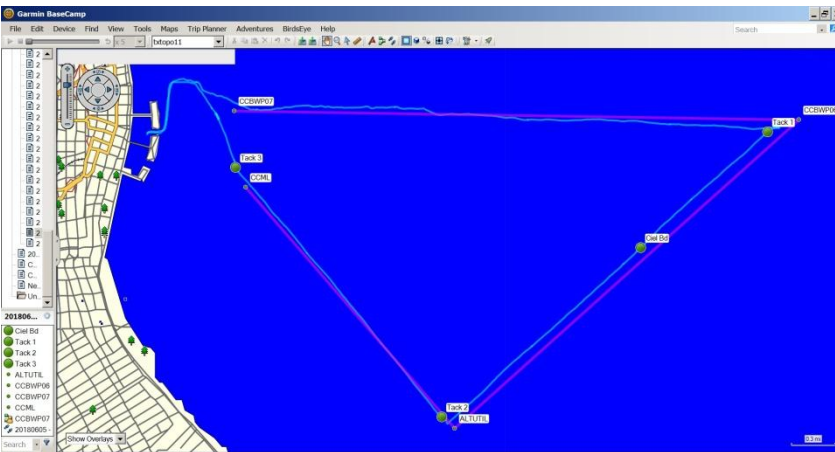


Sea Scout Ship 681 - Old Ironsides

June 28, 2018

The month of June has been pretty active. Our first and biggest activity was our annual Long Cruise (like a Boy Scout week long summer camp). Through our relationship with Harry Polly and one of his students, we gained access to *Inevitable* - a 34' Catalina in Corpus Christi. Five of our Scouts and 4 adults spent the time sailing, lounging and fishing. The first couple of days on the bay were pretty choppy with winds close to 25 knots. The third day was our best and was only half a day due to our schedule. We



successfully completed a 10 mile - three-legged pre-qualified route (gotta avoid those oil platforms and spill areas) that was then executed by Dead Reckoning navigation. Using speed/distance/time calculations and depending on the developing skill of a rookie helmsman in fairly choppy waters - we came within 1,100 feet of the first waypoint. The second waypoint was made within 300 yards !

We finished off the cruise by enjoying a movie night watching *Adrift* !



Also in June we took 2 Boy Scout troops on recruiting sails (one as a prep sail for their attendance at Florida Sea Base as none had ever been on a sailboat. The second was a "Mom's" recruiting sail in conjunction with their sons being taught Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge by one of our Ships youth. Feedback was great from all participants. Hopefully we will pick up a few new members as a result.



We had a small crew come out for last weeks *Moonburn* and thoroughly enjoyed the race. Especially the challenge of a night-time event. Early on we had a little excitement and got to perform a "MacGyver maneuver" when the Genoa tack shackle broke 10 minutes before the race !! We are ALL looking forward to the next one. We hope to have our spinnaker crew available for that one.

We will finish the month off this weekend with another day of recruiting sails for that troop going to Sea Base.

- Chris Schuttger - Skipper - SSS 681 - Old Ironsides