

# Ship 542 Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta 2010

Twenty-one competitive sailors, 10 boats on the beach, fair winds, and an attitude to learn and excel. This was the scene when Sea Scout Ship 542 hosted its second Great Missouri Valley Challenge Regatta in 2009 at the Lake Manawa Sailing Club in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Ship 542 was joined by crews from Ship 248 from Minnesota and Ship 5703 from Kansas.



Ship 5703

The participants, with a wide range of skill levels from novices to experienced sailors, had a great time and some really competitive racing.

Steven Elder the Bos'n of Ship 542 said, "This was my first Sea Scout Regatta. I had a good time meeting Scouts from other states and sharing ideas".



Ship 542



Ship 248

The third annual Sea Scout Challenge Regatta will be held on July 9-11, 2010. Ship 542 will provide Sunfish sailboats. Each competitor needs to bring their own PFD.

On the beach, sailors share Sea Scout skills with one another while they wait their turn on the water. This year all participants will be asked to attend a mini-seminar Friday evening on the sailing right-of-way rules.

On Saturday, July 10, qualifying races will be run as a round robin. Racers change out boats after every race so that no one is ever in the same boat twice. These races will use a short windward-leeward course, approximately 10-12 minute per race. This series of races will determine the team challenge champion and the 10 qualifying slots for the Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>

individual championship round. This round of races will be run on a longer modified Olympic course. In 2009, all the championship races were close from start to finish with boats over-lapped at nearly every mark. These races were a real test of sailing skill and boat handling. Kim Bullock, the Bos'n from Minnesota enthusiastically exclaimed, "It was a blast. My favorite part was being out on the water". Bailey Richards from Kansas said, "The weekend was lots of fun. I can't wait for next year."



A spectator boat will be on the water all day so that visitors can watch. Tent camping is available on site with shower and restroom facilities available. Several motels are located within 3 miles of the club.

## Event Schedule:

### Friday - July 9<sup>th</sup>

6-7:30 pm ..... Registration & Check-in  
7:30 pm ..... Mini-seminar on right-of-way & basic racing rules

### Saturday - July 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am ..... Opening Ceremony  
8:15-9:30 am ..... Registration & Check-in  
10:00 am ..... Competitor's Meeting  
11:00 am ..... Racing Starts

### Sunday - July 11<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am ..... Championship Series Starts  
• *Championship qualifiers to be announced Sat. evening*

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