

## CYA SEA SCOUT OF THE YEAR:

# Marc Caunian



**Marc Caunian became a Sea Scout in the fall of 2012 at the age of 17 with Ship 5924**, which is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church. During the spring of 2013, he earned the Sea Scout Apprentice rank and was elected Boatswain Mate by his shipmates. After several months, Marc was elected Boatswain (Chief Petty Officer) of his Ship.

During the summer and fall of 2014, Marc worked with members of Ship 5111, which is sponsored by Columbia Yacht Club, in Advancement and Seamanship. During the same period, Marc raced and sailed with Ship 5111 in the Colors Regatta, the NOOD Regatta, Three Crib Fiasco, several Beer Can Races and a Long Cruise to Michigan City. Additionally, Marc has also sailed and worked with members of Ship 5886 sponsored by The Evangelical Covenant Church, Ship 5870 sponsored by Chicago Yacht Club, and many more including Ships 2015, 5212, 2006 and 5709. Within a couple of months, Marc earned his Sea Scout Ordinary rank and his Venturing Bronze Award.

In the spring of 2015, Marc was appointed the 2015-2016 Central Region Area 7 and 8 Boatswain, where he represented Sea Scouts of Northern Illinois and Wisconsin. During the summer of 2015, Marc graduated from SEAL (Sea Scout Advanced Leadership) training at the Newport Beach Sea Base in California, where he sailed on the Pacific Ocean. After returning from his course, he earned his Sea Scout Able rank, Small-Boat Handler Award, Qualified Seaman Award and Long Cruise Badge.



Marc has taken on many leadership positions in Sea Scouting and has helped organized Ship meetings and Council and Area events. He has served as a member of the 2014 National Sea Scout Youth Task Force, where he help implemented changes in future Advancement. Additionally, he has served as a 2015 Central Region Coordinator of the National Sea Scout Social Media Team in spreading information about events for Sea Scouts across the U.S. to see.

Marc is an active member of Sea Scouting. He has participated in events across the Region including the 2015 Central Region Sea Scout Rendezvous, Area 3 Venturing Conference, Area 7 Venturing Conference, and Area 7 Venturing Extravaganza. He has planned events for his Sea Scout Ship and the Pathway to Adventure Council such as a Ski Trip in 2013, Next Level Sailing (America's Cup Boats), and Troop 79 Sea Base Adventure. He has worked with Sea Scouts across Chicago in advancement and has provided events for all Scouts to enjoy.

Marc attained Sea Scout Quartermaster in 2015, the highest rank in Sea Scouting and only the second Scout in Chicago to have earned this great achievement in the past decade.

Outside of Scouting, Marc currently attends the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) as a civil engineering student. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and its student chapter at IIT.

CYA is proud to  
present the 2015  
Sea Scout of the Year  
to Marc Caunian.