

MINUTES  
Ship 25 Quarterdeck Meeting  
11 August 2003  
Garrod Hydraulics, Manchester, PA

The regular monthly Ship 25 August Quarterdeck Meeting (postponed one week from August 4 due to the Flag Ceremony at Tuckahoe that date) was convened at 1900 hours on Monday, 11 August 2003, at Garrod Hydraulics in Manchester, PA. After some delay due to figuring out the combination to the building door, the meeting actually got underway at 1920 hours.

The skipper welcomed those present.

In the absence of the Boatswain's Mate (at German language camp), the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the absence of the Yeoman, attendance was recorded as follows:

Skipper Kain  
Boatswain Leah  
Purser Amanda  
Storekeeper Isaiah  
Specialist Matt  
Specialist Drew

Guests: Cody and Carl.

Other adults present: Mate Chip Diamond, Mate CJ Diamond, and Treasurer Wagner (briefly)

The former Yeoman advised that there were no minutes of the past meeting to read as she had destroyed all prior minutes at the end of her term of office. The skipper spoke about the importance of keeping permanent records of the organization and noted that minutes of The York Water Company are available back to 1816.

The Purser and the Ship's Treasurer advised that no financial report was available and the bank balance could only be approximated in the absence of the Ship's checkbook. Skipper will conduct a search for the checkbook.

The skipper noted that we need to get the finances sorted out ASAP since he had recently placed an order in the amount of \$211.42, order #1248071, with BSA Supply for bugs, rank patches, and office patches. He deferred ordering Standard Sea Scout Ship patches because of uncertainty as to whether they could be afforded by the ship at this time. He also noted that there are still reimbursements of about \$500 owed to Skipper and about \$160 to Mrs. Brenneman. If we are to place a shirt order and/or a hat order, we will need to collect the costs up front as there is no working balance in the treasury.

The Purser reported she had made no progress in collecting past due amounts owed the Ship. Skipper stated he would refuse to take anyone on future events who had unpaid monies owing to the Ship.

Under Old Business, Skipper noted that for events in general, the Ship needs to pay better attention to lead time / approval / publicity / permission slips / tour permits / Ark cleanup / reports / and follow up after the event.

The date for the Quarterdeck Training Weekend was confirmed as 5-7 September 2003 at John Paul Jones Cabin. Each Attendee is to put in writing (after doing some thinking) their own personal growth goals related to their Sea Scout membership and their own goals for the ship for this next year. They are to bring them to the QD training weekend.

Under New Business, the first item was the proposed By-Law Changes. After discussion, the current draft was approved by a majority of the eligible Quarterdeck voters. The changes will now go to a full vote of the Ship for the currently required 2/3 approvals.

The division of the ship into working watches or crews was approved by a majority vote.

Assuming the by-law changes are approved, the elections for Boatswain's Mate for Program and for the two Crew Leaders should be held before Quarterdeck Training Weekend.

The draft Public Display of Affection (PDA) Policy was discussed next. An area of concern to some youth members was the inclusion of holding hands in the definition of prohibited PDA activity. After considerable discussion, the draft PDA policy was approved as submitted, with hand holding included in the definition of PDA.

It was noted that there will be an HMS Sultana cruise meeting at 1800 Thursday, 14 August 2003, one hour before the regular Sea Scout meeting starts.

The following upcoming activities were discussed and approved as noted:

HMS SULTANA Long Cruise – 19-23 August 2003 – previously approved.

Commodore's Corn Roast – Monday, 25 August 2003 – traditional. Arrive anytime after 12 noon.

Kipona Canoe Race – Labor Day, 1 September 2003 – approved. Parties interested to contact Mr. Blackford directly.

Ship Bridge of Honor – Thursday, 11 September 2003 – will be held at Garrod Hydraulics, with a practice at Garrod's one week before. Also discussed were Invitations to parents / Special Guests / Refreshments / Agenda / and Slide Show. Special guests to be invited: Commodores Young and Alexander, Captain Cannon, Skipper Reuther.

Shipwreck Weekend II – The Sequel - 12-14 September 2003 – approved, with Sea Scout Ship 243 from the New York area being invited to come along with us.

Wizard Safari – Wizard Ranch, 19-21 September 2003 – approved, with theme to be Prairie Schooner, to match Windrose to the Wild West theme of the Safari. No one expressed interest in carving a ship's figurehead during the Safari. Information available at <http://www.yaac-bsa.org/activities/safari/safari%20home.htm>. It was the consensus that if the Boatswain wanted to attend as a Venturer instead of as a Sea Scout, she should confirm this prior to 1 September in order that the Boatswain's Mate can then have time to prepare to take charge of the Ship's Activities at the Safari.

Parents' Cruise – Saturday, 27 September 2003 – approved. Referred to Parents' Committee for further action.

PADI SCUBA Course - Fall/Winter 2004 – tba through James Grimm at York Divers, 968 S. George Street, York – 846-0400. The basic course is \$190. The four certification dives are \$150. The cost of mask, snorkel, fins, and boots is additional and varies. Estimated total cost is about \$550.00. Details at <http://yorkdivers.com/scuba-diving-classes/showclass.php?classid=1> There are 5 evening classes and 4 certification dives. The consensus was that ship members desiring to do this can select whichever course dates and times fit their own personal schedule and proceed on their own rather than as any official Ship activity. If you decide to take the course, however, let Skipper know.

Youth Protection Video – Fall, 2003 – date tba for a Thursday meeting

Fall Fund Raisers at Shiloh - 4-5 and 11-23 October 2003 – previously approved.

