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### **WINDS, WAVES, CURRENTS,**

### **ONLY THE BEST OF THE BEST CAN SAIL FOR THE CUP**

The sixth bi-annual 2012 Koch Cup held on July 22-28 at the Cal Maritime Academy was the most physically demanding, mentally tasking, Cup of the past 5 Koch Cups. The Cup, which races over a period of four days, was on the San Pablo Bay near Morrows Cove in the town of Vallejo, California. Strong winds, 17 to 18 knots, a fast moving current and a 2 to 4 foot wave chop gave the sailors more they could handle. But in the end, this tightly contested race would see the winners prevail and the other crews gain valuable heavy weather sailing experience and for some disappointment.



With 35 crews, 25 US and 10 International crews, only their skill and agility would endure the elements for positioning. The Protests were filed and answered, injuries and pain were secondary to the stress of waiting to learn of the crew's placement for the Koch division and Kiwi division. Once the divisions were announced the crews went all out to capture the Cups. At one point Stan Los, the Cup PRO, had to call the race due to very high winds. Charlie Arms, chair of the Protest Committee, managed the flow of Protests that were flooding her files. Tom Hartman, the Race Officer, exhausted but noted the intensesness of the crews that could rival the America's Cup. In the end the winners (see Koch and Kiwi winners section) had to wait till the banquet for the results to be announced due to the very tight point spread. For the Koch Cup *1st USA-6/76, 2nd NZL-1/78 and 3rd FIN-1/79*. For the Kiwi Cup *1st USA-15/76, 2nd BRA-1/79 and 3rd ENG-3/83*. The professional sailing of the Sea Scouts provided an exciting event in this Centennial year of the American Sea Scout program, which is a division of the Boy Scouts of America.



## Koch Cup History:



The Sea Scout sailing competition originally began in the early 30's as a national regatta. With the start of WWII many of the adults and older Sea Scouts enlisted in the armed services, while the younger Sea Scouts provided coastal patrols and engaged in Civil Defense programs as amateur radio operators. The program was discontinued for over six decades. It was in late 2000 that Jim Elroy of the National Sea Scout Committee engaged the attention of William Koch. As the 90th anniversary of Sea Scouts approached in 2002, all efforts went forward to make it happen again, provided it was an international event for Sea Scouts. Jim Elroy would go on to become the Regatta Chairman.

William I. Koch, who won the America's Cup in 1992, agreed to revive the national sailing cup in 2002. Mr. Koch has also provided scholarships to qualifying Sea Scouts to help defray the cost of participating in the competition.

William Koch is deeply committed to the event, so much so that he personally designed the "Koch Cup" trophy, which is inscribed with the Scout insignia and the words of the Boy Scout Law on the silver claret cup. The cup was custom-made by Aspreys Garrards of London, England; the firm that crafted the first America's Cup. The beautiful Koch Cup remains on display year-round at the National Scouting Museum in Irving, TX with the names of the winners engraved on its base.



The "Kiwi Cup" is a Maori statue carved out of the indigenous Kauri Tree. The Sea Scouts of New Zealand in Christchurch delivered the carving as a gift for the second competing fleet at the first William I. Koch Sea Scout Cup in 2002. It also is on display at the National Scouting Museum and the base has a brass plate engraved with names from the winning crews.

Past locations have included: in 2002, the Columbia Yacht Club on Lake Michigan, Chicago, IL; in 2004, the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Sailing Center, Bourne, MA; in 2006, the Coral Reef Yacht Club in Miami, FL; in 2008, US Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD; and in 2010, US Coast Guard Academy, New London, CT. The Koch Cup is held every two years, with the next event scheduled for the summer of 2014.

## Koch Cup Leadership:



The Sea Scout program mandates for youth involvement and leadership. This year's nationally selected Regatta Boatswain was **Kimberly Houghton** of Houston, TX. The Regatta Boatswains Mate was **Mat Gorman** of Palmadale, CA. These two young Sea Scouts provided for the leadership direction and movement of about 70 Sea Scout competitors.

The Koch Cup had 7 international Sea Scout countries represented: Australia, Brazil, Great Britain, Finland, New Zealand, Trinidad and our newest entry South Africa.

