

## SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 12/16/15

**PRESENT:** Wilson, DeLeon, Noser, Johnson, Mulcahey, Cushman, Gower, Sunker, Bennett, Mowad, Crowl, Leavitt(s)(Chris and Cathy), Start(s)(dad and daughter), Grimes, Hunn, Valdes, Knapp, Mowad, Lipham, Sexton, Vaughn If you feed them, they will come.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Approved as written.

**SAFETY:** Bart sent around a sign-up sheet for the January 23 mass VSE we have scheduled. Make sure your current registration is aboard and please schedule regardless if your boat is ready or not. It's important to get on the books.

**TRAINING:** Cassie let us all know that SSALBT is now in everyone's hands and that experienced Skippers and Mates should take the initiative to train new volunteers.

**BOATS AND GEAR:** A small C&C was up for offer and Ship 1835 expressed an interest.

### PROGRAM EVENTS:

**SEA SCOUT ACADEMY:** Coming up January 16-18 with registration filling up and SEAL track registration setting new records. Adam Tunks from north Texas has redone the Track one. It will be self-directed using an "Amazing Race" format. Ships which have not yet registered were urged to do so soon at <http://www.bacbsa.org/ssbg/weekend-programs-2016/sea-scout-academy-2016> There ensued a discussion on DoubleKnot disfunctionality. One problem is each council's log in requires a new password and user name. Another is that skippers cannot see which of their crew and how many have registered. (I have some issues nearly every time I use it. Amazon would fire the programmers of Doubleknot in less than a day.)

### OTHER BUSINESS:

**FIVE YEAR PLAN:** The program half of the plan has not come together yet. Training has been complete and some points were discussed: The Seabadge recommendation of one every 15 months has been implemented. The return of Marina Seminars and how they might be updated was briefly discussed. The five year training plan is attached for review.

**2016 GOALS:** With a happy sugar buzz setting in, we moved on to goals for the coming year. Dates were set or penciled in for our major events, we learned that Safety at Sea will be held at the Sea Base, Debbie Vaughn volunteered to take on Scout Fair and Skipper Peter Cushman raised his hand for Sail Daze. We all saw it. Marketing was moved back to the Council level at George's suggestion and additional tweaks were made on down the list. The 2016 goals were attached in an earlier distribution.

**ROUNDTABLE:** Ship 1996's Annual Spring Long Cruise has been planned out and is open for reservations. George is also putting on the Power Squadron Seamanship course on the last Sunday of January through April. Give him a shout if your crew is interested. Bill Hunn enjoyed the December 5 Adult sail, which had George, Bill, and Skipper Eric Bittner along on Scout for a trip around the mid bay depository. Ship 846 had a great sail on the 12<sup>th</sup> in brisk winds. Bart will be stepping down as Skipper of Ship 777 soon and will be handing the helm over to Nancy

Golman. Skipper Peter Cushman has been having a great time with 208 with shooting awards, sailing and scuba diving adding up to a very active year. On the maintenance end of business, Houston Alternator and A&B Electric were recommended as good places to fix or replace ancient alternators.

**COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:** Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** At 2111 until 1930 January 20 on your computer, tablet or phone.

**“The boisterous sea of liberty is never without a wave.” Thomas Jefferson**

**“Laws alone can not secure freedom of expression; in order that every man present his views without penalty there must be spirit of tolerance in the entire population.” Albert Einstein**