



The Cachalotter

News, Information, and Memories by and for the Members of the Camp Cachalot Alumni Association

Gathering in the New Year

Winter Gathering 2014 is Right Around the Corner

We'll be meeting once again in Westport this winter for our Winter Gathering, beginning at 11:00AM on February 1st, 2014. This will be our third consecutive year of meeting at Our Lady of Grace Church's parish hall on Sanford Road, courtesy of Troop 100 Westport.

Our day will begin with some time for you to get together with your fellow alumni to catch up, reminisce about camp, and grab a bite to eat if you'd like (hot dogs, drinks, and snacks will be available.) We'll have some of the Association's archives on-hand for you to peruse, and maybe help us to connect names to some of the faces and events we have in our photos while you chat.

After we wrap up lunch, we'll move on to our annual update on goings-on at camp and plans for the near future for the Alumni Association. Members of the Association's executive committee will provide information on our finances, upcoming events, our plans

to assist the summer camp program with the purchase of kayaks for the waterfront (see the story on page 6), and other items of interest.

Since our Gathering is also when we start seeking out Wall of Fame nominations in earnest, our communications chairman, Dennis Wilkinson, will give a brief presentation on how to put together a good Wall of Fame nomination, what information is necessary to make a persuasive case for your nominee, and give you an idea of how a nomination gets turned into an entry on the ballot (or why it might not get on to the ballot.)

Our new Association Chairman, Brian Bastarache, will also be giving another of his excellent Cachalot ecology presentations. In addition to his Scouting background, which includes a stint as the Nature area director at summer camp as a youth, Brian is the head of the Department of Natural Resource Management at Bristol County Agricultural

High School, has acted as curator of the Bristol County Natural Resource History Center at BCAHS, and holds an MA in Environmental Management from Harvard University and a BS in Wildlife & Fisheries Biology from UMass Amherst. Brian's last presentation on Camp's ecology at our 2008 Gathering was very well-received, and his recurring "Wild Cachalot" column in the *Cachalotter* has always been popular. We're looking forward to seeing what topic he chooses to cover this year.

Gathering 2014 is free to both members and non-members alike. Lunch will be available to those interested; if you do choose to partake, a small donation (\$5 suggested) to help us defray the costs of lunch would be greatly appreciated, as would an RSVP via our web site or via the event invite that will go out to the Association's Facebook group.

See you in Westport! 🐳

Gathering 2014

Saturday, February 1st, 2014
11:00AM through 3:00PM

Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall
569 Sanford Road
Westport, Massachusetts

Free admission for
members and non-members

\$5 suggested donation for lunch

Send email to
gathering2014@cachalotalumni.org
or visit
www.cachalotalumni.org
for more info or to RSVP.

Keeping Warm at the Klondike

The annual Camp Cachalot Klondike Derby will be taking place at camp on Saturday, January 11th, 2014, and the Alumni Association will be there in the Noquochoke Lodge manning the warming station. If you'll be out there with your own unit, please stop in to say "Hello!". If you don't have unit obligations, and could lend a hand in the warming station, that would be helpful. Members of our committee will be providing most of the manpower, but a few extra sets of hands is always welcome.

The work involved in running the station is pretty straightforward: we lay out some crackerbarrel-style snacks, make coffee and hot cocoa to bring some warmth back to semifrozen Klondike contestants and leaders, and help anyone who comes in who needs to take the chill off find a chair by the heater (or direct them to the Klondike's medical staff if necessary.)

While we're out there, we'll also be handing out information on the Association and our 2014 events including the Winter Gathering to interested folks, showing off some pieces of camp and Klondike history, and in all likelihood just striking up the kinds of conversations that always seem to happen whenever two or more Scouters are gathered in one place.

If you can lend a hand, drop us an email at info@cachalotalumni.org. We usually try to coordinate lunch for the Association folks manning the station, so we need to have a head count in advance to be sure we've got enough.

Capotes, tocques, and Blaque Jacques Shellaque-style handlebar moustaches purely optional, of course. 🐳

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The Camp Cachalot Alumni Association

The Camp Cachalot Alumni Association was founded in 2004 with the express purpose of supporting Camp Cachalot and being a social organization for the extended family of the Camp. Anyone who has ever had any involvement with Camp Cachalot, the former Moby Dick Council, or any of the predecessor camps or Councils is eligible for membership. It is a not-for-profit organization operated under the auspices of the Narragansett Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Our membership year runs from July 1st through June 30th, and all membership fees contribute directly to our endowment fund, the proceeds of which go directly towards the support of Camp Cachalot.

