

## SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES - 5/15/13

PRESENT: Wilson, Valdes, Carr, Knapp, Johnson, Upchurch, Crowl, Sexton, Leavitt, Lipham, Mulcahey, Noser.

WELCOME: To any and all who could find us. The Golden Island Buffet which was listed as the meeting location in the prior minutes, was closed and shuttered. George called to inform me of this while I was on the way, and a command decision was made to move across Shepherd to the Tacqueria Arandas. They were quite accommodating and tables were re-arranged for the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: No corrections and it seems everyone got them.

SAFETY: Three CME's were performed at Sail Daze and West Marine has a sale on flares starting on the 21<sup>st</sup> so there goes the last excuse for avoiding the 2013 CME. Bart has joined the Coast Guard Auxiliary so we now have representation with the CGA as well as the Power Squadron.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Cassie has worked up a new fleet website for the Fleet which can be accessed by going to Google and typing in 'shac fleet.' It is the second link which pops up (or [sites.google.com/site/shacfleet/](http://sites.google.com/site/shacfleet/)) Right now it has calendars and a ship location map but will be expanded to have the Skipper's Manual, other resources and pictures.

TRAINING: Reminder that a Seabadge will be held at the Strake Conference Center, November 15-17. Registration is open and these courses have a history of filling up rapidly as the date approaches.

Columbus Day weekend, October 12-14 was proposed as an adult training weekend, with Power Squadron courses tailored for the audience and time available. An interest survey put together by Chris Leavitt is attached. Chris also let us know the Power Squadron's list of fall classes was out.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus reminded all of the donation offer of a Gloucester 22 which was passed onto us by TW Cook. Ship 208 expressed an interest.

MINTO RENDEZVOUS: September 6-8. Boarding Manual is on the new google site.

DOLPHIN MONITORING: Reports of sightings have already been submitted including a pod of around 15+ individuals (more like a herd) sighted from *Envie* barely past marker 2. Kristi sent a survey (see attached .pdf) she would like to get responses to.

MARITIME CAREER CONSULTANT DATABASE: I and others have acquaintances, neighbors and friends who have professions in the maritime field and some of these positions are both unusual and interesting. We had an active discussion on how to list and make these folks into a resource which could inform youth about the large variety of challenging and interesting career opportunities available in this field. Chris Skeen (who is presently in Rotterdam and whose own career has morphed in ways he could not have predicted) was suggested as a resource to gather this information as well as Robert Dembo and Charles and Rosemary Doolin.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OPPORTUNITIES: Steve Upchurch emailed on a chance for special needs Scouts to get involved in competitive sailing . Email text as follows:

About 2 months ago, the question was asked about how our Sea Scouts could help or support Special Olympics. Here is another idea.....

I have recently learned that there is a Special Olympics sailing team in the Kemah area that sails out of HYC and has been supported for 10 years by HYC ... using the HYC Flying Scots. Read the email below.

I know that some of our ships have special needs Sea Scouts .... like Noah Volkmann now in 1659.

Could you poll our ships to find out if any of them have two or more special needs Sea Scouts who qualify for Special Olympics competition (at least a little mental retardation) and who would be interested in learning to compete with the Space Center Rockets' team?

The ships in Baytown and Kemah areas would be conveniently located.

This seems to be something that would be a natural fit for Sea Scouts.

YISS

Steve Upchurch

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**Sent:** Tue, May 21, 2013 8:47:18 AM

**Subject:** RE: Sailing SO

Steve

Our sailing team is part of the Space Center Rockets SO delegation.

See [www.spacecenterrockets.com](http://www.spacecenterrockets.com) We do sailing and kayaking out of Houston Yacht Club. The club has supported us for 10 years using their club owned Flying Scots.

We have 5 basic lessons that beginning sailors go thru. After that all the practices are racing. We have HYC members who come and help launch and recover the boats (we crane launch) along with the athletes and families. We have Unified Partners (some friends and family some HYC members) who sail with the athletes. We have HYC members who come out on a safety boat, sometimes my Mako or another member boat sometimes a HYC owned boat).

Practices are a couple of times a month on Fri eve 5:30 pm to darkish. We will practice 8 to 10 times and have a regatta. We compete against the Duncanville team who is supported by Corinthian Sailing Club on White Rock Lake in Dallas. The regatta is here this year in Sep., but we alternate as host.

We always can use safety boats and drivers, boat repair and maintenance help and Unified Partners.

We put 2 athletes in a Scot with a Partner. Positions depend on the skills of the athletes. In Level 3, we have crews at this level, the athletes do all the sailing and the Partner is a safety officer.

We could use another local team to compete against.

I hope this is good background for you.

Regards

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ROUNDTABLE: Marcus related how the towing insurance policy he looked into was written by people who know nothing about towing. Richard Lipham said Stephen Behrmann's Quartermaster Sail went smoothly, but the trip back from Sail Daze was a 'nick 'o time' experience when *Envie* and *Defiant* made it back to the slip just before it started to pour. Mike Mulcahey updated us on '*My Escape*.' (The return of an Atomic 4 ) Ship 502 will miss the scheduled November 2 Bridge of Honor as Felicity Houghton has scheduled her wedding for that day. For history buffs and fans of boring prose, past Fleet meeting minutes will soon be posted on the website. Allie Taylor's QM BOR was held last week and she did well. George is slogging through the Power Squadron exams. Eloy noted that the Astros won a game, and Ship 208 helped out with a sizable Raingutter Regatta. Ship 93 will be starting up at a neighboring Methodist church.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Thanks via the minutes to Debbie Bryant and all who helped make Sail Daze a success. Best lunch ever! Also, Zach Tuten of Ship 911 up in the Capital Area Council has been named 2013 Southern Region Bosun. Congratulations to Zach and his outstanding parents!

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2055 until June 19 at the Scout office. **Reminder to bring your Bosuns for the Bosun's meeting**

“A well adjusted person is one who makes the same mistake twice without getting nervous.”  
Alexander Hamilton

“Man does not control his own fate. The women in his life do that for him.”  
Groucho Marx