

Eur naut



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Chairman's letter

Brother Scouts, dear friends

The ice is starting to melt from south to north of Europe. Sprouts are popping in the warmest Countries. We all miss the odor of salty items and have that feel that is time to get out, put boats to water and sail or row. Our Sea Scouts and starting to jump with energy for the spring activities. In the winter many of us have been with the dust and tools repairing and improving our boats, making from each sandpaper a tool in an imaginative "Peter Pan" story.



In great care of safety let's now departure to our "neverland", take our crews and boats to live fantastic adventures, in a very funny, symbolic way. And with all those things to place our young boys and girls to boost energy, entrepreneurship, human values, brotherhood and all those wonders of scout method trough water.

In these big sails we will keep together, develop safety culture, love for nature and the tast for those technical details and sciences that brought us to the 21th century.

To all of us that have role of "older brothers" let's be the strong and steady breeze that all sailor like, and let's learn with each other. Share ideas, new and old, from the old archives to the ones just popping in our minds, and discuss them, melt them and work it to give conditions to all scouts make their own improvements to a better world.

In order for this share we will meet in Puck in September, to learn how to share, how cross seas and how make "portage" across borders and mountains, so that sea Scouts trough Europe help each one of our communities to grow, to share, to sustain and receive, to fit in development of a better mankind acting and sailing daily for a better world.

BP's last words to us are always sounding in whisper, let's make room for their effect sound loud in our minds.

Good winds
Nuno Jacinto



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Eurosea

I have one wish for you: Please spread the word about Eurosea seminar in your country! All you, who are reading this Euronaut, are probably familiar with the seminar - either you've been there or at least you've heard about it. But there are many sea-scout leaders all over Europe who know nothing about it - yet.



In 2006 (Wow! It was 10 years ago...) I heard about the Eurosea and I wanted to participate. I just had been in my first meetings of the national sea scout committee. On the national level it had been already decided who are going to represent Finland at Eurosea, and I was not one of them. But I found out that my local district had also some money available for participating in international scout events.

And here I am, on my third term as a member of the Odysseus group.

Satu Raudasoja
Editor of the Euronaut newsletter



Euronaut is the newsletter of the European Sea Scout network. Every guide and scout is welcome to join the Facebook group 'European Sea Scouting' and share their scouting related stories and photos. If you would like to share any stories in this newsletter, please send those to euronaut@seascouts.eu

What has Odysseus been doing?

To be honest, we have not being very very active. But we were preparing and supporting the Eurosea.

We have contacted our National Scout Offices to get mandates and extra information so the Polish Scout Organization can go further with applying for the Erasmus+ funding.

We have also been verifying the invitation letter and the budget. The dates

of the seminar have been changed a week later. In the week where we originally had the reservation, there would be another big (commercial) event, and this would most likely interfere with the Eurosea. So the dates has to be changed. But everything is running now. We will soon start preparing the program, and inform you all you with extra information.



In Instagram by scouts



Swedish scouts (*scouterna* in Instagram) have decorated their 'bullar' with the scout logo!



What do sea scout leaders do in winter? Well, you can have fun for example with these big bubbles. (*piilevät* in Instagram)

90 years of sea scouting in Portugal

In this month, March 2016, the Portuguese Catholic Scouts Museum in Lisbon celebrates the 90th year of first Sea Scout Catholic Group in Portugal.

The history of Sea Scouting Movement in Portugal rewinds to 1922, when the União dos Adueros de Portugal in Oporto decided to set up a nautical group. There's no much information about this unity but, as far as it's known, it's the portuguese Sea Scouting official birth-date. Four years latter, the catholic scouts decided to assume their turn, and so, it born the first group in Póvoa de Varzim, a little town fourty kilometers north away from Oporto.

Passing over these 90 years, the Portuguese Catholic Scouts Museum in Lisbon will celebrate this event, exposing some old objects, like badges, medals, books, uniforms, memorabilia, etc. On next edition of Euronaut we will give futher information. Best winds!

Gonçalo Brito Graça



Sailing with swedish scouts this summer?

Swedish scouts have their boat Biscaya sailing at the Baltic sea this summer! Sailing-plan is released and application is open online!

Sadly no information is in English, but if you cant translate it, ask Magnus Gustafsson in Facebook.

www.biscaya.scout.se
<http://biscaya.scout.se/langseglingar/langseglingar-2016/>



Sailing season is starting

Spring is coming. Here the birds start, at the same time you hear the sea scouts becoming active at their harbors. I think it is the same in every country, when you the sailing starts sea scouts become visible at the water. It seems that they become active.

But we know that is not true, in winter they have training, hiking, skiing, wintercamping, and so on. Some of these activities are not really water related, but who cares. If you take water away scouts is left. And that is what we truly are, scouts...on water...

Sometimes people see sea scouts different from scouts. But we just expended our scout activities to the water. Wintercamping can be fun, for those who have never been camping in snow... It is a life time experience, put it on your bucket list.

In some countries they have been training (really) cold water survival, in other



country some theory about rowing or sailing. The boats and ships are also maintained. There are even countries they did not stop sailing during the winter.