From the United States, we had California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Hawaii our newest state to enter. The Northeast Region teams will be highlighted in a separate section below.

## Awards Banquet:

After a week of endurance, skill, and agility the crews settled down for a lavish Mexican dinner feast at the academy's dining hall. The list of dignitaries and invited guests are all in support of the Sea Scout program for youth development and leadership. Two important speakers not able to



attend due to conflicts in scheduling were Bill Koch, 1992 Winner of the America's Cup and Russell Coutts, 3 Times Winning Skipper of the America's Cup.



The guest speakers provided distinctive messages for the Sea Scouts that encouraged positive growth and the competitive spirit. Speaking on behalf of the Koch Cup were Rear Admiral Thomas Cropper, President of the California Maritime Academy, Vice Admiral Charles Wurster, USCG (Ret), National Sea Scout Commodore, and Vice Adm. Paul Zukunft, responsible for the total Coast Guard Pacific Area.



One of the highlights of the evening was the prelude to the America's Cup and a stirring visual presentation by Tom Ehman, Vice Commodore of the Golden Gate Yacht Club that will host the 34th America's Cup in San Francisco in 2013.



## THE SAILING CHAMPIONS: KOCH CUP

**First Place:**

**USA 6**

**Jack Donnell**

**Newport Beach, California**

**Enjoying a  
winners  
toast**



**Second**

**Place:**

**NZL 1**

**Amanda Norris**

**Michael Anderson**

**Christchurch, New Zealand**



**Third Place:**

**FIN 1**

**Niklas Kirkkomaki**

**Zacharias Still**

**Helsinki, Finland**

**Sportsmanship Trophy  
for the Koch Cup**

**USA 4**

**David Cornella**

**Leah Fletcher**

**Laguna Beach, California**



## THE SAILING CHAMPIONS: KIWI CUP

**First Place:**

**USA 15**

**Colin Bartels**

**Mathew Rozario**

**Everett, Washington**



In a gesture of true sportsmanship, 2nd place New Zealand Amanda Norris and Michael Anderson congratulate Colin and Mathew with a New Zealand Sea Scout neckerchief

**Second Place:**

**BRA 1**

**Henrique Affolter**

**Gabriel dos Santos**

**Curitiba, Brazil**



**Third Place:**

**ENG 3**

**Luke Allen**

**Laura Martin**

**Chippenham, England**

**Sportsmanship Trophy for the Kiwi Cup**

**SAF 2**

**Vaughn Mare**

**Sabin Wilson**

**Roodepoort, South Africa**





# Our Northeast Region Crews

## THE FAB SIX



### Kiwi Cup 9<sup>th</sup> place

#### USA 10

**Alexander Lieberman**  
**Alexandra Smith**  
(Springfield, VA)

Alex: First time here, it's all exciting and full of challenges.  
Alexandra: It's an experience worth the effort.



### Koch Cup 10<sup>th</sup> place

#### USA 14

**Jack Roesner**  
**Andreas Adam**  
(Baltimore, MD)

Jack: Great experience and truly difficult with the waves and wind.  
Andreas: Great rush and meeting other ships and international Sea Scouts.



### Koch Cup 13<sup>th</sup> place

#### USA 22

**Nick Woviotis**  
**Patrick Stege**  
(Waterford, CT)

Nick: Second time here, the crews are highly experienced this year.  
Patrick: My second also and the seas are challenging.





## SEAL LEADERSHIP At the Koch Cup



### **SEAL Graduates left to right**

Monica Traylor CA 2006, Laura Roudebush MD 2012, Brooke Stinson FL 2010, Alex Lieberman MD 2011, Nick Woviotis NY 2009, Kimberly Houghton NY 2009, Mat Gorman TX 2011, Courtney Patrick Maxwell MD 2012, and Mat Miller FL 2010.

