



Memorandum Of Understanding

WHEREAS the *Sea Scouts, BSA* and the *Ship Operations Cooperative Program (SOCP)*, have started a valuable and productive relationship on behalf of young adults and their families, and their adult leaders to broaden the education and awareness of the opportunities and advancement of the marine sciences, maritime industry, and sea services; and

WHEREAS, the *Sea Scouts, BSA* is a program of the Boy Scouts of America and is organized into ships comprised of male and female youth from ages 14-21 led by adult leaders. Sea Scouts learn safe operation of vessels, numerous aquatic activities above and below water and are devoted to the aims of Scouting and the goals of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, the *SOCP* has been actively engaged in the education, safety, and the promotion of the advancements and opportunities in the name of marine science, maritime industry, international relations, maritime safety, and sea services to the population since its establishment, and has initiated an awareness and a forum for all aspects of marine sciences, maritime industry, international relations, maritime safety, and sea services and has resources to provide industry experts for presentation of maritime industry and sea services awareness, education programs, grant programs, and scholarship opportunities which would be available for presentation to Sea Scout members throughout the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Sea Scouts, BSA and SOCP is to create a mutually beneficial program that would allow the members of the Sea Scouts, BSA to increase their awareness and knowledge of the maritime industry and sea services and educational and career opportunities and permit the members and partners of SOCP to share their occupational expertise and guidance to America's youth; and

RESOLVE: the SOCP and the Maritime Primary and Secondary Education Program Coalition (MPSEC), which is an affiliate of SOCP, and the Sea Scouts, BSA will work cooperatively with each other, within the policies and regulations of each organization, to establish and nurture Sea Scout Ships so that young adults and their adult leadership may grow in character, physical and mental health, citizenship responsibility and with personal growth necessary to achieve their greatest potential.

FOR SEA SCOUTS, BSA:

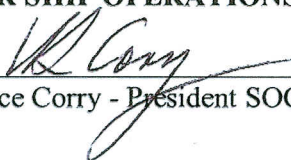


Keith Christopher - National Director, Sea Scouts, BSA

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Date

FOR SHIP OPERATIONS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (SOCP):



Vince Corry - President SOCP

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Date