

SEA SCOUT SHIP 25

April 2026

By Ship 25 Yeoman & Boatswain's Mate
Keanu Brennan

ACTIVITIES

This April we had a meeting to talk about advancement, as well as to review upcoming activities. In addition, the Ship took a trip to SUNY Maritime college for the University of Sea Scouting, which offers classes covering a wide variety of nautical knowledge and advancement items. Our Scouts reported that one especially fun activity was the Boating Simulator at SUNY, it's always a blast to see what controlling a larger vessel is like.

SERVICE



Our Scouts joined members of the community for a brush cleanup of the Etna Cemetery on Rt. 366 in Dryden. Together, we collected 10 bags of branches and an assortment of larger branches, all of which were happily removed by the county highway department.



AWARDS

April was a big month for awards with quite a few of us earning awards at the annual District Recognition event. The Taughannock District is one of four districts in the Baden-Powell Council, and our Ship is the only one in the council.

In no particular order:

- Ship 25 was recognized at the District level for being part of the 2025 National Sea Scout Flagship Fleet - where we were one of four Ships in the country to be in the fleet in addition to the flagship.
- Spark Plug award: Marisa Rae and Sundance Brennan.



- Taughannock District 76'er: Keanu Brennan, Maeve Rae Bognar and Owen Wich

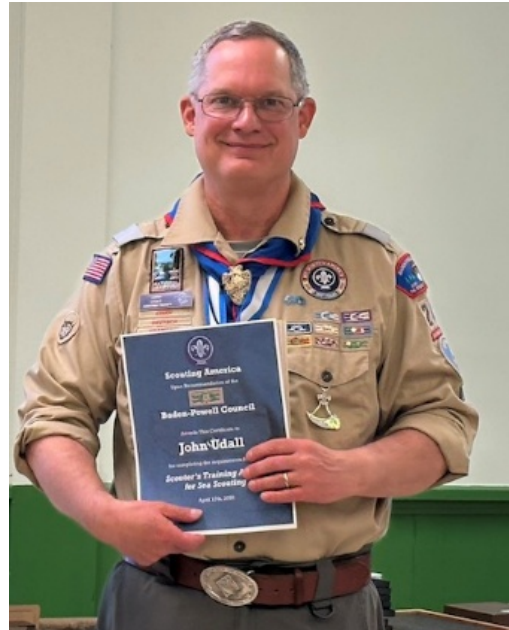


- Taughannock District Patriot Patrol: Kathlene Gross, Mike Homrighaus and John Udall

- Taughannock District Old Guard: Jim Graney, Ruth Keagle and Mike Stoll
- Mike Stoll was also recognized for serving for 18 years as the Taughannock District Roundtable Commissioner



- John Udall also received the following awards: Scouter's training Award for Sea Scouts; Scouter's Key for District Committee; and the William D Boyce Award for helping restart Troop 24 in Dryden



- Madison Deljoo received the Taughannock District Gorget - the highest award for a youth from our District



- Ed Plesnar received the Taughannock District Founder's Award



- Frank Popowitch received the Taughannock District Award of Merit - the highest award for an adult from our District



Upcoming

Ship 25 is working on getting it's training boat Sensei ready for the season. Our 33' sailboat has multiple cabins, an inboard diesel engine a head and a galley so people can enjoy multiple days out on Cayuga Lake during the sailing season!

Fundraising

Ship 25 is collecting bottles and cans at IthaCAN and Bottle Return, 614 Elmira Road, Rt. 13 South in Ithaca. Feel free to stop by and mention that your returns are for Ship 25, but PLEASE be sure to label your bags so they know which scout group to apply the donation towards. With other packs and troops donating, it can get confusing to the staff if bags aren't labeled. You can also contact a Ship 25 member to arrange dropoff/pickup!

Additionally, the Friends of Ithaca Sea Scouts which sponsors Ship 25 is currently holding a GoFundMe with the goal of supporting our activities for the 2025-2026 year! Additionally funds support things like leadership development and community service around the area. Any contributions are extremely appreciated by our members. Funds at <https://gofund.me/32d83b7d> or through accessing the QR code shown here.



Meetings & Contact

Ship 25 has meetings on most Fridays at 6:30pm in-person at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Base in Ithaca and via zoom. Sea Scouts is a co-ed program for young men and women ages 13 to 20. For more details and a full calendar, contact Jim Graney at (607)-327-1226 (work/cell) or email jgraney@twcny.rr.com. Additional information can be found at www.ithacaseascouts.org.