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## **2005 RUSSIA (SAINT PETERSBURG) INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE, FX-RU**

### **ACTION REQUIRED NOT LATER THAN 1 MARCH 2005**

1. **Dates**: Arrive Saint Petersburg Thursday 21 July, depart Monday 1 August 2005
2. **General**: The USNSCC is authorized to send up to two (2) cadets (male or female) and one escort. All other countries belonging to ISCA have been invited as well. Site for this exchange is in St. Petersburg, Russia. Host is NOVGOROD YOUNG SAILORS CLUB.
3. **Training/Activities**: Accommodations will be onboard TS "Lord Novgorod the Great", the Russian Sea Cadet Training Ship. This will be a 10 day trip over the lakes of North-West Russia. Participants will include Russian cadets from Saint Petersburg, Velikiy Novgorod, Petrozavodsk, Yaroslavl, Borovichi and Staraya, Russia as well as cadets from the other ISCA countries participating. This promises to be a fascinating and unforgettable trip to many historical places of Russia. All Sea Cadets and Young Sailors are included in the ship's schedule. They will keep watches at the helm, in the engine room, in the galley and do the cleaning. They will also take part in rowing and knot tying competitions. All cadets should be prepared to explain to shipmates about themselves and their countries. All will also participate in Russian Navy Day celebrations in Saint Petersburg. Visits include the Kremlin, city museums, and a day sight seeing in Saint Petersburg and Petrodvoretz. Underway time will be on the Svir, Volkhov and Neva Rivers, and on Lakes Ilmen and Onega.
4. **Qualifications**: Sea Cadets applying for this exchange must meet the following requirements:
  - Must be 16 or older on or before the start of training
  - Must be PO2 or above, preference to senior cadets
  - Recipient of the Cadet Citation Ribbon
  - Recommended by unit Commanding Officer
  - Complete and submit application, following directions on application forms and include all listed materials. Go to [www.usnsc.org](http://www.usnsc.org) and click "International Exchange Program" to get the application and other forms. ISCA Forms 1 and 2, program application and indemnity and waiver will have to be completed by selected cadets right after notification. They too are at this web site.
5. **Logistics/Costs**: Federal funding support **IS AVAILABLE** for this exchange. NSCC cadet and escort travel costs to and from Saint Petersburg **WILL BE PAID FOR BY**

**THE NSCC.** NSCC will also subsidize Russian registration fees so that participating cadets fee will only be \$300. Adult escort fee will be fully paid for. So, cadet costs will only be \$300 plus spending money.

Note: The fee for most other exchanges this year will be \$200 like last year, but this exchange in Saint Petersburg is considerably more costly than the others, that's why it is \$300 for each cadet. However...ATTENTION UNIT CO's...If you have an outstanding cadet who might have a financial hardship with this fee, you must let us know so that we can arrange assistance. Financial hardship will not preclude outstanding and qualified cadets from participation.

Cadets **must have in their possession a passport** in order to complete travel and enter Russia . **This visit will also require a VISA.** VISA's will be issued by the Russian consulate after selections and once participants are firmly known. In order to do this, participant names must be forwarded not later than the end of March, that's why applications must be complete and submitted not later than 1 March; so that we can meet this deadline. Again, all personal spending will be at the expense of the participants. All coordination will be with your SEO once he or she is identified.

**6. Application Procedures: NOTE: This exchange is advertised only by this flyer and NHQ internet/1 MC posting due to short lead times. There is a selection process and all applicants, both adult and cadet will compete for selection.**

- Cadets....Complete and forward application package as per application package directions and mail as per those directions. Go to [www.usnscc.org](http://www.usnscc.org) and click on International Exchange Program to get forms and directions. E-mail LCDR Campbell at [seacadet1@aol.com](mailto:seacadet1@aol.com) and advise that you are applying.
- Officers.... Complete and forward application package as per application package directions and mail as per those directions. Go to [www.usnscc.org](http://www.usnscc.org) and click on International Exchange Program to get forms and directions. E-mail LCDR Campbell at [seacadet1@aol.com](mailto:seacadet1@aol.com) and advise that you are applying.
- A selection Board will convene as soon after 1 March as possible. The USNSCC has to provide attendee names to Russia by the end of March with flight arrangements soon to follow (**that's why you have to have the package submitted not later than 1 March**).
- SEO will be given Russian point of contact name, phone, and e-mail for final coordination; SEO to keep cadets advised.

**7. COTC/Senior Escort Officer:** To be identified. Consideration may be given to prospective escorts having familiarity with and/or travel experience in Russia.

**8. Other.** ISCA Forms 1 and 2, program application and parental release/indemnity forms, must be completed right after selection and be provided to SEO for further

forwarding as necessary. Further details regarding the exchange, as provided by the Russian Young Sailors Club will be provided to the SEO who in turn will keep cadets apprised.

Note: This is the first time we will participate in this exchange. We have been advised by our Sea Cadet counterparts in Canada that they observed and participated in this exchange over the last 2 years and give it their strongest endorsement!!! Safety and security was well assured and the Russian Sea Cadets set the example of what Sea Cadets should be. Our Sea Cadet counterparts in the United Kingdom gave the same endorsement.