

Sea Scout Ship 681 - Old Ironsides October 26, 2017

As we reported last month we un-stepped the mast on our 24' S2 to perform several repairs and improvements. Throughout the end of September and October we replaced tabs on the Windex vane, installed spreader anti-chafe boots and wheels, cleaned the in-mast wiring, replaced the light fixtures, replaced bulbs with LED's, re-reeved our Jib halyard through the mast, added a spreader flag halyard, replaced the spinnaker pole up-haul line, applied silicon spray to the sail track, cleaned the mast step and chain-plate covers and re-bedded them all with fresh butyl tape. Whew .. LOTS of learning about boat maintenance.

On Friday/Saturday the 13th & 14th we re-stepped the mast, re-attached all stays and shrouds and headed out for a full Saturday of sailing !! Many thanks to all those who passed by or called with advice on what we were doing. The 2x6 A-Frame derrick we built was a sweet deal to lower and raise the mast. It is modular and we will store it in our shed. If anyone ever needs to borrow a 20' derrick you are welcome to it !

This weekend we have a trip planned to the Galveston Coast Guard station for their annual Safety @ Sea exposition. A whole day watching and participating in safety lessons providing hands on experience for the Scouts.

Thanks again for all your support to our Ship !!

- Chris Schuttger - Skipper - SSS 681 - Old Ironsides