

VENTURING MAGAZINE

An Onboard View of Sailing Adventures in the Bahamas

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It is high adventure, it is sailing, it is instructional, it is snorkeling amazing reefs, it is learning to run a sailing ship, it is beaching, it is exploring islands, it is about teamwork, it is FUN, and it is in the Bahamas on a 78 ft. sailing ship! www.SailingAdventures.org with Captain Thomas & "Admiral" Linda.

You'll enjoy this video of a typical week on a Ciganka Sea Cruise. It will definitely put a smile on your face - <http://fast.wistia.net/embed/iframe/fb638a628e?videoFoam=true>

Enjoy more below:

- https://www.youtube.com/v/mJTyj-0QdMA?version=3&hl=en_US (This turtle came so close it almost kissed this snorkeler)
- https://www.youtube.com/v/GzSfPd3hn3o?version=3&hl=en_US (Watch these dolphins playing at the bow of our ship while under full sail)
- https://www.youtube.com/v/IGIyuWcvCUU?hl=en_US&version=3 (Don't let this one freak you out as a shark takes the fish head off the hook)
- https://www.youtube.com/v/bZpO6W5M8nU?hl=en_US&version=3 (Captain Thomas giving the crew a "Conch Cleaning" lesson)
- https://www.youtube.com/v/7-1fZNI7tb8?version=3&hl=en_US (Troop 59 making the most of their week on board)

We are excited about starting the 13th season of our high adventure sailing program for Venturing Crews, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts, and other youth groups. We are 158 groups strong that have been on board "Ciganka" for a week of experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. We look forward to continuing this journey and invite you and your crew to join us for a power packed sailing adventure! Take a peek at our new website www.SailingAdventures.org. Please feel free to subscribe to our blog so you can keep up with Ciganka's adventures or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SailingAdventures.



Congratulations to the participants and leaders of Venturing Crews who are living life large by going out and creating great experiences for themselves and others! We applaud you all! You are welcome on board any time.

~ Captain Thomas & "Admiral" Linda

Caitlyn from Crew 188 Annandale, NJ

"My week with Captain Thomas & Linda and my crew taught me more than I thought. I learned that hard work becomes easier with help and not being scared to ask for help. They took us to the most beautiful spots I have ever been. The gorgeous beaches, to the friendly towns, and the most magnificent sunsets you will ever see. From being there and

experiencing it in a truly amazing way, made me realize that I need to take a step back once in awhile to realize how beautiful the world is. Captain Thomas & Linda are so full of life, amazingly kind, and funny. They make this trip so much better. Oh, and their food is pretty amazing, probably some of the best I have ever had. I went in June 2012 and to this day I still talk about how beautiful, fun, and how it was the most amazing trip I have ever been on. I have to say to anyone reading this if you are looking for an incredible time, going on a trip with Captain Thomas & Linda will be the time of your life."

Dennis Gerrity from Crew 2257 Overland Park, KS

"Our Venturing crew has sailed aboard Ciganka twice and my family will be taking a private charter this summer. Thomas and Linda are exceptional hosts. They are genuinely devoted to ensuring their passengers enjoy every minute of their time aboard. Moreover, passengers aren't just treated like family, but to Thomas and Linda their passengers ARE family. You have to experience a week with them to fully understand the magic, but I promise afterwards you will have two new lifelong friends."



Marc Dworkin, former Scoutmaster, Troop 59, Allendale, NJ

"A Scout is, 'Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, ...' on my honor, a week on Ciganka is the best Scout trip EVER. Troop 59 from Allendale, NJ is now planning our 4th trip to Ciganka! The sailing, the snorkeling, the beaching and exploring are tremendous... but the real attraction are the Captain and the Admiral. As a Scout Leader and Dad, I applaud the life example Thomas and Linda display. Where else can you find two people who made their dream into a reality, share it generously with our youth, and inspire them to challenge themselves and pursue their dreams. Thomas and Linda truly make a positive impact on our Scouts and Venturing Crews. Not a Troop Meeting or a Campout pass without a Scout or Dad referring to a skill the Captain taught them, some encouragement Linda offered, or an experience they had on Ciganka."

