

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES 10/15/2014

PRESENT: Wilson, Welch, Mulcahey, Sunker, Valdes, Noser, Gower, Hunn, Crawl, Leavitt, Lipham, McKee, Johnson, Houghton, Walker, Knapp, Mowad, Carr, Thrash, Start.

WELCOME: To Gordon Start, mate and Committee Chair of new Ship 1701.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Approved as written.

SAFETY: Bart did a walk-thru at South Shore Harbor and reported that at this late date in the year there were **no** (as in "not a single one") Scout boats which have had a 2014 VSE. I think the guilty Ships here are 1659, 88, and 24.

TRAINING: Four SSALBT modules are now online and the rest are soon coming. The Sea Scout Pocket Reference has been translated into an app for Android and I phone and will soon be available for free. This is the first volunteer generated app ever approved by the BSA. Cassie encouraged all to update their training records to avoid recharter hiccups.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Will Braswell, a Capital Area Council Sea Scouter who attended the last Sea Badge, has revised the SHAC Sea Scout website as part of his Rutter. Good job too.

BOATS AND GEAR: Marcus was not able to make it to the meeting but sent out the following list of Ships needing bottom jobs in the coming year. He is our contact with Interlux paints. Please ask that this list be confirmed as complete.

1996	30Catalina
777	25Ericson
777	25Hunter
777	25San Juan
777	34CAL
1659	27Catalina
1659	27Ericson
1659	30Cal

If Marcus does not hear from any more Ships pronto he is going forward with this list.

PROGRAM:

SAFETY AT SEA: Now set for November 8, with a cost of \$20 to included lunch and T Shirt. <http://www.bacbsa.org/sea-scout-base/-events-2014/safety-at-sea-2014/56373>. I registered and had some problems with their Double Knot. Big surprise.

FALL REGATTA: Came off well with great weather, and somewhat light winds. Ship 93 took first place

and the Commodore's Bowl and Ship 1659 took second and went home with the "Wilson" Trophy.

OTHER BUSINESS:

SEA SCHOOL: Set for November 1 and 2 and back at Lakewood Yacht Club with accommodations set for the nearby LaQuinta (around \$104 per person at double occupancy.)
Visit the Houston Power Squadron's website to register. Cut off was Oct. 24th.

ADULT SAIL AND PLANNING MEETING: a sail around the mid-bay depository and dinner at Mario's on NASA Rd. 1. We will talk this over at the October meeting.

NATIONAL REPORT: Cassie and Ron were in Irving for most of the meetings and had updates on the most critical elements. Sea Scout eligibility requirements may soon be revised to age 13 and completed the seventh grade. A Sea Scout marksmanship program has been created with three rankings requiring increasing proficiency with rifle, pistol or shotgun. Cub Scout requirements will be changing to add some emphasis on swimming and boating. Some Ships up in the North East have had recruitment success with hosting Merit Badges Afloat. Chris Leavitt took that concept back to his Power Squadron and came up with a program proposal. The Power Squadron now has a Boating Simulator which they are open letting Scouts use and Chris is proposing a joint Sea Scout/Power Squadron committee to implement the program.

HARVEST MOON: Ship 468's Gremlin took first place in their division again. Adult crew were Rob Freas, Andrew Houghton, George Crowl and Len Myers. I think there were also four or five SEAL graduates along. The Point Glass accompanied the fleet as usual and had a crew of inland Sea Scouts aboard.

VENTURING FORUM: Happened on Tuesday Oct. 21st. Did not get a report.

ROUNDTABLE: Ship 777 held an Open House Sail on Lake Woodlands and had a Girl Scout Troop along. Ship 846 is "rockin' along." Ship 1996 picked up a donation of a chart plotter and a radar. Skipper Houghton let us know that Cork's mast is back up (finally.) My Escape's escape is waiting on an engine install. We'll see. Skipper Freas said he had negotiated better pricing from West Marine. He also let us know that Skipper Roy Newberry is gravely ill with cancer and may not have much time left. New Skipper Gordon Thrash reported that they had a kick-off meeting and thanked others for help with boat set-ups. Ship 93 is looking for Nacra 15.2 dagger boards. Skipper Lipham offered to help make some.

EXECUTIVE'S MINUTE: Mary reminded us that recharterers and training updates are due soon and there is not a "grace period" this year.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: I hoped that there might be more opportunities for SHAC youth to participate in events like the Harvest Moon; either as crew for racers or on the Point Glass.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2116 until 1930, November 19 at the council office.

“Experience is a good teacher but she sends terrific bills.” Minna Antrim

“They are ill discoverers that think there is no land when they can see nothing but sea.”
Francis Bacon

“Suppose you were an idiot and suppose you were a member of Congress: But I repeat myself” - Mark Twain.