Seabadge Course – 17-19 October 2003, Camden, NJ on USS NEW JERSEY – Details at [http://www.seascout.org/for\\_leaders/adult\\_recognition/adult-seabadge.html](http://www.seascout.org/for_leaders/adult_recognition/adult-seabadge.html). Skipper will be one of the instructors.

Youth Advanced Seamanship Course – Kuan Yin – with Garth Wells? TBA – Garth is on vacation until 18 August.

Halloween Party and/or Parade – October 2003 – tba – Ship would like to march and/or have a float in the annual York Halloween Parade.

Liberty Ship John W. Brown Cruise – 8 November 2003 – Skipper to inquire if we can sleep over the night before on the ship as the Reading Venturing Crew did.

Sea Scout Cooking Course – Fall 2003 – tba with Chef's Alexander, Cannon, and any other good cooks. Skipper is working on the details.

Parade of Lighted Ships – Inner Harbor – December 2003 – on der PeLiKan, as Willit Run?? and Kuan Yin will likely be out of the water and on the hard by then. Our participation will depend on whether or not the der PeLiKan committee invites us to join them.

Christmas Party – December 2003? Undecided. Ships 1009 and 548 hold Christmas parties and invite other ships. Do we want to do our own, or go to another ship's party. To be reviewed again.

MD/PA Safe Boating Course / Swim Checks / Safety Afloat-SSD / Small Boat Handler – Winter 2004 – details in progress through Skipper.

First Aid / CPR – Winter 2004 – tba through Mr. Keith Metzel of Garrod Hydraulics.

MD Special Winter Olympics, Deep Creek Lake, MD - 21-24 February, 2004 – counts for service hours. Tba in December through Skipper Steve Swam, Ship 320, of Manchester, MD. [Steve.Swam@ssa.gov](mailto:Steve.Swam@ssa.gov). Steve has done it every year for probably 10 years with his ship. His kids often get excused from school on Monday or on Monday and Tuesday since it is a service effort. He has a realtor up here that gets a house or condo donated and he usually comes up on Saturday. The kids get free ski passes as well as the good feeling of helping others.

St. Patrick's Day Parade – York – 13 March 2004 – alternate parade possibility if Halloween Parade falls through. POC Don Murphy, 717-578-0146 or [yspdparade@aol.com](mailto:yspdparade@aol.com)

NER Bridge of Honor – March 2004 – tba, traditional info available

COPE Course – April 2004? – Mr. Close is no longer certified to run the COPE Course, so arrangements will have to be made directly through Council. Do we want to pursue this? To be reviewed later.

National Sea Scout Sailing Championship Youth Application Deadline – 5 May 2004. Details at <http://www.seascoutcup.org/wikcupinfo.htm>

Nygaard Regatta – Memorial Day 2004 – tba, traditional info available.

Bermuda Ocean Race (BOR) – Long Cruise - 11 June 2004 – plans are to have Skipper, three Sea Scout adults, and 4 Sea Scout youth take Kuan Yin to Bermuda as part of the bi-annual BOR race from Annapolis to Bermuda. The racers who take the boat down can either also extend their stay in Bermuda for a few days and then bring the boat back in cruising fashion, or fly back to the US for the NER Sailing Championships and be replaced by cruising Sea Scouts who will bring the boat back via North Carolina and the inland waterway. Because of the special demands of the race, Skipper needs to be able to make selective judgments as to who is best qualified to fill the positions open. Details at <http://www.bermudaoceanrace.com/index.html>

NER Sailing Championships – tba, traditional information available.

SEAL Course – Summer 2004 – This is a one week, hard core leadership course that is conducted at sea. Applications and information available at [http://www.seascout.org/about/program/training\\_resources/seal.html](http://www.seascout.org/about/program/training_resources/seal.html). Applicants must be Ordinary or higher rank by 1 June 2004. If you successfully complete the course you will be awarded the **SEAL Training Award**, which is a silver pin with twin dolphins. This course is a leadership course, *not* a seamanship course. The course covers such topics as preparing, goal setting, organizing, supervising, commanding, communicating, training. Motivating, and other topics that will help you in functioning as a leader in your Ship and in life. Applicants must study and have a thorough, working knowledge of Chapter four of the *Sea Scout Manual*.

National Sea Scout Sailing Championships, Mass Maritime Academy, Cape Cod - 27 June – 3 July 2004. Details at <http://www.seascoutcup.org/wikcupinfo.htm>

21<sup>st</sup> World Scout Jamboree, Chelmsford, England - 28 July – 8 August 2007. This event is still far in the future, but plans are being evaluated as to the feasibility of sailing Kuan Yin to England in 2007 for this 100<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the Founding of Scouting celebration. Jamboree details are at <http://www.scouting2007.org/english/2007/index.php>

Other Fund Raisers are desperately needed. Parents' Committee is asked to help in this regard. We also need a locking two-drawer file cabinet to store Ship's Records and Correspondence.

As for Announcements / Reminders

1. No meeting 21 August due to SULTANA Cruise
2. Wear Working Blue uniform to all meetings / activities UNODIR (Unless otherwise directed).
3. The next regular Quarterdeck meeting will be held at 1900 hours on Monday, 8 September 2003, at Garrod Hydraulics.

In the absence of the Boatswain's Mate, SEAL Specialist Matt led the closing followed by the Skipper's Benediction .

The meeting concluded promptly at 2100 hours (9 p.m.) followed by SWIM CALL

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ George Hay Kain, III – Skipper (on behalf of the Yeoman, who was absent)

Distribution:

Email to Ship 25 members and parents  
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