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Got Treasure?

By Rochelle Bass Salazar

Arrrgh matey, have you found a booty of gold lately? Not exactly, but the America's Boating Club Houston chapter (ABCH), formerly known as the United States Power Squadron, found another type of treasure recently known as geodetic markers. ABCH members went exploring in Seabrook, Texas on June 12 and learned all about these important surveying and mapping treasures. Used for establishing points on the Earth by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS), there are more than 1.5 million geodetic markers located in North America and maintaining these markers has been a longtime public service effort of America's Boating Club. The Houston chapter was excited to partner with first year member, **Adam Salazar III**, to restart and lead their chapter's geodetic recovery program, which has been inactive for the past eight years.

From left to right – Monica Cross, Susie Becvar, Alan Cross, Wolf Guenthert, and Adam Salazar III.

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August 3
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference

August 6
America's Boating Course – Home Port

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General Meeting – Auntie Pasto's

August 23
Kayaking Gathering – Home Port

September 3
America's Boating Course – Home Port

September 7
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference

September 10
Cooperative Charting

September 11
First Aid/CPR/AED Course – Home Port

September 17
Kayaking Level 1 – Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve

September 21
General Meeting – Home Port

October 1
America's Boating Course – Home Port

October 5
Board of Directors Meeting – Teleconference

October 12
General Meeting – TBD

October 15
Kayaking Level 1 – Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve

October 21-23
D/21 Fall Conference –
Comfort Inn & Suites – Westpark

Watch your email for event announcements!

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PRAYER

As we learn more and more about the physical laws that govern the universe in which we live, we come to marvel more and more at the Power, Majesty and Intelligence of the Creator of it all.

Strengthen our faith, O Lord, and by Your grace help us to maintain a true course at all times so that, by our conformity to Your moral laws, we may add to the splendor and harmony of Your creation.

Bless us, Lord, and be with us always.

Amen

COMMANDER'S CORNER

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Cdr Marie Vu, P

I hope everyone has been having a good summer and finding lots of opportunities to get out on the water. As we head toward fall, I want to talk about an upcoming event that the Houston Squadron will be hosting

The District 21 Fall Conference is the primary meeting of the District and is a clearinghouse for subjects of particular interest to the District. Questions of policy and procedure will be on the agenda, and participation by all Squadrons is important to consolidate ideas on these subjects.

The Conference includes meetings of all departments and committees of the District to provide a full and complete discussion of all District activities. Details of plans for meetings of the departments are arranged by the District Commander with the assistance of each department head and committee chair.

The Fall Conference is especially focused on education, with meetings and workshops during the Conference to provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas for improving teaching methods, and for discussion between instructors and leadership on effective presentation of subjects, proper use of teaching aids, and other matters of interest to all members.

This Fall Conference will have a series of short workshops. A workshop is an interactive session designed to create a specific result. Workshops emphasize hands-on interaction or two-way communication. There may be solutions, or there may be no solutions; but the interaction and presentation of ideas on focused subjects will lead to advancing the programs of Squadrons, the District, and ultimately the National organization.

Every member of the Houston Squadron is invited to attend. Set your calendar for the 3rd weekend in October (21-23). Join everyone for education, fun, food and fellowship. Learn more and download the registration form from the Squadron website (see the calendar).

America's Boating Club has a plethora of great information and news at your digital fingertips. Knowing what is available and where to find it is something we want to help with. Take a look at the sites and enjoy reading and expanded learning!

First – check out the National website. Great stuff here to find all things educational and stuff to purchase! The National site is located online at: https://americasboatingclub.org/.

Next – Check out *The Ensign* magazine, a quarterly publication found online at: https://theensign.org/. Each publication have articles on boating, education, safety, members and general news about the organization. As you read, you may notice that each quarterly publication has an article authored by (gasp!) a Houston Squadron member.

Then – one of the best of all publications is *The Compass* found online at: https://boatingcompass.org/better-boating/. This publication contains hundreds of short, accurate and informative articles. Name a subject or topic, and there is something written.

Focus on Boating Education

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Together, we make boating better

What Courses Should I Take?

