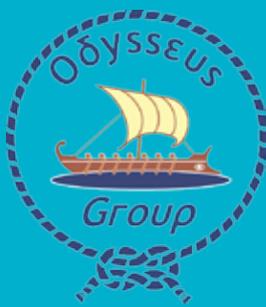


# Eur naut



December 2015

*Happy New Year!*



# Chairman's letter

We are overcoming more a winter solstice and the days are starting to grow. It gives in all of us a feeling of a new start, an energy of gathering our families, our friends, and also our groups in the share of joys and stories.

So our minds start work on opportunities for new navigations, new routes course, new rivers to paddle, in order to all of us, leader and young scouts have more stories and ideas to take near the fire.

We desire for smell of recent cuted wood and fresh paint, that new and upgraded boats will go to the water as soon the Sun breaks trough the winter cold. Preparations are certainly on daily order in our ships, and cruises being marked and prepared. Rigging so fit and Training and safety procedures being updated, and the camp material honed and ready.

Let's get in the share of our ideas for all of this and in our special scout way share the ideas and resources from the western shores of Ireland and Portugal to the rocky beaches of the Black Sea.

Here people are using the sea in the search for safety of their families, patrimony that we get for granted some generations now. Our sea projects and scout cruises, can be many times be more than following a course in rough waters, and go on the service of those in need, all this opportunities make us grow has women and men, in all our ages achieving the aims of scout method and promise.

In September we hope that many of us meet to get ideas, techniques, inspirations and thoughts to develop how we can share all of this trough water. Meeting in Puck welcome by our Polish brothers will be a great opportunity for this. This EuroSea will be mainly aimed at international and sharing dimension of sea Scouting, in the most simple way, crew to crew, ship to ship.

In this time that the majority of us in Europe celebrate Christmas, and the increase of daily light joy us all let's join our flotillas and sail all to a common goal, leave this world a better place to live.

Good winds, and Happy New Year  
Nuno Jacinto





## New year ahead!



Holidays and break from the school and work is a good moment to look back to what we have achieved this year. I'm happy to say I had good moments with Odysseus group and this Euronaut newsletter has been published 4 times this year - as it was planned.

The winter is the time for the renovations, dreaming of the next summer and planning the upcoming year. Share your dreams and thoughts - they will grow and one day they might become real!

I hope everyone will enjoy the holidays, have a good rest and refill the inner energy to tackle the next year's challenges!

Satu Raudasoja  
Editor of the Euronaut newsletter

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# What has Odysseus been doing? Planning the next Eurosea!

One of the tasks the Odysseus group has is to organize the next Eurosea together with the hosting country.

So, in October four Odysseusmember gathered together in Poland, to meet the Polish hosting team and to see all the accommodations and so on.

So there we were, on a Friday night in Puck, Satu, Werner, Nuno and Ernst-Jan. A quick meal, and then...we already started our meetings. Talking about the program, the finances, Erasmus+, etc, etc.

After 22:00h Nuno, Werner and Ernst-Jan went to discover Puck, while the smartest of us (I will not tell the name, but it is a woman) went to sleep.

The next morning we have a quick breakfast and...we splitted the group into 2. Werner and Satu were discussing the program, while Nuno and Ernst-Jan were discussing the finances and the communication part.

At around 10:30 we have a meeting to tell each other the outcomes.

Then we were picked up to go to Gdynia.

In Gdynia we met the hosting team near the beautiful Zawisza Carny.

After a tour around this ship, we had a lunch-meeting with the hosting team. We got to know each other a little bit, and had a little but very interesting walk through Gdynia in the rain.

After that we went back to Puck, saw all the meeting rooms, had a meeting gain and...diner.

After diner we planned the communication line, and went out for a walk and a little drink.

The next morning we had a look with the location manager around the facilities, some ending discussions and..... at noon Nuno and Ernst-Jan left to the airport. Satu and Werner a little later.

Now we have been preparing the invitation letter, and calculating about the finances. The next weeks you will hear more from us.