Here the boats are getting in the water, looking at Facebook I see a lot of sea scouts getting ready for the sailing season. Everyone is looking forward for camping at the waterside.

So the season is starting, a lot of (local) activities are starting again.. it would be nice to hear what sea scouting means in every country, even troop. Please tell each other how much fun sea scouting is in your troop/country. This can be done by writing a nice article about your meeting/camp/etc with some photos and sending it to euro-naut@seascouts.eu

Really, it would be nice. Perhaps we can



get some nice ideas from each other to make sea scouting even more fun !!

For me, I will have to put some effort into the Eurosea and Odysseus. In Poland they are already working hard for it, they really want to be our host during the Eurosea. The location is really nice, the program is looking good. So if you are able to join, join the Eurosea !

Ernst-Jan Jacobssen
vice-chairman of Odysseus



Game time: Kim's game with map symbols

Equipment: Nine flash cards, each with one map symbol; blanket; pencil and paper for each patrol

Procedure: Arrange the flash cards in any fashion you wish (Keep a record of how they are arranged) Cover the display with a blanket Have the patrols gather around the display Remove the blanket for exactly one minute, then replace the blanket and tell the patrols to huddle Give the patrol leaders a pencil and paper and tell them that their patrols have two minutes to write the names and meanings of all of the map

symbols they remember and place them in the proper position as displayed

Scoring: Score 1 point for each symbol listed by a patrol, 1 extra point for the correct meaning If there is a tie, the winning patrol is the one with the most accurate positioning

Variation: Use Scout badges or any objects you wish instead of map symbols

Source: <http://www.scouting.org/file-store/pdf/Games.pdf>



Invitation to
Eurosea 13
European Sea Scouting Seminar

Puck (PL), 21 -25 September 2016
“Crossing borders through water”

Eurosea 13: Enhancing the international aspect of Sea Scouting

- Promoting International Sea Scouting
- Sharing best practices of Sea Scout and Sea Guide Groups
- Fostering friendship among Sea Scouts - the Sea Scout Friendship Badge
- “Water connecting Scouts and Guides”
- Go international!

Aims of Eurosea Seminars

- Developing the international dimension of Sea Scouting;
- Sharing best practices and ideas for Sea Scouting development;
- Promoting safe practices.

Objectives of Eurosea 13

- Building a multifaceted view of Sea Scouting in Europe;
- Promoting International Sea Scouting;
- Sharing of best practices of Sea Scout and Sea Guide Groups;
- Fostering friendship among Sea Scouts - the Sea Scout Friendship Badge (first ones earned during the seminar);
- Providing collective solutions and

ideas for individual challenges or opportunities;

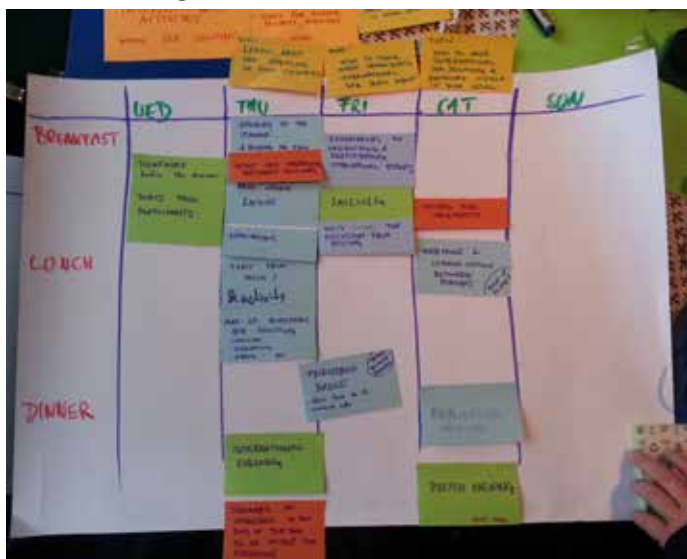
- Ensuring that each participant has the opportunity to meet and discuss issues and ideas with colleagues from other associations;
- Electing new members of the Odysseus Group (see Additional information);
- Selecting the hosting country for Eurosea 14.

Who should attend Eurosea? (Participants’ profile)

- Members or prospective members of national or regional teams that support Sea Scouting;
- Representatives of National Scout Associations (NSAs) and Member Organisations (MOs) interested in introducing water activities, particularly members of national or regional programme teams or similar bodies;
- Leaders & young adults who organise international Sea Scout activities (group to national) in the future;
- Sea Scout and Sea Guide Leaders interested in international Sea Scouting;
- Participants are expected to be able to communicate well in English and be capable of using electronic means of communication.

What can you expect?

- An active seminar, “hands-on” activities and various opportunities for exchanges, in both formal and informal settings;
- (International) guests; professionals in safety regulations at sea and inland



waters;

- Clues and Tips on “How to?” do an international sea Scout activity, possible partnerships;
- Scouting activities; campfire, “sail the talk” and morning ceremonies etc.;
- Time for informal idea sharing discussions and networking.

Dates

21 - 25 September 2016

Arrival: Participants should arrive on Wednesday 21 September, before 23:00 pm.

