

# **EUROSEA 6**

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## **EUROSEA 6 - EUROPEAN SEA SCOUT / GUIDE LEADERS' SEMINAR**

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This was the sixth of a series of Seminars for Sea Scout/Guide Leaders in the European Region. The first had been held in Thessaloniki, Greece in 1985, and subsequently usually at three year intervals, in the Netherlands, Sweden, UK and Norway. The Seminar took place at "**Perkoz**", the main Scout Leader Training Centre of the Polish Scout and Guide Association (ZHP). "**Perkoz**", is situated on a well wooded peninsula on the shore of Pluszne Lake, near the town of Olsztynek, about midway between Warsaw and Gdansk.

Accommodation was in 2 and 4 bedded rooms with en suite facilities. Meals were provided in the dining hall of the centre. The planning committee of ZHP was led by Barbara Szczerbińska and included Waldemar Mieczkowski, Katarzyna Urbańska and Rafal Klepacz. Background services were provided by the staff of Perkoz. Programme assistance was given by members of the Odysseus Group.

Most of the participants assembled at a Scout Centre in Warsaw in the afternoon of 8 June and were then taken by bus to Perkoz. Some others made their own way directly there. After dinner there was an informal get-together.

The formal programme started on Friday 9 June when Eurosea 6 was officially opened by Barbara. The programme extended over 3 full days, with 2 sessions in the mornings (08.45-10.30 and 11.00-12.30) and 2 sessions in the afternoons (14.30-16.00 and 16.30-18.00). The very enjoyable International evening took place on Friday 9<sup>th</sup>. Both sessions of Saturday afternoon were amalgamated into a very enjoyable practical sailing / orienteering exercise around the lake, in beautiful sunshine and a gentle wind. The Market Place was held on Saturday evening and this was an opportunity for associations to display pictures and other material illustrating aspects of their own Sea Scout programmes and activities. On Sunday evening we had the "Captain's Party" when our Polish hosts provided musical entertainment and taught the participants some Polish dancing, with varying degrees of success.

There were 47 participants from 22 Associations in 21 countries. It was very good to have representatives from outside the European Region - two from Libya and one from USA.

Summaries of the various formal sessions are given in this report

## **Friday 9 June. Chairperson Barbara Szczerbinska (Planning Committee)**

**Focus on Europe** - Jacqueline Collier (European Scout Office) presented an update on the current programme initiatives in the European Region

- Europe for You (Venture Scouts / Senior Scouts),
- Lands of Adventure (Scouts)
- The Great Family (Cub Scouts).

Jacque paid particular attention to some of the details of the "Europe for You" package, the variety of Eurosteps available the importance of developing more centres, especially maritime and water-based projects.

She also gave some preliminary information on next World Jamboree to be held in Thailand in 2004 and stated that the Jamboree Committee might seek skilled assistance from Sea Scouting in Europe to help with the water activities programme and water safety. We would return to this subject later in the seminar.

**Survey of Sea Scouting in Europe** - Eoghan Lavelle (SAI and Odysseus Group) spoke about the survey of Sea Scouting in the various Associations in the European Region. When the Odysseus Group was started the first big problem to be faced was how many Sea Scouts were there in the Region and in which associations. Although some figures were estimates and some others not complete, we now had a reasonable idea of numbers and we also knew where Sea Scouting was strong and weak.

### *Coffee Break*

**Events** This session consisted of a number of short presentations of recent and future events for, or of interest to Sea Scouts.

Peace Cruise 1999 - presented by Waldemar Mieczkowski and Jacqueline Collier. Waldemar is the Captain of the Polish Sea Scout schooner "Zawischa Czarny" in which the cruise took place.

Sea Scout Armada . Einar Oslebye (Norway) reminded us of the very successful "Armada" which sailed to the World Jamboree in Netherlands in 1995. At Eurosea 5 in 1997, a proposal had come from Denmark to have a similar international gathering of Sea Scout boats in Danish waters in 2000. This had been enthusiastically received at the time but unfortunately the DDS had eventually realised that they could not support the project fully and regretfully had to withdraw. However, a contingent of Sea Scout boats from Norway had made plans to attend and Einar stated that they hoped to complete the cruise informally. Any other Scout boats in the area were welcome to join them.

