/fmtbltn.pl?file=forecasts%2Fmarine%2Fcoastal%2Fan%2Fanz450.txt&title=Coastal+Marine+Zone+Forecast%3CBR%3ESandy+Hook+to+Manasquan+Inlet%2C+NJ>
5. Delaware Bay, NJ, and NY tidal information for future dates:  
<http://www.saltwatertides.com/dynamic.dir/newjerseysites.html>
6. Hudson River and East River conditions and 6 month advance tide and current charts for the Jersey Coast and New York City areas = [http://www.hrfanj.org/river\\_conditions.htm](http://www.hrfanj.org/river_conditions.htm)