

Boatswain Meeting

20 March 2013

Present: Connor White, Fleet Boatswain (502); Matt Miller, National Boatswain (24); Jamie (24); Brenna Plante (208); Brandon Plante (208); Bridgette Talley (1659); Mrs. Johnson

1. Sea Scout Academy 2013

- What worked? **The SEAL track was very supportive. The food was awesome.**
- What was troublesome? **Troublesome things included overcrowding, people making noise after lights out, people not getting up and leaving the dorms when they were supposed to, and people who did not do their assigned jobs on the duty roster.**
- Suggestions for the future?
 - **The adults will work on the overcrowding issues. Current ideas include charging a higher fee for people staying in dorms/less for sleeping in tents, renting hotel rooms, sleeping on boats, operating out of multiple camps. Overcrowding might be solved, but we would lose the fellowship of all the youth.**
 - **One adult needs to be in charge of lights out. A time needs to be posted for when you have to be in quarters. Adults need to account for the youth, but time in quarters is earlier than lights out. That gives people time to visit and shower. But, when the lights go out, people need to stop talking, and phones need to be silent.**
 - **One adult needs to be in charge of waking people up in the morning and needs to make sure everyone gets up and gets out.**
 - **The duty roster needs to be posted, and the work done needs to be inspected before people leave camp and head home.**

2. Sail Daze – April 27, 2013, Houston Yacht Club

- Who's coming?
- What to bring? **Small boats, sunscreen, \$10.00, water shoes, lifejackets, and friends. This is a recruiting event.**

3. Scout Fair

- Who's coming?
- What is your ship bringing?
- What is your activity?

4. Venturing Leadership Award – Nominations are due May 1, 2013

Looking Ahead:

1. Next Boatswain Meeting – June 19 to review Sail Daze and plan for Minto.
2. Venturing Summit – August 9-11, 2013 at Camp Strake
(If you receive the Venturing Leadership Award, it is presented at the Saturday night dinner at this event.)
3. Minto Rendezvous – September 6-8, 2013 at Bovay
 - Flotsam Flotilla Rules for 2013 – see attached.
 - Evening Events (Dive-in movie? Dance? Chili Cook-off? Suggestions?) The youth present voted to have a campfire with skits at Minto in lieu of the dive-in movie. Each unit will have no more than five minutes to perform a skit or song. Youth may vote for their favorite act and awards will be given at closing ceremony. Participation points will be added for each unit in the overall scoring.
4. Fall Regatta – October 19, 2013

A suggestion was made that if youth are stealing “treasure” from other ships again this year that all bottles must have twist caps and not pop lids. Cutting devices need to be less dangerous, as well.

New Items for Discussion:

- Kodiak and Long Cruise

If your ship is planning to do a long cruise, you might want to go online and download the Kodiak syllabus. It takes a unit through the planning process, and there are team building activities embedded in the course that you do when you actually implement your plan and do your super activity. It’s a cool thing to do. You would need to let the council training chairman, Karen O’Toole know that your unit is going to follow the syllabus so you can be recognized when you finish.

- Fleet Bridge of Honor

Homework before next meeting: Keep advancing, and at the next meeting we will discuss place and format.

Flotsam Flotilla 2013

The Commodore's Challenge:

- The basic components of your vessel are limited to sheet plastic and wood.
- Sheet plastic will not be defined.
- You may use hardware if necessary.
- The vessel may not weigh over 25 pounds.

Special awards will be given for:

- 1st place
- Creativity
- Innovation of Design
- Humor