More information about the Alumni Association, including membership forms, back issues of *The Cachaletter*, Camp history, and online discussion forums, can be found online at our web site:

<http://www.cachalotalumni.org/>

We can also be reached via US Mail at the following address:

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Thank You!

Vic Sylvia, Outgoing Association Chairman

A heartfelt thank you to all that have made my past term as Chariman a rewarding experience. Your unselfish willingness to assist with numerous projects and participation in Association events have set an example to leading our Association to an all time high in membership. I look forward to assisting our new Chairman, Brian Bastarache, in continuing our growth and providing the needed stewardship to the amazing place we call Cachalot. 🐾



Challenges

Brian Bastarache, Association Chairman

There are very few things on Earth of which I would willingly serve as president, or as chairman in this case. A few months ago I had the honor to assume the chairmanship of one — The Camp Cachalot Alumni Association. I've spent a lot of time this fall thinking about how far we have come, our current status, and where we're going. The following are the major points which I see as our immediate major challenges.

The success of our association has now dealt us some challenges which we are fortunate enough to bare. In the next few months we must grow our registered membership. At the end of this year the association reached an all-time record of 113 registered members. Membership dues contribute to the association's endowment fund, the interest of which generates the operating budget of the association. The larger the endowment grows the more the association can do. And do not forget, every registered membership is an official statement of support for Cachalot.

Unfortunately, money is required to accomplish many of the goals of the association. The association's funds are only used for association business (e.g., producing events such as the Winter Gathering) or to benefit Cachalot. The association created a Project Fund for the constructed the Wall of Fame. The wall has been completed and soon we will determine the next large project to be completed at Camp. We must replenish the Project Fund before we accomplish any large project. Fundraising must be a priority over the next year. Our challenge will be to create creative and productive fundraising campaigns.

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In only nine years the Cachalot Alumni Association grew from an abstract idea into an organization with well over 100 registered members. We have donated hundreds of hours to Cachalot, cheerfully provided countless man-hours of service, awarded scholarships to outstanding summer camp staffers and created a Wall of Fame to honor those who have given so much to the place which we know so well. Those who have served before me created all of the above from nothing, and they did a darn good job. I hope to serve well during my term. 🐾



Cachalot Wish List 2014

Karrie Dumais, Ranger

Camp is in need of many small items to help out with ongoing projects for both year-round camping and the Summer camp program:

- An anvil, any blacksmithing tools, Books on Blacksmithing.
- An electric motor for one of the sea nymph row boats.
- Plywood. ½ inch or ¾ inch. Laminated or OSB. No particle board or MDO please.
- Telephone poles.
- Large (55 gallon or larger) plastic barrels for new composting program.
- Hand tools
- Chisels, gouges, riving tool, wood rasps. All shapes and sizes.
- Display cases, any size or shape (can be placed on top of a table, glass front/top counter, or glass front cabinet/bookcase)
- Nature "specimens": Skeletons, pelts, taxidermy, insect displays, plant life displays. Fish tanks.
- Redone or new display or demo items for any of our merit badge classes that we run during Summer Camp. (e.g. knot boards, wood species and examples of their uses for woodworking, leaf identification, animal track castings, scat chart [without the actual scat please], camp gadgets)
- Spars: long, many.
- Saw mill leftovers: when the tree is sawn for boards the outer edge is left. If a mill would be willing to give us some of this I can use it to make some rustic trim and accents.
- Steel pipe. 4" to 6" diameter. Any length. A 12' section would be good.
- Fireplace grate.
- Fire brick
- Vinyl windows.
- Insulation. Not used please.

As always, donations of any of these items are greatly appreciated. Many items can be found in attics or garages as well. Also, feel free to ask around in your home town. We know that a better program for our Scouts is not only our goal. It takes a community dedicated to its youth to make it happen. This is you. Thank you for your efforts.

If you have something that you think Cachalot could use please call the Ranger at (781) 831-0834. 🐸



Update From Camp

Eric Oulette, Camp Director

Greetings Everyone!

