

# SEA SCOUT SHIP 25 *July 2020*

*by Ben Ashbaugh, Yeoman*

## **New Quarterdeck:**

Elections were held in June. Thank you to Michelle Noyes for your fantastic terms as Boatswain. Congratulations to the new Boatswain of Ship 25, Anastasia Earle. She is joined in the Quarterdeck by her Boatswain Mates for Administration and Program, Matthew Perry and Rachel Pflueger. The other officers include the Storekeeper: Zoey Keagle, the Purser: Katie Quinn, the Media Specialist: Alex Thornton, the Yeoman: Ben Ashbaugh, and Crew Leaders Jonathyn Thornton and Zachary Lockwood.



*Photo by Jim Graney - A Double Rainbow on Cayuga Lake.*

## **Order of the Arrow:**

Four members of Ship 25 were nominated for induction into Scouting's honor society, Order of the Arrow. These include Anastasia Earle, Katie Quinn, Rachel Pflueger, and Zoey Keagle.

## **Awards:**

Five Ship 25 members earned the Apprentice rank: Alex Thornton, Anastasia Earle, Angelina Masotti, Garrett Sickmon, and Jonathyn Thornton. The Ordinary rank and Small Boat Handling Bar were awarded to three Ship 25 members: Anastasia Earle, Katie Quinn, and Zoey Keagle. Deegan Chase earned the Long Cruise Award. The Council Venturing Leadership Award was given to Zoey Keagle and the Council Sea Scout Leadership Award was given to Peter Graney. Congratulations to Matthew Perry for earning his Eagle with Palms. Ship 25 has also been commended by the Gold Level of the 'Journey to Excellence' Unit Award which can be worn in the form of a patch by all adult and youth participants.

## Activities:

Due to social distancing restrictions put in place to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, the summer boating season for Ship 25 has consisted of completing water requirements while maintaining smaller crew sizes. Meetings for non-water requirements have also gone online to comply with quarantine and social-distanced in-person activities such as advancement and service projects have continued.

## Service Projects:

Ethan organized a cleanup at the Whitlock Nature Preserve off Route 89 and Zachary organized a Shoes for Soles collection in conjunction with Zappos. Several Scouts helped with an International online mapathon project in conjunction with National Geographic.



*Photo by Dawn Thornton - Cleanup at Whitlock Nature Preserve.*

## Contact:

Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for young men and women ages 13-20. Prior to COVID-19, Sea Scout Ship 25 met at 6:30pm most Friday nights at the Coast Guard Auxiliary in Ithaca, NY. Currently, meetings are online or attendance-restricted with distancing requirements. For more information and a copy of Ship 25's meeting and activity calendar, please visit [www.ithacaseascouts.org](http://www.ithacaseascouts.org) or contact Committee Chairman Jim Graney at 607-327-1226 (work/cell) or email [jgraney@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jgraney@twcny.rr.com).