

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 6/15/16

PRESENT: Wilson, Hogue, Cushman, Valdez, Saunders, Houghton, Johnson, Noser, Walker, Crowl, Leavitt, Reynolds, Knapp, Hildenbrand, Wolford, Golmon, Mowad, McKee, Vaughn,

WELCOME: To Phyllis Hildenbrand, new committee chair of Ship 208, who Eloy is hoping will step into his shoes.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Richard Lipham did a fine, fine job and his minutes were approved without corrections or additions. He is welcome to do them again anytime.

SAFETY: Bart bought one of the new electronic flares and said it seemed to work pretty well. Stays lit for over eight hours on batteries instead of less than a minute.

TRAINING: Sea Badge, September 23-25 at Sea Scout Base Galveston, still has some open slots. <http://www.bacbsa.org/ssbg/events-2016/seabadge-2016/59199>. Also Cassie and George are about to complete the Beta version of a new Sea Scout course designed to get new Skippers up to speed to teach Apprentice and Ordinary skills and advancement.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Cassie and 502's boatswain were on Good Morning Houston that morning making a good impression for Sea Scouts across Houston.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus couldn't make it but Chris Leavitt alerted us to recent Coast Guard recalls for Safelink EPIRBs and a make of flat bottomed fishing boats which are prone to flip in a turn when going over 25 knots.

PROGRAM:

SAFETY AT SEA: November 5 at Coast Guard Base Galveston. <http://www.bacbsa.org/ssbg/weekend-programs-2016/safety-at-sea-2016/59196> for information and registration. The Galveston Boat club may be available for overnight stays for out-of-area Ships. This has been a very popular event for the youth.

MINTO RENDEZVOUS: September 9-11 at Lost Pines Scout Camp. http://www.bsacac.org/activities/for_sea_scouts/minto_rendezvous. Registration is not open yet.

FALL REGATTA: There was a suggestion we drop this event for this year because of a pretty full late summer and fall schedule already, Jeff Wolford of Ship 1659 said he would research to see if a non-conflicting date could be found which might be acceptable to those Ships which are inclined to participate.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SOUTHERN REGION YOUTH QUARTERDECK: T.W. Cook has taken on the position of Southern Region Commodore with fresh ideas and a determination to promote Sea Scouting in all areas of the Southern Region. He put out a first edition of a newsletter titled "The Gulf Stream" which can be viewed on this link: <http://seascout.org/download/gulf-stream-june-16-edition/> He is recruiting adults and youth for

Southern Region quarterdeck positions and looking for people willing to put in time and effort for the program.

THE TEXAS 200 BOAT RACE: TW also entered the Texas 200 Boat Race; a week long trip up the Laguna Madre from Port Isabel to Corpus Christi on small and decidedly unseaworthy boats undertaken by sailors who have been out in the sun for too long. TW's choice of boat let him down though and he had to drop out on the first leg. For a look at this event and the boats and sailors who take it on, check out the pictures on this website: <http://www.texas200.com/> Look at the photos of past races.

HORNADAY AWARD: Chris Leavitt passed around a current matrix of the available Hornaday awards which can be earned by the individual, a unit or an organization.

DICKENSON BAYOU RESTORATION PROJECT: Pursuant to the Hornaday awards, Chris segued smoothly into a project opportunity which could help garner awards for youth and units across the board. The TCEQ is funding a project to restore a portion of the Dickenson Bayou watershed by harvesting marsh grass (*Spartina Altiflora* for those in the know) from the NRG Cedar Bayou plant in Baytown sometime in August and replanting it in newly bermed areas on Dickenson Bayou in March sometime. This is being headed up by Luanne Novak, Admin Officer of the Houston Power Squadron at rinovak@sbcglobal.net. Counts as service for the JTE also.

LATE BREAKING NEWS: George send the missive below from Skipper Robin Shaw of Ship 45 in Galveston letting us know about current Elissa opportunities.

Attached is the 2016-17 Elissa Youth Crew flyer. This is great program that gives youth the opportunity to learn and sail aboard the Tall Ship Elissa. Please share with your youth and any other youth that may be interested.

While it is a big investment in time, the experience is well worth it. The first meeting is an information meeting and if Scouts and parents are curious it will answer their questions with no \$\$ involved. At \$50 (includes T-Shirt and Polo Shirt) you can't beat the deal. Scouts can be dropped off, but adults are welcome to attend as well.

If adults are interested in the Adult Crew, see: <http://www.galvestonhistory.org/attractions/maritime-heritage/seamanship-training-on-board-the-1877-tall-ship-elissa>

George and Richard can you share at SHAC fleet meeting?

Eric, You might want to share this with Community Sailing and REACH peeps?

Robin

ROUNDTABLE: Phyllis of Ship 208 recently got her first taste of Sea Scouting by going on her first mini-cruise. Ships 1996 and 846 did their Spring long cruise together at the Galveston Boat Club and they had a great time. A few youth who ignored suggestions that they put on some sunscreen, paid the price.

Ship 846 did their Summer Long cruise at Moody Gardens. On July 11, George Crowl will hand over the helm of Ship 1996 to Chris Leavitt. Greg Knapp re-upped in the Coast Guard and will be going from Kodiak AK to Kuai Hawaii. Rough duty.

VENTURING EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Molly did an in-person introduction and was welcomed by the committee.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Another cautionary tale last week as a young fisherman attempted to cross a narrow channel with his waders on but no PFD down in West Galveston bay. I witnessed the family making arrangements at Crowder Funeral home in Pearland.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2038 until 1930 July 20 at the Scout office.

“Opportunity may knock only once, but temptation leans on the doorbell.” Anon.

“Necessity is the author of change.” - Tim Hansel