

Sam Houston Area Sea Scouts 2014 Goals

PROGRAM

Successfully hold and run our scheduled events:

- SSA January 18-20
- Scout Fair April 12
- Sail Daze April 26
- Minto September 12-15
- Fall Regatta October 18

MARKETING / PUBLICITY

- Divide marketing efforts and responsibilities up between the four divisions in SHAC.
- Sea Scout Committee (& Sea Scout community) serves as a visible contact point and resource for information on unit formation, training opportunities, and physical and human resources via web site, email, and personal presence.
- Encourage and facilitate Sea Scout participation (SHAC) in Report to State and a continued National presence.
- SHAC 100 Year anniversary. Five events/service opportunities.

TRAINING

- Support the training of Sea Scout adult leaders – Spread training responsibilities among the four divisions and have more trainers for SSALBT.
- Encourage youth attendance at SEAL (target 6 per year, goal 12 per year).
- Support/offer Sea Badge Underway at least once in 2014.
- Sponsor Council level youth nautical training on going with the Power Squadron courses or other local resources.
- Seek to increase adoption of US Power Squadron and US Coast Guard Auxiliary training in Sea Scout units.
- Coordinate with the Power Squadron for a Columbus Day weekend nautical skills training weekend for adults.

BOATS & GEAR

- Facilitate annual vessel safety checks for all applicable boats.
- Coordinate potential boat donations (including recycled from other ships) and forward to the ships with greatest need - seaworthy boats for every ship that needs them.
- Increase Slippage opportunities.

GROWTH

- Maintain active ships with continuing support in boats and gear, training and program.
- Support the formation and start-up of new units with training, encouragement, camaraderie, "buddy" ships.
- Retention is strategic; recruiting and forming units mean nothing if we can't keep them alive - support the success and growth of existing ships.
- Provide Sea Scout specific training to Commissioners and DEs.
- Minimize barriers to recruiting in Scout troops.
- Increase available slippage for new and needy ships

COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

- Establish and maintain communications and collaboration with other Councils and with compatible organizations, such as the U.S. Power Squadron, Coast Guard Auxiliary, LCRA, TPWD, US Sail, FOTSS
- Work to develop a liaison relationship with these organizations at the council level in addition to specific relationships from ships.
- Ensure that Sea Scouting is represented in the Council's Strategic Plan.
- Recruit and train competent Sea Scout youth to work the opening of the Galveston Sea Base.
- Fill all Council level positions with active Sea Scouters.
- Conduct an annual long-term planning meeting in November.
- Develop a longer range plan for Sea Scouts (~5 years)