

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

- Th 2 Quarterdeck - PO
1830
- Sat 4 Tsunami Work Party
0900 – 12 noon
- Sat 25 Fleet Meeting -PO
Mdr

MARCH

- Th 1 Quarterdeck - PO
1830
- Sat 3 Tsunami Work Party
until 12 noon
- Sat 10 Long Beach Invitational
Regatta – All Day
- W 21 Fleet Mtg - PO
Canoga Park

APRIL

- Th 5 Quarterdeck - PO
1830
- Sat 7 Tsunami Work Party
until 12 noon
- Sat 7 Lighthouse Race ?
RBYC
- Sat 15 RBYC Opening Day
Ceremonies, RB
- W 18 Fleet Mtg - PO
Canoga Park

**Note: AV BSA Round Table - 1st
Tuesdays of the month - PO**

WELCOME TO SHIP 11 CREW NEWS!

By popular demand, we will be producing this periodic Newsletter to help improve the communications between the Ship's Officers, Petty Officers, Adult Volunteers and Parents. It is our intent to publish this monthly, probably distributing around the 15th.

The Yoeman will help collect reports from the Petty Officers and suggest other relevant topical material for the publication, with the assistance of a designated adult advisor and the Skipper. Skipper will edit as needed. Your Petty Officers are committed to improve our level of communications and have each committed to submit a brief paragraph or report each month for inclusion.

Other formats will continue to be used in our ongoing effort to improve internal crew and parent involvement, to provide timely notifications, as well as expand our external community relations. These include:

Web Site: www.ship11.com - this is intended to provide general information, training and external links and resource information.

Yahoo Calendar: Linked from our web site

Facebook: There are two Ship pages; the primary one is "Sea Scout Ship 11". The other, "Sea Scout Ship 11 - SSS Spartan" was developed by an alumni, and is sporadically contributed to. There is also "Skipper Steve".

E-Mail: The official ship e-mail address is avship11@yahoo.com - for messages that are too long for routine text messages, but should get out sooner than the next newsletter.

Text Messaging: will be used for time sensitive updates. They may instruct you to check your email, the calendar, or web site for more details.

Phone List: is being compiled by the Yoeman and Admin Mate and will be distributed. Remember, for important info, speak to someone; voice mail isn't considered adequate for last minute cancellations.

TSUNAMI HAUL OUT REPORT

The Skipper, Petty Officers and Mates returned our vessel SSTV Tsunami, to her berth in Marina del Rey last weekend, after 2 weeks in dry dock in the Long Beach Marina Shipyard. There she underwent a number of repairs, a thorough bottom job and power wash, sanding of needed areas, epoxy sealing of worn spots, and 2 coats of bottom paint, and 3 coats at the waterline.

All seacocks were inspected and serviced, with 3 valves and through hulls being replaced. 3 unused through hulls were sealed off to reduce the potential for catastrophic failure of old valves.

A new main zinc was replaced, including new conductive bolts, bonding wiring corrected, and 2 new reference zincs were installed under the engine room starboard side. These will eventually be integrated into the electro-guard anti-corrosion system, which will help protect metal fittings, prop, shaft, and keel.

A new 120 volt house electrical panel was fabricated, using certified marine circuit breakers. The installation of this panel is one of the last major items required by the Insurance Company for us to obtain full coverage for our vessel. Skip and Mates Shane Wallace and Chris H will trace circuits and reinstall the house panel in upcoming weeks. The marine electrician is meeting Skip at the dock on Friday, 2/3 to conduct a slip electrical evaluation, to determine if stray current is damaging the vessel, and to provide guidance on further electrical upgrades necessary.

The marine electrician removed and bench tested the electro-guard, as well as the charger/inverter unit, to verify proper function. The good news is, they work fine. The bad news is, the house batteries must be replaced, as they have been irreparably damaged, probably beginning when dock power was lost. These require regular attention. These must be replaced prior to any significant cruising, as they supply house power for lights, bilge pumps and other equipment, as well as engine instrumentation and helm starter circuits.

There is a defined need for additional routine preventive maintenance that has been identified though this last haul out.

MONTHLY TSUNAMI WORK PARTY

The monthly work party for routine maintenance of our vessel Tsunami will normally be the first Saturday morning of each month. Everyone has asked that there be some stability in scheduling activities, and this provides the least conflict with other organized activities, as well as providing the option of crew participation in the Saturday Yacht Club Races held that day.

There are a number of routine maintenance checks and service items that must be performed to keep our vessel safe and ready for outings, to satisfy Coast Guard and Insurance requirements, and to reduce repair costs due to deferred maintenance. I am working up check sheets with the assistance of marine professionals, to assist with the proper documentation of these actions.

It is the intent that these work details should last no later than 12 noon, to allow the crew the option of free time for small boat sailing, training, or harbor cruising in the afternoon, or simply returning home early. Start time at MdR should be about 0900, but will be dictated by the crew, based on the number of members of that squad that participate.

Maintenance activities require close technical supervision and instruction, and the span of control is generally 4 to 6 working crew members. I have requested the Boatswain and B/M's to facilitate this by splitting the crew into 2 Squads (Alpha and Bravo Squad) with each Squad taking turns at this monthly Saturday morning activity. The balance of the crew is welcome to join us, either in the afternoon, or in the morning, but only if additional, qualified adult supervision is present to separately supervise them.

Periodically, the Squads' performance will be evaluated by the Skipper and with the Mates, and the Squad with the superior number of maintenance and project man-hours, as well as meeting attendance and proper uniform compliance, will earn a reward based on that team's performance. This could be a Pizza or Coldstone Ice Cream Party, a free cruise (no fuel or car fee), or other incentive reward preferred by that Team.

Teams can be periodically rotated to balance manpower, training and other considerations.