The summer of 2013 was by far one of the best summers that Cachalot has had in recent years. Our attendance is growing, our program has been reinvigorated and the staff was top notch. Overall, we had 360 campers and 33 units attend camp this summer. We are finding that more and more alumni are willing to help the well being of the camp and assure us that at any time we may need something you all are there to help. I can't say thank you enough for your generosity and support these past 4 years here at Camp Cachalot and I look forward to keeping this momentum and growing Cachalot to be one of the premiere camps in New England. As for now, it's time to look forward to 2014 and hope it is just as successful as 2013. I hope to see everyone at the Winter Gathering! 🐸

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

January 11th, 2014

Klondike Derby
Cachalot Scout Reservation
Plymouth, MA

February 1st, 2014, 11:00AM - 3:00PM

Gathering 2014
Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall
569 Sanford Road
Westport, MA

May 23rd - 26th, 2014

CCAA Family Camping Weekend
Cachalot Scout Reservation
Plymouth, MA

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Scenes from the

Between Our Memorial Day and Labor Day Family Camping Weekends



Alumni kid showing off a freshwater clam found near the Agawam River dam at Besse Bog Reservoir



2013 Wall of Fame Honoree Larry Harney (3rd from left) after the induction ceremony at our Homecoming



Alumni kids at the Agawam River dam at Besse Bog Reservoir, Labor Day Weekend 2013



Dave Houghton mans the grill at Homecoming 2013

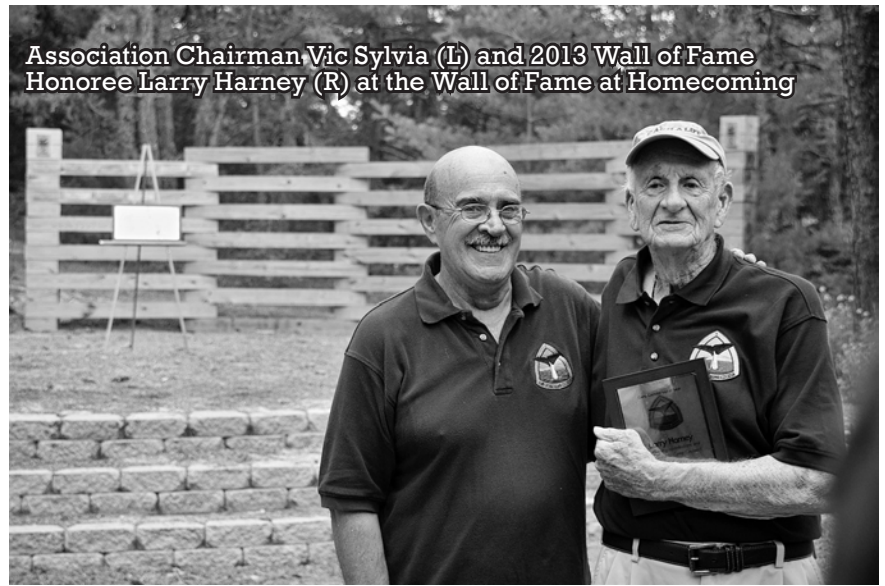
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Summer of 2013

and Homecoming 2013, it was a busy summer for the Alumni Association



(right) and members of his family at Wall of Fame



Association Chairman Vic Sylvia (L) and 2013 Wall of Fame Honoree Larry Harney (R) at the Wall of Fame at Homecoming



A black swallowtail butterfly drinking the nectar of one of the native plantings around the Wall of Fame



ragansett Scout, Exec John Mosby (L) congratulates Wall of Fame Honoree Larry Harney (R)



Alumni kids collecting firewood at our Labor Day Family Camping weekend

Chiefly Seeking

Abnaki Lodge has been trying to document the history of the Order of the Arrow in Southeastern Massachusetts for the last several years, and they've made great strides. In addition to assembling a fairly comprehensive collection of memorabilia from Noquochoke, Agawam, and Neemat Lodges, they're also working to record the history of the people involved with the Lodge over the years.

That speaks directly to our mission to record the history of traditions of Cachalot, and we've worked with them to help track down all of this information. We've still got a few gaps to fill, specifically in remembering the full set of Lodge Chiefs for Neemat Lodge. The following list shows the information the Lodge has collected so far, with the biggest gap being the years 1978-1981.