# Plastic version of Sea Scout rowing / sailing cutter

Now there is a plastic moulded version of the 5.2 metre Sea Scout rowing / sailing cutter. The cutter was originally introduced in 1946 as a wooden clinker built boat and in 1973 a clinker version in fibreglass and to date a combined total of over 270 have been built and are in use by the Navy Cadets, Sea Scouts and Young Mariners (girls). The latest fibreglass ones were launched in January this year, 2015.

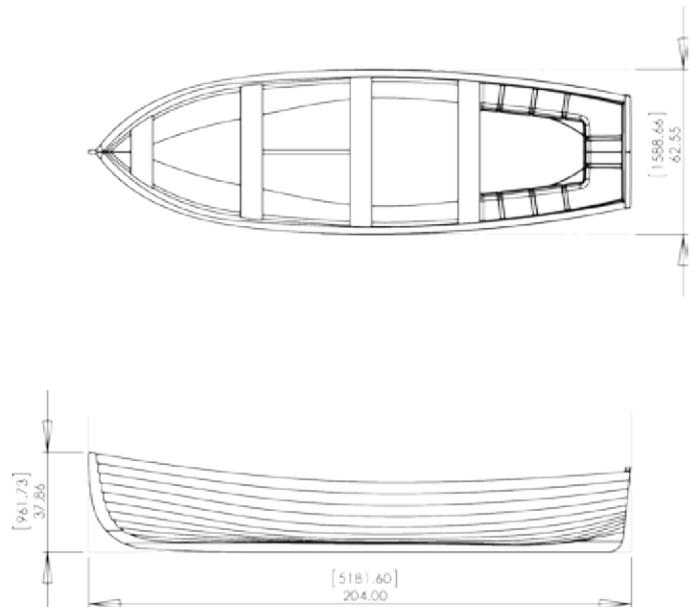
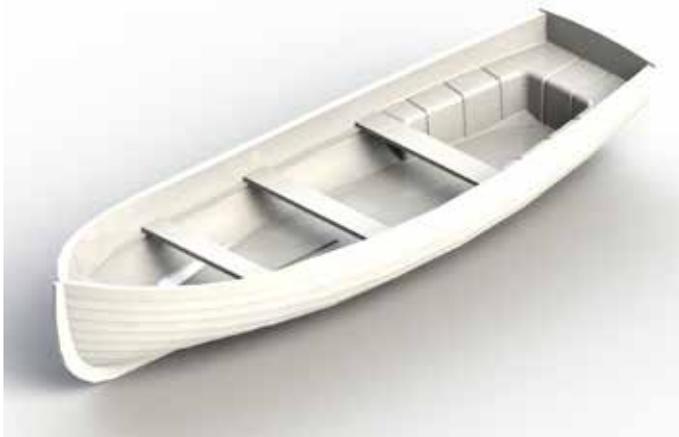
Garth Galloway the CEO of Galloway International which is based in Auckland, New Zealand, is a friend of mine and we started on this project in 2007 and my

main focus is for use in the South Pacific Islands where we currently have five wooden and one fibreglass cutters and ...coral reefs !

Garth's company already makes a 3.7 metre version which has been sold internationally and we had one at the Splash water activities base at the 2007 World Jamboree in UK.

I look forward to receiving the input of leaders as a part of the project development. Please share this with others who may be interested to participate and contribute in this work which would be particularly of value to countries who have coral reefs and/or other similar areas where a wooden or fibreglass boat would be easily damaged. If you want more information, please contact!

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# September 2015 - Celebrating the Spanish Sea Scouting Century

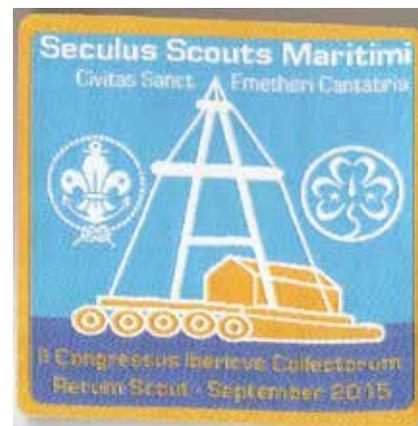
On last September 26th, the 526th Montaraz Scout Group from Santander celebrated the Spanish Sea Scouting Century. We wanted to remember the first Sea Scout Troop which raised up right here, on Cantabrian Sea coast.

