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Sea Scout Academy by Avery Chipka

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Every year during the month of April Sea Scouts from around the southern region gather at the Coast Guard base in Portsmouth, VA for a weekend of fun on the water. There was something different this year, in addition to tornado warnings, gale force winds and unrelenting rain on the open day, this years event welcomed the green shirts worn by Venturers working towards earning the Venturing Sea Scout Bronze Award.



Occoneechee Council Venturers from Crew 505, 751, 244, and 709 joined up with area ships to make the journey.

During the weekend participants learned small boat

handling skills, earned state boater safety certifications, practiced ornamental knot tying, and even spent time learning the sea scout past time of yacht racing.

While the excitement of Sea Scout Academy may have already come to a close this year, next years event will sure to be an exciting one. More information about next years event will be available online at www.seascoutacademy.com soon.

"Sea Scout Academy was a fun event, where Sea Scouts and Venturers could experience aquatic related activities and take classes for their Sea Scout Achievements and Ranks. Those with proper rank even had the opportunity to take boats on the water and even enjoy an 8 story training simulator. These activities provided crews and ships from through out the Southern Region a chance to interact and get to know each other."

- Crew 505 Vice President of Admin, Bryce Sensenig