If you can help plug those gaps, please drop an email with the names of the missing chief(s) to curator@cachalotalumni.org. If you have any documents (old Totem Poles or the like) that might have some of these names in print, including a photo or scan with your email would be wonderful. 🐸

Chiefs of Neemat Lodge

- 1972.....Aaron Lansky & Ken Roderiques (post-merger co-Chiefs)
- 1973Jeff Walecka
- 1974George Stike
- 1975Brian Nobrega
- 1976Anthony Ferreira
- 1977Michael Escobar
- 1977-1978Dan Melchior
- 1978-1979UNKNOWN
- 1979-1980UNKNOWN
- 1980-1981UNKNOWN
- 1981-1982Phil Menard
- 1982-1983Ray Garant
- 1983-1984Jonathan Briggs
- 1984-1985Russell Monast
- 1985-1986Wayne Turner
- 1986-1987Dennis Wilkinson
- 1987-1988Dennis Wilkinson
- 1988-1989Tom Bednarz
- 1989-1990David Saulnier
- 1990-1991Vince Jorales
- 1991-1992Dave Lima
- 1992-1993Lou Gauthier, Jr.
- 1993-1994Brian King
- 1994-1995Christian Fernandes
- 1995-1996Shawn Cookingham
- 1996-1997Jason Charest
- 1997-1998Marc Morency
- 1998Bob St. Denis (stepped down)
- 1998-1999Andy Bogus
- 1999-2000Andy Bogus
- 2000-2001Justin Koster

Kayaks for Camp

Our 2013-2014 Project Fund Effort

One of the highlights of the Aquatics program on Five Mile Pond during summer camp in 2013 was the Kayaking merit badge program. With only a small number of kayaks on hand, though, there were long waits to get access to boats, and it was difficult to accommodate all of the Scouts who were interested in the program. With large projects underway, such as finishing the improvements to the dining hall and some upcoming critical work on the camp's water system, expanding the inventory of kayaks wasn't in the cards.

So, the Association has decided that we'd like to help, and we're asking our members to lend a hand.

We're looking to raise \$2100 in donations to our Project Fund, with a goal of purchasing seven new kayaks and Type 3 PFDs for their paddlers. These boats will help the 2014 summer camp program accommodate more Scouts, and will increase the number of kayaks available to a number comparable to the other types of boats on the waterfront.



We hope that our members who are able will lend a hand by making a contribution to our Project Fund. This fund goes directly to Association-backed projects and capital purchases out at Cachalot, and donations are entirely tax-deductible. We still have an assortment of numbered prints featuring the Cachalot waterfront and the old Andrew Jackson waterfront tower; people donating \$100 or more will receive one of these prints as a "thank you".

Donations can be made online via our web site at www.cachalotalumni.org/projectfund, at any of the Association's events, or by making a check payable to "Narragansett Council BSA" with a memo of "Cachalot Alumni Project Fund" sent via US Mail to:

Camp Cachalot Alumni Association
 c/o Narragansett Council BSA
 P. O. Box 14777
 East Providence, RI 02914

We know that almost everyone gets a lot of requests for donations in today's world. We hope that if you're able to, you'll help us be able to make summer camp that much more fun for Scouts this summer, and beyond. 🐸



In Memoriam

There were a number of deaths in the extended Camp Cachalot family over the last year. Our condolences to the families of Ferdinand, Gilbert, Larry, Louis, and Paul. May the Great Scoutmaster of all great Scouts watch over them. 🖤



Lawrence A. "Larry" Bibeau, age 67 of New Bedford, passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at home surrounded by his loving family after a long illness. He was the husband of Norma (Roberts) Bibeau to whom he had been married for 39 years.

A lifelong New Bedford resident, he was the son of the late Albert and Hazel (Gouveia) Bibeau. Lawrence worked as a union sheet metal worker. He was a devoted father and grandfather.

Larry was a lifelong Scout and Scouter, actively involved with troops in New Bedford and helping to establish a Scout troop in Alaska. He served on summer camp staffs at Cachalot on multiple occasions, including a notable stint as Cachalot's shooting sports director during the 1990s, and had also served on the staff at Camp Greenough. He was a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow.

Survivors in addition to his wife are his children Christopher A. Bibeau of Maine; Jean M. Bibeau of New Bedford; Marie L. Duarte and her husband John of New Bedford; Matthew A. Bibeau of New Bedford; David A. Bibeau of New Bedford; a sister, Debora Tobojka and her husband Robert of Assonet; 5 grandchildren, 4 nieces and a nephew. 🖤



Louis A. Gauthier, 39, of Freetown, passed away unexpectedly at his home on October 22, 2013.