Departure: Should be booked for Sunday 25 September, after 11:00 am.

Location

- HARCERSKI OŚRODEK MORSKI PUCK (Sea Scout Centre HOM PUCK)
Ul. Żeglarzy 1
84-100 Puck
Poland.
Website: www.hompuck.org
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HOMPuck/>
- The Sea Scout Centre is located in the harbour of Puck.
- The nearest international airport is Gdańsk Lech Wałęsa Airport (GDN) in

Gdańsk.

Language

- The event will be held in English.
- Number of participants
- The event is designed to involve up to 60 participants.
 - Registration priority is given to have the largest number of different associations and member organisations represented.

Application

- The duly complete and signed application form should be emailed to the World Scout Bureau Europe Support Centre Geneva (europe@scout.org) before 15 May 2016. Please have it sent through your national office or International commissioner (to confirm the support from your national association). Applications received directly from individuals will not be considered.
- There may be a possibility to apply for travel grants through a Erasmus+ programme (tbc).
- An acceptance letter will be sent to participants by 30 June 2016. Please do not arrange your travel before you will have had your participation confirmed!





Participation fee

- The participation fee will be between EUR 320 and EUR 370 (depending on the total number of participants).
- The fee covers the transfer from Gdansk airport, accommodation, and meals from dinner on 21 September to lunch on 25 September. It also covers all programme materials and documentation.
- The participation fee does not include any insurance or personal expenses, such as telephone, Internet or bar charges.
- The invoices for the participation and payment details will be sent to national association offices once participation is confirmed. The payment deadline is 31 July 2016.

Travel arrangements

- Once participants are selected, they should make their own travel arrangements and obtain visas (if necessary). If you require an official invitation to obtain a visa, please clearly indicate this on your application form.
- Travel forms will be sent to participants in June. Participants arriving in Poland earlier or leaving later and who would like assistance in finding accom-

modations at their own expenses should email the host committee: woda@zhp.pl

- It is your national association's exclusive responsibility to check that you are covered by an insurance policy for illness, accidents, and repatriation.

Preparation

- Participants are asked to join the Eurosea 13 Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/700640773351498/>) which will be the principal channel of communications before, during and after the event;
- For the International Evening, participants are encouraged to prepare a typical Sea Scouting game. The game should last no more than 10 minutes;
- Participants are asked to bring publishable photographs of Sea Scout activities, events, and training. Please obtain permission/copyright clearance before coming to the seminar since the photos may be used on the European Sea Scout webpage or on Facebook;
- For the "Market of best practices" you are invited to share your contribution in advance: please contact odysseus@seascouts.eu before 15 August 2016.

Climate

- Participants should expect an average temperature of 15°C and occasional rain.

What to bring?

- (Sea) Scout or (Sea) Guide uniform;
- Towels and other personal toiletries;
- Outdoor activity clothing;
- Water activity clothing and footwear; lifejackets and all other safety equipment will be provided by the seminar;
- Sea Scouting or water activity-related games from your country;
- Materials to run a best practice workshop or discussion;
- Materials to present Sea Scouting in your country (e.g., handbook, photos, slides, videos, information sheets, maps, posters, fact sheets, results of surveys);
- Sea Scouting, Sea Guiding and/or National flag (in normal proportions ca. 100 x 150 cm);
- If you really want to, you can bring samples of traditional food from your country for the International Evening. Please note that you will only have 30 minutes for preparation (so please keep it simple).

The Odysseus Group (Planning Team)

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Wiktor Wróblewski (ZHP, Poland)

Additional information

- The seminar is open to anyone connected with Scouting or Guiding who wishes to attend and has the support of her or his National Scout Association (WOSM) or Member Organisation (WAGGGS); However only representatives of associations in the European Regions of WAGGGS and WOSM can nominate members for and vote in the elections of the Odysseus Group;
- If you need additional information, please email the Odysseus Group: odysseus@seascouts.eu, or the host committee: woda@zhp.pl

Eurosea 13 website

<http://seascouts.eu/>

Eurosea 13 Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/700640773351498/>



Welcome to Eurosea!

21.-25.09.2016



EUROSEA 13

PUCK, POLAND

10 reasons to visit Eurosea

- 1 - meet new and known friends in sea scouting
- 2 - find out more about sea scouting in other countries
- 3 - discover new education methods in sea scouting
- 4 - participate on water activities you didnt before
- 5 - learn new skills in sea scouting
- 6 - participate in international workshops which belong to water acitivities
- 7 - share your experiance in seascouting
- 8 - taste salty water and other local delicious food
- 9 - know more about maritime traditions in seascouting
- 10 - be a part of living sea scout network

What can you do before the seminar?

- Join the Eurosea 13 Facebook group
- Read a short piece of news with invitation letter and the registration form: <https://www.scout.org/node/157601>
- Visit Eurosea 13 webpage (Sorry, not 100% ready yet...): <http://eurosea.zhp.pl/>
- Discuss about the seminar with other sea scout leaders in your country! What would you want to get from the seminar? What are important topics for you? What could you tell to the other participants about seascouting in your country?

