

# Sea Scout Ship 681

## August 2019

August means heat - heat means we need water! We didn't get in it as much as on it this month. The first weekend of August we sponsored our annual Not and Ordinary Weekend (NOW). A play on words of the second rank in Sea Scouts - Ordinary. We held a one day requirements clinic and then went sailing! We held three classes in the morning - Sunfish rigging, Knots and Radio communications. Most of AYC knows all about Sunfish - nothing new there. But did you know that the Ordinary Sea Scout requires the



free to challenge ANY Ordinary Sea Scout you see around AYC to tie one of these. Tell them I sent you 😊

Aside from this training day we were out sailing on the 2nd, 3rd, 11th and 19th. Although I don't know if I would call our S-L-O-W then retire participation at Moonburn a sail 😊 - At least we had a great time and the wind DID pick up after we rounded # 7. We just sailed around for an hour after that and enjoyed the moonlight !!



knowledge of sixteen knots !?! They must also know the purpose and use of each of these knots. The next time you need an overhand, square, figure eight, bowline, two half hitches, clove hitch, sheet bend, and cleat hitch, stevedore's knot, French (double) bowline, bowline on a bight, timber hitch, rolling hitch, marline hitch, trucker's hitch, or midshipman's (taut-line) hitch tied ... Find an Ordinary Sea Scout and ask them to tie it for you. Feel





Next month we go to the annual Sea Scout Rendezvous in Navasota, Texas. It's an all day competition of Sea Scout skills. Blind man canoe races, blind man sunfish rigging, navigation, first aid, Rules of the Road - including day shapes and light configurations. The Scouts favorite is the light configuration for a mine sweeper !!  
HINT: Colreg Rule 27.

On the business side .. last month we turned in our Fall Semester roster. At present we have 29 Youth and 34 Adults registered with our Ship. Of course we rarely see more than 6-8 at any one time. There are 2 or 3 more who might join in the next month. Regarding the updated AYC-RHCC MOU, I got feedback that the RHCC Board has concerns about Section 5 - Indemnity clause. I have submitted a suggested addition to that clause to the Moderator (their Board Chairman) for consideration and in the language referencing the BSA insurance provisions in the BSA Charter issued to the Church. As soon as I get some feedback from him I will start a 3-way conversation with the Membership Committee Chair and get this ironed out.

- Chris Schuttger - Skipper - SSS 681 - Old Ironsides

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