He was the beloved son of the late Louis A. Gauthier and Helen M. Gauthier of Tucson, Arizona. He leaves behind his two sisters, Jodi Thomas and her husband Shawn of Fairhaven and Justine Reed and her husband John of Acushnet, two nieces, Riley Thomas and Camryn Reed and three nephews, Colin Thomas, Nathan Reed and Owen Reed.

Louis was a 1994 graduate of Old Colony Reg. Voc. High School in Rochester, MA. He was a

welder and metal fabricator by trade. He was formerly employed by Poyant signs in New Bedford, MA. He was also a Range Officer and Board member at the Fox and Coon Club in Dartmouth and a volunteer at the Fort Taber ~ Fort Rodman Military Museum in New Bedford. Louis was an avid hunter and was always willing to give a helping hand to anyone he came across and was loved by many.

Louis was an Eagle Scout and a member of Troop 64 in Freetown, Massachusetts for many years. He spent several summers on Cachalot's summer camp staff in the early 1990's, and was actively involved in Neemat Lodge, serving as the head Elangomat and eventually a term as Lodge Chief. 🖤



Ferdinand C. "Fred" Macedo Jr., age 63, passed away on Friday, November 15, 2013, at St. Luke's Hospital.

Born in New Bedford, he was a son of Ferdinand C. Macedo Sr. and the late Gladys (Simpkin) Macedo and was a life-long resident of this area.

Mr. Macedo worked at the Veterans Transitional House as a Counselor.

Fred was a member of a Scouting family, and was active in Scouting in New Bedford for many years as a member of Troop 11. He spent many summers at Cachalot, and for a time was the de-facto caretaker of the Moby Dick Council offices, living in the apartment on the third floor of the old Grove Street building.

Ferdinand is survived by 3 children: Bethany Macedo of New Bedford, Melissa LaCroix of New Hampshire and Christopher Macedo of Florida; 3 siblings: Deacon Paul Macedo, Edward Macedo and Terri Souza, all of New Bedford; as well as 7 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. 🖤



Gilbert C. Mello, age 87, died on Thursday, January 24 at Hathaway Manor Nursing Home with his family by his side. Mr. Mello is the beloved widower of Mary (Souza) Mello. He is survived by his

loving daughters Patricia A. Sylvia, wife of Stephen, of Dartmouth and Evelyn Hill wife of Max of Apollo Beach, Florida; his loving grand-

children: Amy Sylvia, Joseph Sylvia and Julie Simpson; as well as 4 great grandchildren: Timothy, Nickolas, Kadie and Rose.

Mr. Mello was born in New Bedford, son of the late Cecelia (Pacheco) and Agostinho Cabral Mello. He was the head Chef at Tobey Hospital in Wareham for 27 years. Prior to his work at Tobey, he was the chef at Sassaquin Hospital. Mr. Mello was a proud veteran of U.S. Navy, serving his country during WWII as well as in Pacific where he attained the rank of the ships Cook 1st class. He was the 1st Chef at Camp Cachalot Boy Scouts camp. He was a great husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed. 🖤

