

Sea Scout Ship 681 - Old Ironsides

October 25, 2018

So, like everyone else, half of October is being taken over by an overfull lake. However, the blessing is that once it drains out we will have a winter, spring and at least most of the summer of 2019 will a full lake to sail one !!! At least three Sea Scout Ship 681 adults made it out to help with evacuating the dry-docks, club house and offices.

Two training events were held for Sea Scouts Council wide. Introduction to Leadership for Sea Scouts (ILSS) and Sea Scout Adult Leader Basic Training (SSALBT) were held October 11th. ILSS is an entry level leadership course for young Sea Scouts. They learn basics of communications, organization operation, planning, event management and more. This prepares youth ages 13-15 to take on leadership responsibilities in the Ship such as Bosun, Purser, Yeoman, etc. SSALBT is an introduction to new adult leaders in the history, customs, Ship operation and purpose of Sea Scouts as a youth program and how adult leaders enable the youth leaders to operate the Ship.

The day before this months AYC Board Meeting (and too late to make it in this update) will be our annual Bridge of Honor. This is an event where all Ships in the 10 county Capitol Area Council come together to recognize rank advancement and achievement awards. High on the list this year (as reported last month) is our own Trey Guilhas who completed his Quartermaster rank in September. Ship member Mason Nelson will be recognized for his achievement of Eagle Scout in his Boy Scout Troop. We expect to see more of him in our Ship going forward now that this goal as been attained.

Earlier today, Reagan Schuttger (one of our seasoned youth members) left the Galveston Pleasure Pier behind - headed to Port Aransas in the annual Harvest Moon Regatta. Sea Scout Ship 468 sails *Sirly*, a Kalick 44' out of Lakewood Yacht Club. Skipper Robert Freas is an avid sail/racing enthusiast and invites all "mature" Sea Scouts to participate in year round Galveston Bay and Gulf based regatta's.

On Sunday October 28th, Skipper Schuttger and Mate Rick Allen will serve on the "return to port" team sailing *Sirly* back to Lakewood Yacht Club. Results of the race will be reported next month. Skipper Sirly always

- Chris Schuttger - Skipper - SSS 681 - Old Ironsides

