

## SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES/ 4/16/14

**PRESENT:** Wilson, Ready, Walker, Johnson, White, Crawl, Leavitt,, Plante, Gower, Cushman, Valdes, Houghton, Noser, Sunker, Vaughn, Hunn, Freas, Meyers, Lipham, Mowad

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** A motion to approve as written was made, seconded and unanimously accepted. Colonel Roberts would have been proud. I just went into temporary shock.

**WELCOME:** To Rob Freas and Len Meyers of Ship 468, up from Bay Area Council to let us know about this years' Safety at Sea.

**SAFETY:** Bart has his five inspections under his belt so he has passed his requirement for this year. That means you have to be nice to him if you want your boat inspected. Ships 88, 502, 208 and 93 said they had boats ready to be inspected and I thought I heard May 10 as a possible date. Not sure if Bart is free then. A discussion ensued on the uses of infrared detectors to check on bearing and tire temperatures as well as baselines for engine operation.

**BOATS AND GEAR:** A Tartan 30 was up for offer down at Palacios but the owner would not declare that the engine worked. Research by Art Mowad showed it to be an Atomic 4 which should justly discourage all but the most boat-hungry Ships.

**MARKETING AND PUBLICITY:** SHAC should have a new website up and running.

### PROGRAM:

**SAIL DAZE:** Houston Yacht Club turns out to be too busy to host us on April 26, so the event was rescheduled to May 10. Nearly everyone who could make it on the April date were OK with May. The bay might warm up a little more by then. The registration page closed but we're told it has been opened back up.

<http://samhoustonbsa.doubleknot.com/event/sail-daze/1508713>

**SAFETY AT SEA:** Skipper Rob Freas and Len Meyers of Ship 468 in the Bay Area Council were on hand to announce that this event is coming back on October 4 to Sea Scout Base Galveston. Not up on the BAC Doubleknot site, but \$20 per person will include lunch and a T shirt. I asked about overnight accommodations for Ships coming from a distance and informed that SSBG was considering this possibility.

**MINTO:** September 5-7. Boarding manual will be out soon and we had a brief discussion on rules for the Flotsam Flotilla. We're going back to cardboard and tape this year.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

**FLEET STORAGE:** We had some confusion with supplies at Scout Fair but Kevin seems to be working them out.

**SCOUT FAIR REVIEW:** A good showing by Ships in attendance but traffic seemed to be down from years past. Outside was packed though so the idea was floated of having a

few Ships outside next year. Maybe serve some Sea Scout food. Of course, rain is guaranteed.

**SEA SCHOOL:** The adult training weekend put on by the Power Squadron is tentatively set for November 1 and 2 and this year may move to Sea Scout Base Galveston. Probably around the same cost.

**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. A flier is attached.

**KODIAK COURSE:** Ship and Crew 208 will be putting on a Kodiak course at Bay Area Park off of Bay Area Boulevard April 25-27 and May 2-4.

**ROUNDTABLE:** Keels and Wheels is coming up in a few weeks. Ships with boats at LYC need to plan to help out. George can get current full size charts of Galveston Bay; some with handy scales inserted Air Force-style in convenient places for very reasonable prices. The Point Glass weekend cruise opportunity for youth with Ordinary skills is available for ships that want to take advantage of it. Mate John Maas has had a pacemaker installed so keep him in your thoughts. Ship 1996 now has its own website. ([www.sss1996.org](http://www.sss1996.org).) Eloy expressed some pride at Ship 208's showing for Scout Fair. Ship 93 plans to participate in the reenactment of the Battle of Port Jefferson May 2-4.

**VENTURING EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE:** Tony was on vacation so Kevin was filling in for him. The Venturing Summit will be August 8-10 and a number of Ships traditionally attend. The SHAC Venturing program has won a national award.

**COMMODORE'S COMMENTS:** I am enjoying working with some Sea Scouters up in the North west. They grapple with many of the same challenges which we grapple with.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** At 2101 (I was informed by our volunteer and un-appointed timekeepers that I was a minute late) until 1930, May 21, 2014 at the Scout office.

*"Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product"* - Eleanor Roosevelt

*"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it yourself."* - Ben Franklin