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Eurosea 17 is
started!

Not 1 but 2 people received a monkeyfist.



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The order of the monkeyfist

In the early years (what you might call the very beginning), an idea came from America to bring together people who have made an outstanding commitment to water scouting. This became the "Order of the Monkeyfist."

This tradition—an unofficial form of recognition—also spread to Europe. Members of the Monkeyfist keep a close eye out for people who strongly support and contribute to water scouting. Sometimes they spot someone who they think deserves to be rewarded; this is then discussed and passed along among other members. This often leads to an agreement, after which a member of the Monkeyfist must tie a monkeyfist knot, and a certificate/scroll is presented.

Editor Letter

A day we as an organization have been looking forward to. Today, the participants will arrive, and the 17th Eurosea will officially get underway. Almost two years of work have led to this—it's finally here.

As an organization, we're happy and proud of this team, which has been formed over this period. From the people who were there from the very first hour to the ones helping with logistics—each and every one of you are real champions!

And then the participants—what enthusiasm! It really makes you happy... at least it does for us.

Eurosea has started—tomorrow, the first workshops begin, and it's a full program!

From badges in the Netherlands to sailing in Greece. Denmark will explain youth (ages 12–16) training in sea scouting. And in the afternoon, there will be a workshop on one of the base ships (a floating clubhouse), plus a visit to another ship.

But that's for tomorrow....

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Dear everyone,

Sometimes you receive a message that really makes you pause for a moment. A message that comes from far away, but feels incredibly close to home.

Not too long ago, a question came all the way from the United States. A question that certainly isn't asked every day. From the US, we were asked whether **Eline** – or as we know her, our very own **Akatia** – might be a candidate for “*The Order of the Monkeyfist*.”

Now, when you look at everything Eline brings to the table in sea scouting, the answer to that question is actually remarkably simple: a resounding **YES**. Because let's be honest, just look at everything she does:

She is there every week as the **section leader for our juniors**, inspiring our youngest scouts and guiding them on the water.

She takes on serious responsibility as a member of our **group leadership team**, keeping our entire group on the right course.

She serves as **fleet commissioner for our federation**, a crucial role in keeping our fleet shipshape.

And on top of all that, she is an active and dedicated member of the **Odysseus Group**.

When you see how much time, passion, and energy she pours into sea scouting day in and day out, you can only tip your hat in admiration.

But the most beautiful argument... the argument that truly says it all (and of course, I am not allowed to mention any names 😊)...

The single best argument was that she has a tremendously **proud dad**. And who could blame him? Because with that level of dedication, that scouting heart, and that incredible track record, he – and all of us – have every reason in the world to be immensely proud of you, Eline!

Thank you for everything you do, and this recognition couldn't be more deserved!



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Dear everyone,

When we talk about passion, commitment, and true dedication to sea scouting, one name naturally also comes to mind: **Mirjam**.

Today, we want to take a moment to honor someone who gives her absolute all to our scouting community—not just locally, but at every single level.

Mirjam's impact on water scouting is truly remarkable. Look at everything she puts her heart into:

She works tirelessly at the **national level**, lending her skills to regional camps and shaping unforgettable experiences for scouts.

She is a key member of the **national water scouting program team** (*landelijk spelteam waterwerk*), helping to drive the future of water scouting across the entire country.

She remains a cornerstone of our very own **Odysseus Group**, always ready to step up and support us.

And then, of course, there is her role as **project leader for the organization of Eurosea 17**.

Taking on a project of this scale is a massive undertaking, and Mirjam has poured her heart, soul, and endless hours into making it a success. It hasn't always been smooth sailing—there have been tough headwinds and significant setbacks along the way. Yet, every single time, Mirjam has been the driving force that keeps everyone motivated, focused, and moving forward together.

What makes her effort even more extraordinary is that she did all of this despite facing personal challenges in her private life. Even when things were difficult, her dedication never wavered.

Mirjam, your resilience, leadership, and unyielding energy inspire every single one of us. Thank you for your incredible hard work, for keeping the wind in our sails, and for everything you do for water scouting.

This recognition is so deeply deserved!

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Wednesday, August 5th, Eurosea 17 will be opened. After everyone has arrived, the program can officially start-by hoisting (provisionally) the Odysseus flag. After a short welcome speech by the project leader (Mirjam) of Eurosea, the International Commissioner of Scouting Netherlands, and the chair of the Odysseus group (David), it's finally time... or is it?

Eline and Mirjam, members of the Odysseus group, will still receive a monkeyfist, making them members of the Order of the Monkeyfist.

And then it really begins. With some icebreaker/introductory games, we get to know each other better. Finally, there's a guided tour for those who are interested of the Nawaka site, because when you're a guest at an event of this size, you should definitely enjoy that too.

