



Results of 2017 Area I Sea Scouts John Kelly Cup

Congratulations to Sawyer Wachter and Isaac Hull from Everett's Sea Scout Ship Constellation for winning this year's John Kelly Cup and qualifying for the International Sea Scout Koch Cup next year!



Small boat sailing is the best way to learn the basics of sailing and then advance to larger boats. On odd-numbered years a regatta is held to provide a competition for Area I Sea Scouts from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho in small sailboats called dinghies. The crew that wins the regatta is awarded the John Kelly Cup, in honor of Mr. John Kelly, former skipper of the Yankee Clipper Sea Scout Ship in Seattle and currently Chairman of the Yankee Clipper committee. The winning crew also qualifies to enter the International Sea Scout Regatta held on even-numbered years

and sponsored by William Koch.

Sea Scouts is a high school fun and high adventure, program that provides excitement, adventure, leadership, character building, career skills, and socialization for youth 14 years and older. The program strives to instill the same moral code and character building attributes as Boy Scouts. Sea Scout Ships are unique in that each one has its own specific program that relates to water activities. One of the best all-around programs is sailing, whether it is small boats or keelboats.





The 2017 Kelly Cup was held in Portland on September 2nd and 3rd at the Willamette Sailing Club. It was attended by five Sea Scout Ships: Constellation and Phantom from Everett, WA, Propeller and Yankee Clipper from Seattle, and First City from Portland, OR. The winning crew was from the Constellation, comprised of Sawyer Wachter and Isaac Hull. Second place crew was Alec Chinnery and Blake Coe from the Yankee Clipper.

The great value to Sea Scouts from sailing is not winning a competition. Rather it is the experience and self-confidence that comes from simultaneously integrating a number of variables, including wind direction, water hazards, nearby boats, tides, currents, sail trim, rudder trim, boat balance, and weather, while maintaining an acute awareness of where they are and how they are going to reach their destination. Competition is primarily a way to compare one's own skills with others' and either improve by emulating better sailors or mentoring less-experienced sailors to help them improve.



Interested in Sea Scouting?

Come join us! You can contact Paul Van Slyck of the Constellation at 425-870-9412, Jeremy Makin of the Sea Scout Ship Kelcema (Edmonds) at 206-579-3955, or Chris Wojahn of the Sea Scout Ship Phantom (Everett) at 425-353-1003.