Nowadays, there's any kind of sea scouting groups in Spanish north coast, but we decided to do something. So, we forward to unite the Sea Scout Century with the 2nd Iberian Collectors Meeting, under the support of Escuela Universitaria de Turismo "Altamira" (local Tourist University School which offered building rooms to expose all the collections), the Albergue Santa Cruz de Bezana (a Saint James Pilgrim's hostel which offered accommodation to scouts who travelled far away) and three Scouting Collectors Associations from Portugal and Spain (CPCOE, CSI and CICOSE).

The 526th Montaraz Scout Group already made up the official badge, which includes historical details: a motto in Latin, which pretends to remember this forgotten history; and the raft of Vital Alsar, a famous local sea adventurer. It's important to remind that this badge was designed by Gonçalo Viera, a Portuguese sea scout. Eventhough, it's curious that some collecting stuff were made specifically to celebrate this Sea Scouting Century, like badges, a buckle and postal stamps. This 2nd Iberian Scouting Collectors Meeting brought together scouts and non-scouts from Portugal, Spain and Gibraltar, adding almost 70 people. You can have an idea by watching a video on ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mue\\_eTFkad0&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mue_eTFkad0&feature=youtu.be)).

In this Collectors Meeting we had a great news. On Cantabrian Coast, a sea scout group is rising up in Suances, a little town near Santander, and we can say that the first rowings are going very well. We all hope the best wishes to them.

Gonçalo Brito Graça  
526th Montaraz Scout Group  
Santander - Spain



# Puck, Gdynia, Hel - The Golden Triangle of Polish Sea Scouts

You will have the opportunity to see those three places, if only you will come to the next EuroSea in Poland in 2016. Each of them has amazing conditions to perform water sports.

**Puck - The Scout Maritime Centre**  
Puck lies in the Polish Pomerania on Gdańsk Seashore. The western part of the Gulf of Gdansk was named after the city - the Gulf of Puck. The beginnings of the city started in 13th Century. Since then Puck is the city of fishermen and other people of the sea. Every year fishermen living on the coast of the Gulf of Gdańsk go on a pilgrimage to Puck on the indulgence day of saint Peter and Paul.

Puck was also the first place of Polish fleet and naval air force base in 1920. In this place on 10th February 1920 happened 'Nuptials of Poland and the Sea' - a patriotic act of throwing the ring into the sea to celebrate regaining access to the Baltic Sea.

In Puck there is also located the Scout Maritime Centre, which will be the main place of EuroSea 2016 in Poland. The Centre has many sailing yachts which enable sail training among scouts.

**Sailing Day visits**  
During the Sailing Day participants will visit Gdynia - the city of the sea and Hel, which is located on the tip of the Hel Peninsula.

Gdynia was built after Poland reclaimed independence in 1918. Due to stating Gdańsk - previous main Polish harbour as the free city, after the Wersal Treaty in 1920 after First World War, Poland has lost its own sea harbour. People built the city of Gdynia in the place of previous village in 5 years. This makes Gdynia the youngest of Polish big cities. The interesting part of Gdynia is not only its harbour, which is visited by many vessels, but also for example yacht marina. The city is also a great cultural centre. Hel as a seaside resort was known for its famous defence on the beginning of the Second World War in 1939. Many of the fortifications are still well preserved. There is also a famous 'sealarium', where seals are held under care.

**The Gulf of Gdańsk - the heart of Polish sailing**  
The Gulf of Gdańsk is biologically diverse area in southern Baltic, which attracts many sailors and other interested in sea culture. Most important places on its coast are Gdańsk - the City of Freedom, in which nearby is located the proposed site to organise World Scout Jamboree in Poland in 2023 - Sobieszewo Island, and Sopot with the oldest and longest wooden pier.

We strongly encourage you to visit Poland during the next EuroSea!

Rafal Klepacz

# Eurosea 13 in Poland

## UPDATED INFORMATION

### EUROSEA 13

21.-25.9.2016 in Puck, Poland

Fee: about 300 euros/participant

Possible to get funding through Erasmus + for the fee

Goal: Enhance the international aspect of Sea Scouting

What will be done: get to know overall picture of sea scouting in Europe, share best practices, workshops, sailing

NOTE: The dates have changed from the original ones!

