

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 9/17/14

PRESENT: Wilson, Ready, Sexton, Valdes, Noser, Hunn, Crowl, Lipham, Cushman, Johnson, Walker, Knapp, Mowad, Carr, Vaughn, Thrash

WELCOME: To Todd Thrash, new Skipper of Ship 1701 who is back and looking for boats.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as written.

SAFETY: Bart will be available on September 27 down at Clear Lake for any stragglers who might still need a 2014 VSE.

TRAINING: Cassie announced that SSALBT modules are nearly complete and should soon be available online. Ship 208 lined up Crisis Afloat training for a weekday when it isn't raining.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Sea Scout Base Galveston sure is getting lots of press lately.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus is working to get someone's backyard boatyard hauled off with the salvage being available for those who need it. A Nacra and a Sunfish are part of the salvage. A Mercator 30 is also available. Todd Thrash and Marcus got together after the meeting to talk details. **After the meeting Ship 1996 acquired a Capri 14.2 for fleet use for which they need a mast and a boom. Any Ship out there with a mast and boom which might work is requested to contact George Crowl.**

PROGRAM:

SAFETY AT SEA: Now set for November 8, with a cost of \$20 to included lunch and T Shirt. <http://www.bacbsa.org/sea-scout-base/-events-2014/safety-at-sea-2014/56373>. They have a tab set up specifically for SHAC youth.

FALL REGATTA: October 18 at Duessen Park. This year will be BYO lunch and no cost. We have one and maybe two chase boats committed so far.

SEA SCOUT ACADEMY: Incorrect dates are posted on both the SHAC and BAC websites but we hope that will be soon corrected. The prospect of re-adding a Track 0 and including Texas Boater's Ed. again was discussed. Starting early on Saturday might be a way to include this beginner's course and still get newbies out on the water on Sunday. We just need to get BAC and SSBG aboard.

SAILDAZE: Council would like to open this event up to more youth First Class and up. A better inventory of small craft resources in each participating Ship will be made to assess the capacity of the event. Possible Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge offerings to both get some skills imparted and recruit attendees (and maybe future Sea Scouts) could be part of the build up to the event. A visit with HYC disclosed that they will not be setting dates for April of 2015 until early December of this year so a date for Sail Daze will have to wait until then.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SEA SCHOOL: Set for November 1 and 2 and back at Lakewood Yacht Club with accommodations set for the nearby LaQuinta (around \$104 per person at double occupancy.)

Visit the Houston Power Squadron's website to register.

ADULT SAIL AND PLANNING MEETING: Our original date of November 15 conflicts with the Council's day of service and, as it happens, an arrangement with the Wounded Warrior Project to take some vets from San Antonio out sailing is also being planned for that particular date. We tentatively moved the Adult Sail and Planning meeting to December 6. HYC is booked with Christmas parties and wedding receptions on all weekends in November and December so we might be doing what we did last year: a sail around the mid-bay depository and dinner at Mario's on NASA Rd. 1. We will talk this over at the October meeting.

U.S. DISABLED SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP: This event is being hosted by SSBG on October 27-29 and involves training on the prior weekend. To sign up, follow this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4ea8a72fa3f58-us>.

ROUNDTABLE: Lots of favorable feedback on the Minto Rendezvous. Attendance was up to 210 with 19 Ships (three more than last year) and praise was heaped on Commodore TW Cook and his good mates for able officiating and helping to run a smooth event. Ship 777 conducted Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge training for local Boy Scouts. The two Baytown Ships now have 40 members between them. Todd Thrash is signed up to go to Japan next summer to help staff a World Jamboree. There are youth openings for this trip.

EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Kevin let us know that there has been some re-vamping in local Venturing, Venturing Rendezvous will now be the "Highland Games" at Bovay on the last weekend of February.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: I talked with some folks in the NW and there may be openings for a cruise from Seattle to Alaska and back next summer. I'll keep you posted.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2109 until 1930, October 15 at the council office.

"Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." - John Quincy Adams

"He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else." Ben Franklin