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2013 BoatUS and the Sea Scouts, BSA National Flagship Ship 700 SSS Makai



Sea Scout Ship 700, SSS Makai of San Leandro, California, San Francisco Bay Area Council has been selected as the 2013 National Flagship by the National Seas Scout Support Committee ("NSSSC") of the Boy Scouts of America. 2013 is the beginning of the second century of the Sea Scout program, which provides nautical programs to more than 6,500 Sea Scouts throughout the U.S.

BoatUS and Sea Scouts, BSA recognizes the Makai is chartered by Bigham-Taylor Roofing Company. The award was created by BoatUS in 2002 to mark the 90th anniversary of Sea Scouts. It is presented in recognition of excellence in program quality, youth achievement, and adult commitment; attributes reflected by the *Makai* in its exemplary programs of seamanship and youth development. The Makai was part of the 2012 National Flagship Fleet.

The Ship's guarterdeck and Skipper completed a full application and provided support through written summary of their accomplishments and activities they participated in during this past year. The Ship's Boatswain Nick Rojos comments, "Makai is much more than a Sea Scout Ship, we're a group of determined young men who want to work hard for regattas and enjoy our cruises to the fullest ... I am proud to lead these young men and I'm even more proud of the Makai that I call my second family." The crew works hard and plays hard learning to maintain their boat, learning new skills, and competing in a wide array of events. A few highlights of their activities include:



- Achieved the Gold level 2012 *Journey to Excellence* national award with a perfect score
- 82.6 % of youth members advanced in rank, or advanced during the year
- 38% of youth members achieved Ordinary Sea Scout rank or higher
- An average of 71 % of their members attended their ship activities annually
- The crew participated in 42 days of on-the-water activities during the year (Total engine run time 110 hours 13 minutes, including a seventeen day Long Cruise)
- Fifteen community unit service projects including such as landscaping at a community church, Scouting for Food, and maintenance at various marinas
- Sent a youth member to Sea Scout Advanced Leadership training ("SEAL") in Miami, FL
- Competed in four Regional Regattas (taking a top class rating at three of them); attended five fleet training and social activities; conducted five leadership training courses; participated in many more active meetings and months of events too numerous to mention for a total of 188 days of Sea Scout activities during the year
- Had a youth member appointed as the Western Region Area Three Boatswain
- Acquired and rigged a new primary vessel in less than 2 months
- Recruited nine new youth members during the year bringing their total to 23 and recruited five new adult members during the year bringing their total to thirteen
- Fourteen of their youth crew and thirteen of their adults earned the Sea Scout Centennial Gold Award pin

A heartfelt congratulation goes to Ship Boatswain Nick Rojos, Skipper Robert Karn, Executive Officer Mr. Kevin Trujillo, and the dedicated *S.S.S. Makai* crew and adult volunteers. The *Makai's* name will be inscribed on a perpetual trophy now on display at the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas. An identical trophy will be presented to the ship's leadership.

Join us in saluting *Ship 700, SSS Makai* for their outstanding efforts. We wish them well in continuing to promote water safety and provide a quality Sea Scout program to the youth in their area.

For more information about the S.S.S. Makai, visit their website: www.seascoutshipmakai.homestead.com