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1. A highlight of the recent 2018 Auxiliary National Conference held in Orlando, FL was the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that will help establish a new relationship between the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Sea Scouts. It was signed by three parties: the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. as represented by Auxiliary National Commodore Rick Washburn, Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Assistant Chief Scout Executive Mr. Patrick Sterrett, Sea Scout National Commodore Mr. Charles Wurster, Coast Guard Auxiliary Association Inc. President Mr. Vin Pica, Assistant Commandant for Prevention Policy Rear Admiral John Nadeau, and Chief Director of Auxiliary Captain Scott Johnson. The MOA is posted on the CG Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Outreach web site ([B-Directorate Website](#)) under Youth Programs, Boy Scouts of America, Sea Scouts - CG Auxiliary MOA (2018)(PDF). Click [HERE](#) to view the MOA.

2. The most revolutionary aspects pursuant to terms of the MOA are the allowances for Sea Scouts as young as 14 years of age to join the Auxiliary and for Auxiliary flotillas to charter Sea Scout Ships. These allowances, along with others identified in the MOA, shall be implemented pursuant to Auxiliary and Coast Guard policies which are still under development. In order to properly validate the propriety and effectiveness of such policies, a pilot program exercising the MOA's purposes will be conducted among Auxiliary and Sea Scouts in the Fifth Coast Guard District (Auxiliary Southern Region) and in the Ninth Coast Guard District (Auxiliary Eastern Region). Until completion of this pilot program, Auxiliary units in other districts may continue to engage with Sea Scout Ships in accordance with existing policies, but shall not implement any aspects of the MOA. Auxiliary district leaders will be kept apprised of pilot program progress.

3. The MOA's primary purpose is to establish a cooperative relationship between the three parties in order to enhance their common goals of promoting recreational boating safety throughout our Nation. It will achieve this in conjunction with strengthening ties between the Auxiliary and the BSA, affording Sea Scouts and other BSA members a wide variety of training opportunities provided through the Auxiliary, integrating Sea Scout Ships (i.e. Sea Scout units) into Auxiliary programs, and creating a pathway for Sea Scouts and other BSA members who embrace recreational boating safety and assisting the U. S. Coast Guard to become members of the Auxiliary.