Nawaka 2002 Hermien Bos (Scouting Nederland) presented the next Netherlands National Water Kamp - NAWAKA 2002. This is a very popular and regular Sea Scout camp, attended by all the Dutch Sea Scouts and also Sea Scouts from other countries.

Satahanka-X The Scouts and Guides of Finland have a regular Sea Scout Camp at 5 yearly intervals. Mika Runsten (FS) presented the plans for the next camp in 2002

Navigamus Petr Horcik (Junak) described the type of water camp organised in the Czech Republic every three years. The event for 2000 had just been held the week before the Seminar. The event was held on a river or a lake and always had a special theme. The next "Navigamus" would be in 2003.

## **Discussion Groups**

Six discussion groups of 6-7 people were established to give a good geographic spread and mix of nationalities. Following some of the points raised during the morning's sessions, the main issue for discussion at this session was Communications

- Sea Scouting and National Headquarters
- Sea Scouting and Europe.
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**Environmental Project** Jukka Kostianin (FS) presented an ongoing environmental research project undertaken by Sea Scouts in Finland with the Marine Research Institute into the problem of algal "blooms" in the Baltic Sea. The project was called "Nodu" after the main organism being investigated - Nodularia Spumigena, a tiny plancton. This organism is used as an indicator of the effect of nutrification of the water by the blue-green algae. The Sea Scouts were involved in making observations of algal blooms and taking large number of water samples, particularly if sailing through an area of algal bloom. Observations and samples were sent to the research institute.

**Development of a Sea Scout Centre** Fabio Bertoli and Alba Pagni (AGESCI) presented an illustrated case study on the development of a Sea Scout centre on a lake in Northern Italy.

**History of a Sea Scout Group** Eoghan Lavelle (SAI) presented the foundation, development and growth of a Sea Scout Group over a period of 30 years.

## **Coffee Break**

**Sea Scouting and the Internet** This presentation was given by Bruce Johnson (BSA). Bruce is Commodore of North East Region Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts of America and he is the active Skipper of SSS Columbia Ranger, a Sea Scout Ship based in Maryland. He is the webmaster of the Sea Scouts BSA web pages. This was a very well prepared and presented introduction to the use of the Internet and e-mail by Sea Scouts. We had an in-depth view of the possibilities for exchange of Training Material, Information download and Web-sites. The presentation was in Powerpoint and each participant was given a CD-ROM which contained not only the presentation but also other resource material for training. Bruce also addressed some of the questions raised in relation to Communications in the earlier Discussion Groups. Bruce also offered to set up an e-mail reflector for the use of Sea Scouting in Europe and also to open a web page for European news in the BSA Sea Scout site.

This session gave rise to a number of informal discussions subsequently and obviously had dealt with a point of real interest.

**Saturday 10 June. Chairperson Erik Knockenhauer (Odysseus Group, SSF)**

### **Adult Leader Training in Sea Scouting**

Two examples of Adult Leader Training were presented. The first, presented by Brian Gaule (SAI), was the training model used in the Scout Association of Ireland. This was followed by the Boy Scouts of America system by Bruce Johnson.

The Discussion Groups then adjourned to discuss the following questions –

1. Do you think that there should be a separate or modified training scheme for Sea Scout Leaders?
2. What changes has your association introduced recently into Sea Scout Leader Training and why?

### **COFFEE**

#### **Resource Material for Leaders**

Sea Scout Manual (BSA) Bruce Johnson introduced the latest edition of this manual, of which he is the editor. He presented a copy of the manual to every participant at the Seminar. This was a very generous gift from the Transatlantic Council of the Boy Scouts of America and was very much appreciated.

