The National Sea Scout Support Committee announces the selection of **Eva Olivia Hogan of Houston, Texas** as the 2011-2012 National Sea Scout Boatswain. Her term of office is from June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2012. She is a member of Ship 502, Invincible of the Sam Houston Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Eva will represent Sea Scouts from across the United States as the youth representative on the National Sea Scout Committee. She will report to the National Commodore and the National Director of Sea Scouts. She will serve as the liaison from National with the Regional Boatswains and other youth leaders.

Eva is currently an Able Sea Scout, but is expected to qualify for her Quartermaster Award this summer. She is a member of Ship 502, and during her tenure in Sea Scouts, she has served her ship as Ship Boatswain, Boatswain's Mate for both Administration and Program. She is a graduate of Sea Scout SEAL in 2008 at the Galveston Bay course. During the summer of 2009, she sailed on the U. S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle. Her participation at the 2010 Koch Cup placed her in fourth place for the Kiwi Cup. During her tenure in Sea Scouts, she also helped implement and sustain the Ship's racing program.

Eva is a graduate of Stratford High School in Houston, Texas and currently attends the

University of North Texas in Denton with a double major in English and History, with a minor in German. She is on the President's List and Honors College with a GPA of 4.0. She is currently involved with the University's Fencing Club as their historian. Her academic accomplishments have honored her with several scholarships. She has also learned Spanish and German and one day hopes to work in international relations.

Eva shared that she feels that the Sea Scout program is one of the best youth programs our nation has and wants to make sure that more youth have the opportunity to be involved. Sea Scouts has given her the opportunity to become the leader she never knew she could be. The program has given her the opportunity to learn how exhilarating it is to race a boat, to meet international Scouts, to experience the adventure of sailing on a tall ship, and to make some of her best friends. She wants to be able to give some of these things back. One of her goals is to further improve communications between the Sea Scout community and the National Committee by developing a blog and Facebook pages for Sea Scouts. It will help keep everyone informed of events, as well as updates on the program.

Join us in congratulating Eva Hogan in her selection of the 2011-2012 National Sea Scout Boatswain!