



Sea Scouting in BELGIUM



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Sea Scouting in GENERAL in Belgium 1/3

FOS Open Scouting:

Number of Sea Scouts: about 1350 (15-20% of Scouts)

Number of local Sea Scout groups: 10 (out of 50 groups)

Scouts & Gidsen Vlaanderen


Number of seascouts: about 1500 (

Number of local Sea Scout groups: 10 (out of 600 groups)

Most common sea / water scout activities:

- Sailing on local waters, annual sailing camps (mostly in the Netherlands)
- Rowing

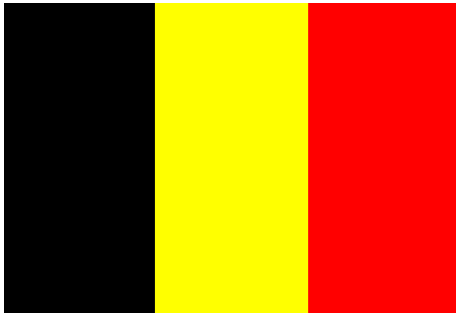




Sea Scouting in GENERAL in Belgium 2/3

Most important things young people learn in different ages:

- Seals, age 6-7 years: getting to know sea scouts environment
- Cubs, age 8-10 years: jungle theme, first experiences on the water
- Trainees, age 11-13 years: learn to handle small boats, learn how to be part of the crew,...



Sea Scouting in GENERAL in Belgium 3/3

Most important things young people learn in different ages:

- Junior Scouts, 14-15 years: being a competent crew member, learn how to handle a boat & crew
- Venture Scouts, age 15-17 years: tidal water, handling boat & crew, being skipper





Sea Scout EVENTS in Belgium 1/2

Events in local Sea Scout groups:

- Depends on groups: sailing & rowing trips, camps, games & competition, rowing or sailing marathons





Sea Scout EVENTS in Belgium 2/2

National Sea Scout events:

- “Blauwe Wimpel”: national sea scout competition every 2 years, next edition 2013 (junior scouts, scouts, rover scouts)
- “Gele Wimpel”: national sea scout event for cubs
- Rowing & Sailing courses for beginners: junior scouts
- Advanced rowing & sailing courses: scouts





Sea Scout TRAINING for leaders in Belgium

- Rowing & sailing in tidal water: for rover scouts & leaders
- New: preparation for VHF-certificate: leaders
- New: course for rowing & sailing instructors





Sea Scout "ORGANIZATION" in Belgium (FOS Open Scouting)

National level:

- **National Sea Scout committee:** 5 members, chairman (sea scout commissioner) 2012: Bart Vande Velde
 - **Responsibilities:** coördination sea scouting, improving & stimulating safety, supporting local groups, supporting organisation of national events, contact & place of sea scouting within the NSO, international coöperation, consulting nautical governments...
- **Instructors team:** chairman 2012: Cathia Goemans
 - **Responsibilities:** pedagogical & didactic development & organisation of sea scout training, education for instructors,...
- **Sea Scout assembly:** assembly with all local sea scout groups, presided bij de Sea Scout Commissioner (Bart Vande Velde)
 - **Responsibilities:** exchange & consultation between groups



Sea Scout SAFETY in Belgium

How do you take care of safety in Sea Scouting?

- National Organization:
 - Annual courses for different levels of experience (see previous slides)
 - Annual consultation & agreements with nautical government for specific regulations & prescription
 - Promoting safety within the local groups: making agreements in sea scout assembly, promoting courses VHF,...



Sea Scout PARTNERSHIPS in Belgium

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

- National Organization:
 - Nautical governments: annual consultation
 - VVW: member of Flemish Water sports-movement
- Local groups:
 - Depends on groups, some have partnerships with local nautical organizations