

SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES - 6/19/13

PRESENT: Wilson, Ready, Valdes, Johnson, Upchurch, Sexton, Mulcahey, Hunn, Plante, Noser, Leavitt White (Mike and Connor), Castille.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: No corrections but the notice to bring bosuns to this meeting was printed in a **large, bold font** in the last minutes AND ONLY CONNOR WHITE was here, which gives me doubts as to whether they were read.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: We opened with the new website projected onto a large screen in the room. Cassie walked us through the topics presented and in turn got a fair number of suggestions for additions and tweaks. A section on advancement put together by George Crowl is a good tool and resource for any Skippers and Mates concerned with advancement. Event boarding manuals and registration links are easy to access. This project obviously took a lot of work. Our thanks to Cassie and all contributors.

SAFETY: Bart was off tending to family matters but wanted CME's to be a topic; i.e. any boat lacking a 2013 sticker should not be leaving the dock with youth aboard. With qualified inspectors sitting at this table who will bend over backwards to get your boats inspected, there is no reason all in-the-water boats should not have a current sticker. Next years' goal is to have all these inspections done by February.

TRAINING: Seabadge, Strake Conference Center, November 15-17. Enough registrations are already in to make a crew or two.

Adult Training Weekend, Columbus Day weekend, October 12-14, Of the surveys received so far, this is the result:

- Boat Handling Under Power
- Basic Coastal Navigation
- Basic Weather and Forecasting
- Anchoring
- Emergencies Onboard
- Sail Trim and Rig Tuning

Of the Advanced Classes only sailing received much interest. The world was evenly split on any OTW activity Power/Sail Favorite target cost was \$150.

The survey form is attached again for any who would like to amend these findings. While most were OK with camping or staying on boats, running this out of one of the many local hotels close to the marinas with meeting rooms might be a good option to look at also.

The Power Squadron Summer/Fall Training Session is shaping up as follows:

ABC3/TPWD classes – All classes are at the Bellaire USPS building:

Jul 20, 2013
Aug 16, 2013
Sep 21, 2013
Oct 19, 2013
Nov 16, 2013

Fall classes are scheduled to be:
Seamanship
Piloting
Advanced Piloting
Navigation
Marine Electrical Systems
Marine Diesel Engine Maintenance
Sail

As dates firm up, they'll be published.

BOATS AND GEAR: An Alden 36, circa 1965 with working engine and in pretty good shape is being offered. Aldens are solid, ocean-worthy boats, but not much space below. Contact Marcus Sexton if you are interested. Latest report is that Ship 1659 might want to take it on.

MINTO RENDEZVOUS: September 6-8. Boarding Manual is on the new google site. Some of North Texas has already signed up I hear.

GALVESTON SEA SCOUT BASE OPPORTUNITIES: For accomplished youth who can teach sailing, future staff are being considered now.

ROUNDTABLE: Steve Upchurch's 1000 letter mail-out did not garner much results. It was brought up that it usually takes three to four introduction-to-the-program personal contacts to get a youth to consider that this might be for them. Kevin Plante brought us up to date on the startup of Ship 93 and the progress of Ship 208. He is looking for small boat parts; specifically for Lasers and Sunfish. Mike Mulcahey let us know that Ship 8 had a 4 cylinder 38 HP Westerbeke diesel they were willing to part with. There was a general discussion of the recent BSA policy change with some concerns about how to respond to berthing arrangements, and other issues.

EXECUTIVE MINUTE. Kevin said the council was considering these questions and issues and intended to release a detailed policy and procedure statement prior to the January 2014 change. We both reiterated that the BSA is non-sexual organization. It ain't supposed to happen here in any way shape or fashion. Any youth who makes an overt issue over sexuality of any sort will be asked to leave.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: Let's get those CME's behind us. SHAC fleet ensigns were available.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2055 until July 17 at the Scout office. **The next bosuns' meeting will be August 21.**

"Separately there was only wind, water, sail and hull, but at my hand, the four had been given purpose and direction." - Lowell Thomas

"If 'pro' is the opposite of 'con', what is the opposite of 'progress'?" - Paul Harvey

"Anger and intolerance are the enemies of correct understanding." – Mahatma Gandhi