



SEA SCOUT SHIP 228

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To: U.S. Maritime Administration

From: CAPT. James R. Zatwarnicki Jr, Committee Chair, Sea Scout Ship 228

Re: SL7 Expo Proposal

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Sea Scouts is an organization that is committed the growth and development of our young adults through nautical programs, helping them learn to make ethical choices and become better citizens. As Committee Chairman of Ship 228, I can say with certainty that the efforts underway by SL7expo would provide an invaluable tool for advancing our mission and offer our youth unique insight into both the maritime and international transportation industries.

SL7expo is a group of maritime industry professionals that is engaged in the creation of a national maritime education and exposition center with an SL-7 container vessel as the central feature. This effort to promote the national importance of maritime commerce not only provides a valuable educational resource to our youth, but also gives them insight into potential careers in the maritime and transportation sector.

We strongly support this effort and are urging the federal government to provide foundational financing for this concept.

Our organization hopes to be able to actively utilize this center to provide a unique educational experience for our youth and to further advance its and the nation's goals of sustaining a strong national maritime industry.

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