Water Games Hermien Bos (Scouting Nederland) introduced a new publication for Sea Scouting in the Netherlands. This is a very complete description of water and boating games that have been developed over the past few years. Although the publication is available only in Dutch, it created considerable interest and discussion. It was suggested that if an English language version was available many associations would be able to translate it more easily into their own languages. Jacqueline said that this was a project in which the European Region Office might be able to help.

### **Lunch**

**Sailing** The afternoon was spent afloat in sailing craft of the centre. A very good waterborne orienteering course had been arranged by the Planning Committee. The sun shone and the wind was light. Those of us not used to sailing in lakes with well-wooded shores found that the wind was very unreliable in places. A most enjoyable exercise.

**Market Place** In the evening, after dinner, the Market Place was arranged. Each country mounted a display of its Sea Scouting, Training Schemes, projects and waterborne expeditions on sea and on inland waterways.

## **Sunday 11 June. Chairperson Eoghan Lavelle (Odysseus Group, SAI)**

The morning started with a short "Scouts Own" prayer service conducted at the lakeside by Barbara Szczerbinska.

The morning sessions were devoted to legal aspects of EU legislation and to safety guidelines and boat inspections.

**EU Legislation on Boat Construction** Henk de Pauw (FOS) gave a Powerpoint presentation on present EU directives and standards for boat construction and how these may impact on Sea Scouting.

**EU Legislation on Environment** Maarten Velthoen (Scouting Nederland) spoke about the legislation on environmental matters which also may have an effect on Sea Scouting in some areas. Maarten is Co-Chairman of Sea Scout Department in Scouting Nederland. As such he is on the Committee of the Royal Dutch Yachting Association and is a representative of that association on the European Boating Association, the body which represents voluntary boating interests in the EU. This is a question which has been raised at Eurosea 4 and 5 and although Maarten is not directly representing Sea Scouting, it means that we have some presence in a very important place for our own boating interests.

### **Coffee**

**Safety Afloat** Fin Anker Petersen (DDS) described the Danish Sea Scout system of monitoring activities afloat. DDS lays down the general guidelines but each Group is responsible for the detailed interpretation of these guidelines. The Parents Committee of each Group appoints an independent marine expert as their advisor. This advisor is responsible for assessing potential boat skippers, and laying down any restrictions of areas for boats and for helmsmen.

**Boat Inspections** Bjorn Julius (SSF) is a professional boat surveyor. He introduced guidelines for the principles of boat inspection which he felt were essential for making sure that the craft were seaworthy. He distributed examples of the boat inspection forms which are used in Sweden.

The Discussion Groups then reassembled to discuss Boat Safety and the possible impact of EU legislation on Sea Scouting. They were asked to discuss the following questions –

1. How do you think EU legislation affects Sea Scouting?
2. Are you aware how much the EU influences the law in your country?
3. Do you think that you can influence that?

### **Lunch**

## **World Jamboree Thailand 2004**

The seminar returned to this subject for further discussion. Jacqueline Collier had already given the main details but now spoke specifically about the background to water activities. She asked the participants in the Seminar to consider in some detail possible arrangements for water activities, to cater for 2000 Scouts per session, two sessions per day.

### **Discussion Groups**

Detailed lists of activities were drawn up and given to Jacqueline to be passed to the Jamboree Committee.

### **Coffee Break**

**Open Forum** Chaired by Luc van Nevel (FOS).

A number of different subjects were discussed and the following recommendations were made -

- Publish the Dutch book on Water Games in English and provide funding
- Develop Sea Scouting web-site
- Develop Eurosea into an on-going process of exchange to develop new concepts and resource materials – see appendix 1 of this report.
- Establish a network of sub-regional coordinators to collect and disseminate information
- Develop a mentor system (each association to identify and communicate needs clearly and others to offer ideas and/or support)
- Promote and support the development of Sea Scouting in countries where it does not yet exist
- European Scout Office to collect and process data on Sea Scouting in Europe.
- Establish a resource centre for Sea Scout materials.
- Welcome participation from other Regions at Eurosea
- The next Eurosea should be held in 2003 in Portugal.