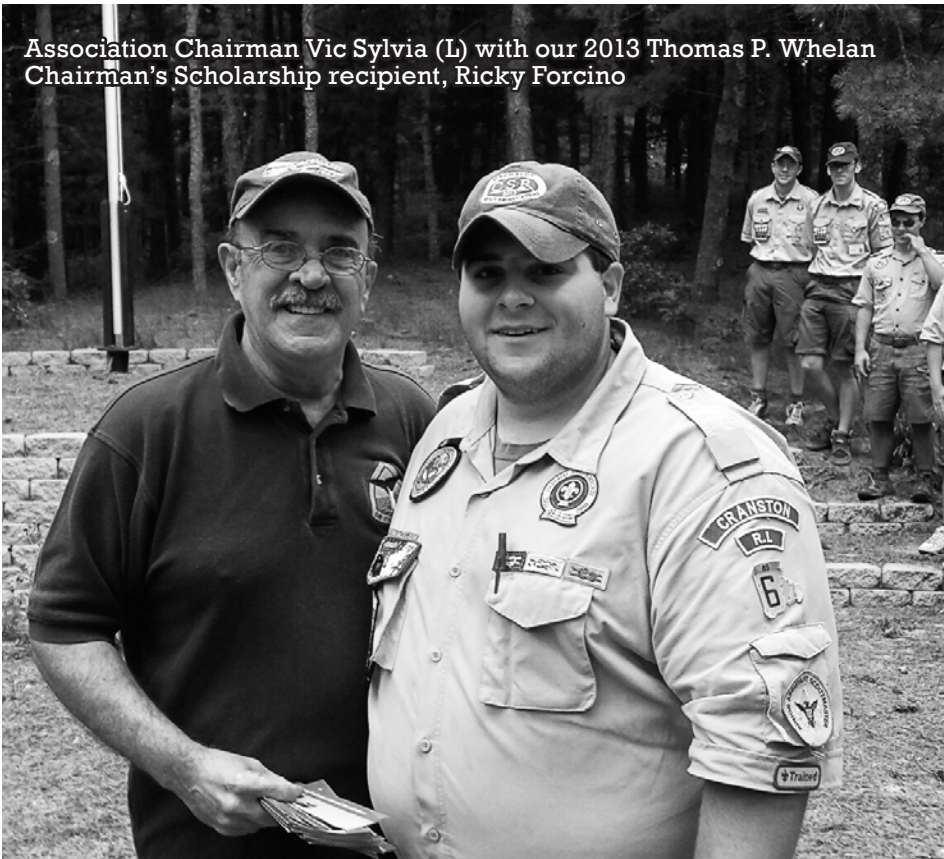


Paul A. Seguer, 73, originally of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, died on September 1, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Florida. He was a carpenter and the owner of the Seguer & Sons construction company.

Paul loved Scouting, and was a long-time volunteer at Camp Cachalot. He had served both as the Cubmaster of Pack 74 and the Scoutmaster of Troop 74, of South Dartmouth. During his time in Scouting, he was awarded the Scouting Training Award, Scouters Key, the District Award of Merit, the Silver Beaver, Wood Badge beads, and the Vigil Honor from Neemat Lodge. Leveraging his construction experience, he was instrumental in the construction of the new Ranger's residence at Camp Noquochoke, Cabins 1 and 2 at Camp Cachalot, and led many crews doing building remodeling and camp improvement projects during "Beaver Weekends" at Cachalot. Beyond his contributions to his own units and to Cachalot, he was a long-time member of the Council Camping and Properties Committee, the Cachalot Restoration Committee, and was an adviser to Neemat Lodge. He was chairman of, or helped run several district and council camporees, and chaired the Corn on the Cob concession at the Moby Dick Council Cranberry Festival at Edaville Railroad. His service to local Scouting was so significant that the Neemat Lodge named their annual service award for him.

He is survived by his sons Scott, Michael and Shawn of Massachusetts; his daughters Amy Macomber and Heather Seguer of Maryland; his grandchildren Jason Seguer, Alyssa Boutin, Michael Sequer, and Shane Seguer of Massachusetts and Andrew, Jacob, and Zachary Macomber of Maryland; his great-grandson Jay Seguer of Massachusetts; and his long-time girlfriend Shirley Perry of Florida. 🖤

Association Chairman Vic Sylvia (L) with our 2013 Thomas P. Whelan Chairman's Scholarship recipient, Ricky Forcino



2013 Staff Scholarship Awarded

The recipient of the 2013 Thomas P. Whelan Chairman's Scholarship is Richard "Ricky" Forcino, of Cranston, Rhode Island. A member of Troop 6 in Cranston, Ricky served as a Program Commissioner at Cachalot this past summer. This was his 3rd year on Cachalot's summer camp staff, and his enthusiasm and Scout spirit is well-known to campers, leaders, and staff alike. He is a student at the Community College of Rhode Island, with plans to transfer to the Massachusetts Maritime Academy's Emergency Management program. We hope the \$500 award helps Ricky with his studies, and we hope to see him make a return to the staff for the 2014 season.

We are still working on trying to establish a permanently-funded second scholarship, and hope to eventually grow the amount in our Scholarship fund to allow for larger awards, particularly as post-secondary education isn't getting any less expensive. If you'd like to contribute to the scholarship fund, or would like to learn more about our staff scholarships, please visit the Association's web site. .

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