

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES - 2/20/13

PRESENT: Wilson, Plante, Valdes, Carr, Houghton, Knapp, Johnson, Noser, Walker, Castille, Upchurch, Talley, Crowl, Shull(s) Sunker, Cross, Sexton, Leavitt, Lipham, Bryant, Vaughn, Carrette, Hupp, White, Hogue. May have missed a few.

WELCOME: To Steve Hupp, council conservationist, and to Skipper Ed Carrette from Bay Area Council Ship 45.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Meeting date corrected to 1/16/13

SAFETY: Bart requested feedback on convenient dates when boats will be ready to inspect at the various marinas. About four committee members who are also Power Squadron members have gotten certification as boat inspectors. Bart also would like to know what AVO's are qualified for which boats.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus reported that a 1973 Cal 25 in good condition is available. He also cautioned that marina relations are critical and are not being well maintained. Ships berthed at South Shore Harbor have dock box cleaning as a service project but most ships are not keeping up with their obligations. Also, trailer tires have a limited life and after four or five years are prone to failure no matter how much tread might still be left.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Cassie reported the Videography team which was present at SSA got some good footage.

SCOUT FAIR: April 13. Alan Cross stood in for Susie and urged Ships to register online. This year we are in a high visibility area with room for larger boats. The seventy-fifth anniversary of the fleet will be observed and we will have a distinctive entry.

SAIL DAZE: April 27; hopefully at HYC. Debbie Bryant of 502 is coordinating with HYC which has a busy Spring schedule. Due to its popularity and the limited number of boats available, the event will be limited to Sea Scout ships only. Please let Debbie know real soon if you plan on sailing a larger boat to HYC and if you hope to stay the night at the club. Ships can bring a limited number other Scouts as guests.

POWER SQUADRON COURSES AND OPPORTUNITIES: The Spring course schedule was sent out earlier.

SPRING BEACH CLEAN-UP: Steve Hupp urged participation in the Spring Beach Cleanup, March 23. Three locations. Enough Ships indicated an interest that there might be a return of the prizes offered in the past. (Most Trash, Weirdest, Grossest and Most Distant Point of Origin)

MARITIME YOUTH EXPO(S): Cassie handed out a flier about the annual Port of Houston youth expo at the Bayport terminal (glad they are using it for something I guess) April 5, 10:00 to 1:00.

GALVESTON SEABASE OPPORTUNITIES: Skipper Ed Carrette came up to announce that the Galveston Seabase should open next summer and Sea Scout staff was being sought for the one week sessions. Pay starts around \$250 for the week plus board. The first year will be a little on the 'primitive' side as the dorms won't be in until 2014. Skipper Carrette also let us know about an additional Jamboree opportunity for Sea Scouts; teaching small boat sailing merit badge.

“AGGIE CUP” (2013 SOUTHERN REGION KOCH CUP TRIALS): The date settled on by those present was September 28 with a backup date of October 19 at the Galveston Seabase on their FJ's. Lunch provided by me and no fee for contestants.

ROUNDTABLE: Skipper Plante talked about the history of a 22' (?) Mustang. NYLT in June, see full information pasted below. Traci Talley was presented (in absentia) with the 'Silver Plunger' award by Ship 208 for her efforts with Sea Scout Academy. Fleet Bosun Conner White requested any and all Bosuns come to the next meeting for a fleetwide quarterdeck meeting.

SCOUT EXEC'S MINUTE; It's that FOS time of year and Chris asked for facetime opportunities with all Ships for this year's FOS presentations.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: I reiterated Marcus's comment that marina relations and relationships are critical to the continued success of the program.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2109 until March 20 at 1930 hours.

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.”
Abraham Lincoln

“Children are educated by what the grown up is and not by his talk.”
Carl Jung

“Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint.”
Mark Twain

NYLT – National Youth Leadership Training

Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and Sea Scouts who meet the age and gender requirements of their program may participate in the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course this summer.

The NYLT week is filled with activities, presentations, challenges, discussions, and camping in a team and model unit environment. Participants learn and practice skills that are valuable at home, church, school, work and the Scouting unit. The course is designed for youth members 14 years of age. However, at a unit leader's discretion, they may approve a Scout at 13 years of age to attend NYLT. Since a Scout only takes this course once, we want them to get the maximum benefit from this experience; therefore, it is essential that they be able to handle the demands of this advanced course, which requires maturity, experience, and proficiency in basic camping skills.

At NYLT, a temporary training unit is formed consisting of youth from Sea Scout Ships, Venturing Crews, Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Teams across the Council. This training unit is instructed and led by a highly qualified group of youth and adult trainers. At the end of this conference the Scout returns to their home unit with advanced knowledge of leadership skills and operation. Read more at:

http://www.shac.org/training/council_training_events/youth_leadership_training

Cost for the course is \$225 with scholarships available. The course dates are:

13-1 June 9-14, 2013 (Sunday through Friday) Camp Strake

13-3 June 17-22, 2013 (Monday through Saturday) Camp Strake