

## SHAC SEA SCOUT FLEET MEETING MINUTES - 12/19/12

PRESENT: Wilson, Plante, Valdes, Carr, Houghton, Knapp, Johnson, Noser, Upchurch, Talley, Crowl, Mulcahey, Shull(s) Sunker, Skeen, Gower, Becvar, Sexton, Talley(s) Leavitt, Hogue

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: No comments or corrections

TRAINING: Seabadge, November 15-17 at Strake Conference Center. Registration is now open.

SAFETY: Bart will be scheduling the 2013 VSE's for the various locations.

BOATS AND GEAR: It's raining boats lately. Unfortunately, it is not also raining slips. Two Hunters have come in and Ships 8 and 502 have taken them on. Just the other day a Cal 25 in pretty good condition has become available. Marcus has details and pictures if you are interested.

MARKETING AND PUBLICITY: Adam Tunks, former Skipper of Ship 1000 in north Texas will be in an upcoming article in Scouting.

SEA SCOUT ACADEMY: January 19-21. Thanks in no small part to some really nice weather, but also thanks to Cassie, Traci, Bryan and the concerted effort on the part of all contributing adults the event went smoothly even though we were busting at the seams. This year we had to limit attendance to Texas ships only (Georgia and Alabama put on a coordinated effort for 60 in Mobile bay) and we still had over 240 folks using a base camp with a capacity of 142. The event has attracted the attention of BSA national which sent down a video team to document the weekend as part of a promotional video for Sea Scouting. There have been lots of good suggestions that have come in about how to respond to the exponential demand for an event which seems to have evolved into the primary catalyst for the growth of Sea Scouting in this corner of the Southern Region.

SCOUT FAIR: April 13. New directional banners should help even the most directionally confused find us along with an up-front location. Susie Becvar is on point on this one so please copy her with your reservations.

UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING: February 9. There were a number of questions about what might be offered in the area of Sea Scouting and who might be teaching which were re-directed to the event chair.

2012 FLEET FLAGSHIP: Reminder that applications and submittals are due by January 31. Bridgette Talley with crew presented Ship 1659's fine looking submittal which set the bar for any followers at the close of the meeting.

2013 JAMBOREE: This will be the first Jamboree at the new location and Sea Scouting will be featured at both waterfront and display locations. Spots are still open for youth (16 and over) and adults. Contact Ron Sunker.

FLEET CHAPLAIN: Cassie proposed that we have a Fleet Chaplain (or chaplain's aide) to organize and lead spiritual observances at events such as Minto and SSA. Council's feedback and ideas on the position were requested.

BOSUN ATTENDANCE: Youth from Ship 8 and 1659 were present and a question was raised about youth attendance at the monthly meeting. The policy has always been 'yes' and should they have a quorum with the fleet bosun there, there would be a separate meeting to coordinate Ship participation and consensus input.

ROUNDTABLE: NYLT in June, Tony Shull will be putting on a BSA lifeguard course in Spring, age 15 minimum. Chris Leavitt handed out notice of the Houston Power Squadron change of watch on Feb. 3.

SCOUT EXEC'S MINUTE; Chris praised Ship 208's color guard at the last Key Leaders Conference, mentioned the Venturing Rendezvous, informed us that the scrap boatyard created by former Skipper Steffen was almost gone (at no small cost to the council) and hoped that 21 ships would make it to Scout Fair.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS: I presented Skipper Bart Knapp a half model of a Kittiwake, one of his favorite boats, in gratitude for his service on the Safety and Boats and Gear Committees along with hosting a number of Spring Regattas.

MEETING ADJOURNED: At 2102 until February 20 at 1930 hours.

“Success consists of going from failure to failure without a loss of enthusiasm.  
Winston Churchill

“Go to heaven for the climate; to hell for the company.” Mark Twain