

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 3/16/2016

PRESENT: Wilson, Hogue, Valdes, Gower, Mowad, Sexton, Bittner, Start, Knapp, Golman, Sunker, Mulcahey, Vaughn, Maahs, Wolford.

WELCOME: Again to Jeff Wolford of Ship 1659.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as written and a resolution to let Cassie keep doing them in the future was once again unanimously approved in her absence.

SAFETY: More boats got VSE's earlier than ever before. FOTSS will be buying one of these new "permanent" flares and giving it a test to see if it might be something issuing to local ships.

TRAINING: Powderhorn is coming up, run by Alan Cross and Susie Becvar, and they are looking for Sonar AVO's at SSBG for April 23. Also Sea Badge:

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| Who: | All a registered adult leaders |
| What: | Seabadge Course |
| When: | Friday, September 23, 2016 - Sunday, September 25, 2016 |
| Where: | Sea Scout Base Galveston |
| Why: | Trained leaders make the program better and fun for all |
| Cost: | \$180.00 |

<http://www.bacbsa.org/ssbg/events-2016/seabadge-2016>

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus cautioned all about 'dirty oil damage' to engines and to check your engine requirements carefully. The wrong oil can ruin your engine in a very short time. A Catalina 27 is available.

PROGRAM:

SAIL DAZE: Skipper Peter Cushman has been hospitalized with possible cancer and is unable to continue to chair this event. It is still on though and the Doubleknot link is: <http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/event/sail-daze-2016/1896034>. Cost is \$10. Loose ends which need to be tied up are: coordination with HYC, coordination with Shore Acres Police Department, chase boats, and initial instruction of attendees.

SCOUT FAIR: April 16. The theme is "Take Flight with Scouting," and Debbie's theme for us is "Sails Are Our Wings" and Ship 1701 offered to demonstrate Bernoulli's principle and how it works with sails. Sign up now and get a pass to park and set up early. Otherwise it will cost more.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SEA SCOUTS CHANGE OF STATUS: Skipper Ron Sunker voiced some thoughts on the change of Sea Scouting to a stand alone program and what this change means to us and our relationship with the council. For starters, Ron thought we should now get monthly member updates to help identify ships with recruitment problems and plan for events. To have a direct line of communication, we should probably have our own commissioner and Art Mowad offered to be that individual.

JAMBOREE: The biennial event is coming up next year but planning and staffing is starting now. Get with Ron if you have questions.

LATE BREAKING OPPORTUNITY: A request has come down from Keith Christopher to have Sea Scouts and Sea Scout leaders participate in a National On the Water Sailing Standards Development event which will be held at Lakewood Yacht Club April 28 to May 3. Participants will have to commit to Thursday the 28th for training as an evaluator or small boat handler and then participation in at least one other day. They will feed you. Please see attachment.

ROUNDTABLE: 1701 picked up a Laser which turned out not to be the find they hoped for. They had three scouts achieve Small Boat Handler. The Baytown Sun featured Ship 208 again and the Ship featured prominently at Scout Sunday. Marcus observed that Bluebell needs a new backstay. Two from 1659 took ASA Keel boat training.

VENTURING EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Chris Hogue is stepping in as our DE as Stephen got promoted, Clarence got transferred and Yule moved east as his spouse took a new job. Guys, we hardly knew ya. He came in at the end of the meeting and so got a recap of issues discussed that needed professional attention and response.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Be careful out there. A couple went over the Lake Houston dam in a boat last week and didn't survive.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2101 until 1930 April 20 at the Scout office.

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways which won't work" Thomas Edison

"Go as far as you can see: when you get there, you'll be able to see farther." J.P. Morgan