



Sea Scouting in Austria

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about 300 Sea Scouts, approx. 4% of Scouts in Austria
5 local Sea Scout groups and
5 groups who sympathise with seascouting

Most common water scout activities:



sailing



canoeing



Jet Floats



rubber boats



kajak



The four branches

Four steps
to one aim

	Wichtel/ Wölflinge	Guides/ Späher	Caravelles/Explorer	Ranger/ Rover
Age	7 – 10	10-13	13-16	16-20
Units	Pack	Patrol	Patrol, interest group	Individual
Method	Game	Adventure	Venture	Project



Most important things young people learn in different ages:



- No special activities for Beaver or Cub Scouts
- Scouts and Guides in the age of
 - 10-13 years: activities on flat water, swimming, sailing
 - 13-16 years: activities on flowing water, sailing
 - 16-20 years: sailing licence, canoe licence flat water

Sea Scout EVENTS



Events in local Sea Scout groups:

- sailing trips, camps, sailing or paddling competitions, rubber boat race, swimming, exhibition





Sea Scout TRAINING for leaders

Three columns
carry the roof

There are trainings on local level organised by the scout groups.

Together with e.g. Fire Brigade, Water Rescue Service, Youth Red Cross, Austria's Young Naturefriends the necessary skills are



Individual	Group	Seminar
evaluate	evaluate	Introductory Seminar
handbooks	plan	Basic Seminar
lectures	introduction	Advanced Seminar
professional training	group council	Woodbadge Training
guide/scout material	support	Trainers' Training, Special Seminars





Sea Scout Organisation

National level:

- The **Sea Scout Ambassador** is member of the „International Team „ in the national scout organisation
- The main responsibility is the networking between the sea scout groups.





Sea Scout SAFETY in your country

How do you take care of safety in Sea Scouting?

- each local group is responsible for their activities
- there are national and regional laws for water activities
- during the regular trainings leaders have a lesson in law





Sea Scout PARTNERSHIPS in your country

What kind of partnerships Sea Scouts have to non-scout organizations?

- National Organization: Austrian National Youth Council
- Local groups: Fire Brigade, Water Rescue Service, Youth Red Cross, Austria's Young Naturefriends

<http://www.jugendvertretung.at>

<http://www.wasser-rettung.at/>

<http://www.naturfreundejugend.at/>





Sea Scout CHALLENGES in your country

Challenges in Sea Scouting?

- Sea Scouting is a minority group in the scout association
- Sea Scouting materials are an additional investment for the groups
- Sea scout groups need access to water places for their activities and camps