

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES/ 5/21/14

PRESENT: Wilson, Ready, Walker, White, Knapp, Sexton, Plante, Gower, Cushman, Valdes, Noser, Sunker, Hunn, Freas, Meyers, Lipham, Maas, Bittner, Scharp, Welch.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: No comments or corrections.

WELCOME: To prospective Skipper Eric Bittner, who is thinking of starting a Ship.

SAFETY: I think I heard Bart say a survey showed Conroe had better (meaning safer) boaters. Other than that I think most 2014 VSE's have been done.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Ships 93 and 208 are featured in the current issue of *Dockline Magazine*.

BOATS AND GEAR: Not much new but plenty of old...boats that is. Steve Upchurch is stepping aside as Skipper and his family hopes to relocate the boats in the back yard. Ship 1996 will be helping to remove boats and trailers on May 31. The subject of title transfers from the council was raised again and deferred.

PROGRAM:

SAFETY AT SEA: Shortly after the meeting, an email was sent out which said the Coast Guard could not participate before November. That date along with the date for Sea School has not yet been determined. From the emails I have seen it looks like the 8th and 29th are the only open possibilities, but I have not seen anything yet from SSBG or Bay Area Council.

MINTO: Debbie was home dealing A/C problems but called me to let me know the boarding manual is being worked up. September 5-7.

VENTURING SUMMIT: August 8-10 for interested Ships. I think Alan posted a link to the boarding manual on Facebook.

FALL REGATTA: October 18 at Duessen Park as of right now.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SAILDAZE AFTER ACTION: Lots to discuss as it seems we were short on chase boats and means of communication, to mention a few. Mike White offered to compile and edit the suggestions into a Boarding Manual to be adopted by the committee and used on every small boat sailing event.

AQUATIC SCHOOL: July 13-19 at the Worth Ranch near Ft. Worth. This is a week of aquatic training and fun for youth and includes BSA lifeguard training. www.aquaticschool.org.

SEA SCHOOL: This date is still up in the air. Turns out Sea Scout Base Galveston is not available on the first weekend of November either.

DOLPHIN MONITORING: Last year's program of observing and recording dolphin activity for the Environmental Institute of Houston is back on. Kristi Fazioli, dolphin researcher with the Environmental Institute of Houston would welcome reports of sightings and any pictures which

show a dorsal fin as long as no dolphin is harassed in securing the pictures. She wanted to remind all to circle feet or meters for the depth, F or C for the temperatures and what format the lat/long is in. Email reports to her at Fazioli@UHCL.edu or fax them per the instructions on the attached form.

ROUNDTABLE: The Galveston Community Sailing Center will be holding a disabled sailors regatta on October 27. Keels and Wheels was a success for participating Ships. Skipper Gower spoke of the recent Notice to Mariners alerting us to new dredging operations in the Ship Channel up near the Bayport channel. Ship 208 is up to 14 youth and is looking for SCUBA gear. Ship 93's boats now have their 2014 VSE's. At their recent reenactment they saw a 1/3 replica iron clad (mounted on a pontoon boat) doing cannon broadsides on the shore forces. Eloy and Alan had 20 attendees at Kodiak down at Bay Area Park. A replica of LaSalle's ship is down in Palacios and a crew can wrangle a cruise if they contact them.

SCOUTING EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Kevin and Tony reminded all that the deadline for Venturing Leadership Awards would be June 1. Mary encouraged all to look into and sign up for the Venturing Summit. She also said the weekend would qualify for the camping component of the SHAC 100 Year Anniversary Award.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Don't recall anything said and I am sure by that time all thought that I had spoken enough.

*One ship sails east and another sails west
With the self-same winds that blow.
Tis the set of the sail and not the gale
Which determines the way they go.
As the winds of the sea are the ways of fate
As we voyage along through life,
Tis the act of the soul that determines the goal,
And not the calm or the strife. - Ella Wilcox*

There is a rule in sailing where the more maneuverable ship should give way to the less maneuverable craft. I think this is sometimes a good rule to follow in human relationships as well. - Joyce Brothers