**Evaluation** The participants were asked to fill in the evaluation forms before leaving the conference room.

After dinner we had the "Captain's Party". Waldemar Mieczkowski, director of the Sea Scout Base in Gdynia and also Captain of the "Zawisza Czarny" entertained us with a musical evening of shanties etc, and with traditional Polish dancing. It was a very enjoyable evening and some retired later than others.

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Day of departure. All participants left Perkoz and returned home in various directions after a very enjoyable seminar, thanks to Barbara and her hard-working team.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Suggestions for the future of Eurosea**

- Develop Eurosea into a process
- At present Seminars are every 3 years, with no activity between
- Activity for the next seminar should start directly after the last one

### **Advantages**

- More efficient time use during Seminar
- Less overlap, content of issues presented once only
- Highlighting of core issues
- Improved standard of sessions, participants well prepared

### **The Concept**

- Information gathering in the first year
  - regional coordinators gather local information
  - planning committee collects and analyses information
- New concepts are created during the second year
- Third year used for testing in the participating countries

### **Subject Proposals**

- Education
  - Foundation of our activities
  - Measure of quality, important in the competition with other freetime activities
- Aim to create an educational framework that can be used to structure and to provide content to the Sea Scout training in the European countries
- Improving the Image of Sea Scouting
  - internally in the Associations
  - externally to the public

### **Advantages of a framework**

- Prevention of overlapping work – don't re-invent the wheel
- Resources used where most needed
- Fast and dynamic adoption of new ideas
- Possibility to use best practices all over Europe
- Higher quality of education

### **Advantages of an Improved Image**

- Internally
  - Better position for Sea Scouting in our Associations, i.e. more resources
- Externally
  - "Cooler" image among youth, longer time spent in Scouting
  - Easier recruitment of members
  - Better public understanding of the role of Scout education in society

## Appendix 2. Results of the Evaluation

Thirty five evaluation forms were returned at the end of the Seminar, and the results are summarised here.

**Question 1** requested each participant to record an opinion on a number of aspects of the Seminar, using the categories of – Poor, Average, Good and Very Good.

	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good
Pre-seminar Information	3	12	8	12
Accommodation	-	-	9	26
Food	-	1	13	21
Working facilities	-	-	14	21
Seminar content	-	1	17	17
Methods used	-	4	15	16
Social activities	-	-	16	19
General atmosphere	-	-	5	30

### Question 2. What did you find most useful?

- Netherlands Water Games Book
- Presentation about the Internet and e-mail
- Discussion Groups
- Adult Leader Training
- "Market Place"
- Finnish ecological survey
- Sailing Activities
- Meeting others

### Question 3. What did you find least useful? Only 4 people answered this question

- Formal discussion groups always the same people
- Discussion subjects poorly chosen
- Adecco Sailing Championships – no news
- Finnish ecological survey

#### **Question 4. Would you like to have had anything else included?**

More pre-seminar material.

Longer lunch-time to allow for practical activities.

More practical activities, especially crafts or skills activities.

Physical activities, short games or demonstrations of practical skills between sessions.

Programme activity exchange – time for games, special instruction, etc.

Cultural exchange – short drama presentation and a typical song from each country.

A campfire.

More details of possible legislation affecting Sea Scouting.

More information from youth programme area, especially details of training schemes.

More emphasis on adult and youth training schemes.

More sailing time.

#### **Question 5. Suggestions for further seminars.**

Water activities on the first day to get acquainted from the start!

Prepared handouts for all presentations.

Continue to invite Sea Scout representatives from outside the European Region.

Choose 2/3 main themes, prepared well, good pre-seminar material and change the membership of the workshops or discussion groups.

Social activity between sessions – e.g. Songs, games.

Reduce the number of items and give more time to explore items in more depth.

Some games between workshops, and change the personnel of groups for every discussion.

Some more short activities, live games and songs between topics or sessions.

## Appendix 3

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