*Kimberly Houghton Current Koch Cup Bosun*

*Mathew Gorman Current Koch Cup Bosun's mate*

*Mathew Miller our current National Bosun*

*Monica Traylor, past National Bosun (08-09) and past Koch Cup Bosun (2010)*

For those who are not familiar with the SEAL program, this is a Sea Scout (Sea Experience Advanced Leadership) training program, which is held each year at sea for about ten days. The course locations are in California, Texas, Florida, Maryland and New York. Entrance to the program requires prerequisites and is highly competitive. You must be able to navigate and have mastered Ordinary seamanship skills as well as tie 15 basic knots in 3 minutes. The course does not teach these skills. Leadership and team work is the focus. What makes this an exceptional program is that the SEAL candidates run the ship utilizing the skills acquired before the course and those acquired on the course as they stand a navigation watch, Bosun's watch and provide their seamanship skills as deckhands.

For more information on the course and applications contact Jim Elroy ([SEAWOLF410@aol.com](mailto:SEAWOLF410@aol.com)) or locally Doug Yeckley-Chesapeake ([douglas.yeckley@comcast.net](mailto:douglas.yeckley@comcast.net)) or Noel E. Guzman-NY ([sss441vigilant@nyc.rr.com](mailto:sss441vigilant@nyc.rr.com)).



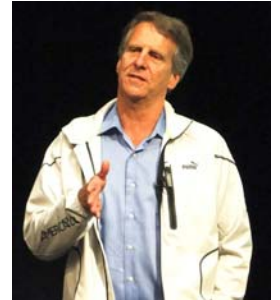
## Some Notes to Remember:



**BSA Photographers:** The two photographers that were seen for the entire week snapping away on the high seas and are responsible for the Koch Cup web site pictures and videos, **Mike Royteck** and **Randy Piland**. Their work can be seen on <https://seascoutcup.org> as well as [Flicker](#) and [Facebook](#).

### America's Cup: [www.americascup.com](http://www.americascup.com)

On Wednesday evening **Stan Honey**, Technology Director for the America's Cup and Co-Founder of Sportsvision, provided the crews with an impressive presentation on how the America's Cup technology will improve watching on television the premier international racing event.



**Facilities Support:** Hosting this event, in such a large scale, were the many workers and staff of the California Maritime Academy, The Golden Bears, which is a division of the California State University. Kudos go out to the dining hall staff for the many hours of food prep and providing the noon day lunches as well as the fabulous banquet on Friday evening.



Two very important people gave all and then some. Cal Maritime President **Thomas A. Cropper**, who literally gave the Koch Cup committee the keys to the facility. Another Koch Cup favorite was the darling of the crews **Charlie Arms**, the Cal Maritime Sailing Director, who provided all of her expertise as well as chair of protest committee and Ms. Fix-it.

A BIG BRAVO ZULU to all of the Cal Maritime community for a job well done.



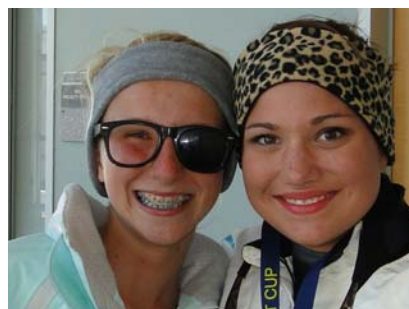
### Some moments of fun and humor:



Where's Kimberly ?



An international game of Soccer water bottle style



I can see clearly



Designer Bailers

## The Word of the Day is: oriflamme

• \OR-uh-flam\ • noun

Definition: a banner, symbol, or ideal inspiring devotion or courage

### Example Sentence:

For many Americans, the photograph of the Iwo Jima flag raising served as an *oriflamme* and a reminder of the sacrifices and courage of the American servicemen.

Courtesy of Merriam-Webster Online at <http://www.merriam-webster.com>



### Did you know?

The original "oriflamme" was the banner of Saint Denis, a patron saint of France who is said to have been the first bishop of Paris. Middle English speakers referred to this red or reddish orange banner using the Middle French term "ori flambe," from Old French "ori flambe," meaning "small flag." From the 12th to the 15th centuries, French kings carried the banner into battle as a way of inspiring their troops. This tactic met with such success that, by 1600, English speakers were using "oriflamme" to refer to any group's rallying symbol



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