

## USPS Sea School November 1 & 2, 2014

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Again this year Sea Scouts and Power Squadrons are teaming to provide a weekend of Boat Operator's training to Sea Scout Leaders at Lakewood Yacht Club and neighboring waters. Seminars and OTW activities will require at least two students to be taught; in other words if only one person signs up for a seminar or activities, we don't have the resources to do a class for just one person. As was the case last year, each student will receive a certificate indicating what they completed.

### **Available classroom Seminars:**

Using VHF and VHF/DSC Radio  
How to Use a Chart  
Fuel and Boating  
Anchoring  
Marine Radar  
Knots, Bends and Hitches  
Basic Coastal Navigation  
Basic Weather and Forecasting

Boat Handling Under Power  
Advanced Powerboat Handling  
Boating on Rivers, Locks and Lakes  
Paddle Smart  
Trailer Your Boat  
Using GPS  
Emergencies on Board  
Use of Fire Extinguishers - a skill event

### **On the Water Activities:**

OTW Power Boat Operation – Introduction to Power Boat Operation.  
OTW Chase Boat Operation – Use of a Chase boat to fulfill Safety Afloat requirements. NEW!!!  
OTW Piloting Skills Practice – Use Piloting Skills to locate yourself NEW!!!  
OTW Basic Powerboat Handling, IN – Boat Operator Certification Program. (USPS Members).

### **Registration:**

Register for the event at [WWW.USPSHOUSTON.ORG/](http://WWW.USPSHOUSTON.ORG/) and follow the directions on that page. Payment is via PayPal, as it was last year.

Tuition	-	\$80.00
Lunch (both days)	-	\$7.50

According to paragraph 1 of the Sea Scouts/USPS MOA, Squadrons will set the prices for classes and materials. For Sea School, the price is a bulk rate; while the seminar price is \$10 each.

### **Accommodations:**

Attendees will need to make their own arrangements. A special rate of \$208.26 for the weekend has been negotiated with the Seabrook La Quinta. Rooms are double occupancy, so bring a friend and share the cost. Breakfast is included. The appropriate access code is something like "US Power Squadron – Sea School".

La Quinta – Seabrook, Texas  
281-326-7300  
Contact - Sherice

Reservations should be for Friday night, October 31 and Saturday night, November 1. Sunday everyone goes home.

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### **Meals:**

Breakfast – on your own. Coffee and Punch will be available in the Class area by 0730.

Classes will start promptly at 0800.

Lunch – provided by the program. Soup, Sandwiches and other neat stuff (the Galveston Bay Squadron is taking the lead in this, it ought to be great!!).

Saturday Dinner – Dinner is on your own, with your friends or other Scouters.

### **General Information:**

This year's program will be guided by the USPS Inland Navigator program; this program conforms to the needs of Sea Scout Leaders, and provides a well-rounded education in boating. By itself, this event is not sufficient for certification as an Inland Navigator. Information concerning that program will be available and adults interested in earning this certification should contact their local squadron for more information.

Due to budget issues, there are no funds for Scholarships.

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