Education is a prime mover with the Houston Squadron. Our responsibility to the public and ourselves is to provide education for safe, or safer, boating. From the large sail-craft and trawlers, to the mid-sized river, lake and near coastal craft, and to all types of paddlecraft, we focus on the right education for your craft, the waters you travel, and your needs. Think about the span of what the Squadron offers: from Basic Kayaking to Celestial Navigation. It really doesn't get more fun than that!

For all the "new" or "newer" members who wonder about what courses to take and when to take them – guess what?! We have a plan!

Everyone who is a boater, regardless of water or craft type, should take a boater safety course. Our Squadron offers both our *ABC3* course and the Texas Parks and Wildlife boater safety course. Want more information? Contact **1st/Lt Chris Leavitt, SN-CN**, our boater safety chair.

What comes next? Well, it's a planned adventure in education. Take the "*Boat Handling*" course (formerly called *Seamanship*) to focus on all the basics of all types of boating. This is the primary course to start your education. Everything else builds upon the materials in the *Boat Handling* course. Then, learn the basics of navigation with our *Marine Navigation* (formerly called *Piloting*) course. This navigation course teaches the basics of chart work and finding your way on the waterways.

After those three courses (boater safety, *Boat Handling* and *Marine Navigation*) the world of education is yours! I do have some recommendations about two courses everyone should take: *Weather* and *Cruising and Cruise Planning*. Why? You will always have weather, and knowing about the weather around you will make for a more pleasant trip and perhaps keep you out of harm's way. The course about cruise planning is an interesting course; a lot of small chapters covering every topic you need to know "something" about. It's a great course to let you self-assess what you know and what you might consider some additional education.

So, the short version right now is five (5) courses.

Now, think about what your vessel is all about. If you are a sailor, regardless of your history and experience, the *Sail* course teaches you not how to sail, but all the technical aspects of sail-craft and how they work. Expand your navigational skills with both *Advanced Marine Navigation* and *Junior Navigation* (beginning celestial navigation). Some fun news – you need *Marine Navigation* as the starting point, but one could take *Junior Navigation* without any other course. Want more information on navigation courses? Then speak with **P/Lt/C John L. Glaeser, SN**, our navigation chair for the Squadron.

What about all the other courses? Why just take them when you want and have fun learning!

If you don't see a course listed on the calendar of events, request a course to be started. Many of our courses are held with 3 or 4 students, some are in-person and others are blended with teleconferences.

Just ask. My job for the Squadron is to help you get the education you want when you want it and when you need it.

Seminars

The National Education Office has restructured how seminars are presented and delivered. Several good things about the new online seminars are always up-to-date materials, great presentations, animations, voice overs, and the pricing is just $24.95 for most seminars. The seminars are part of the National LMS (learning management system) so you get education credit for taking a seminar. This education credit is important if you are working towards advanced education recognition or if you are working for any of the *Boat Operator Certifications*.

You can find the seminars by going to the public website of America's Boating Club at americasboatingclub.org, then click on the first red-colored banner (*Learn Boating Skills*) and then at the bottom of the page, click on the red-colored "Complete Education Catalog".

Contact. To contact me, best way is uspsseohouston@gmail.com or call me on the cell at 281-451-1146.

Got Treasure?

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Using a GPS app, compass, metal detector, shovel, tape measure, and an NGS datasheet, the team successfully recovered and reported on two markers located in the area and even found a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency witness post too. After the treasure hunt ended, the crew rounded out the day with lunch at the Seabrook Classic Café and a scrumptious slice of pie. If you are interested in participating in this public service activity, we hope you can join us in the coming fall (date to be determined).

Remember…not all treasure is silver and gold, mate!

Geodetic marker recovered by the ABCH crew on 6/12/22 at Clear Lake Park.

Richard Lipham – Asset to Both the Squadron and Sea Scouts

By P/C Chris Leavitt, SN-CN

Back in April a big deal occurred and I'm just now writing about it. **Lt Richard Lipham**, who teaches the Engine Maintenance course for the Squadron, finished 10 years as Skipper of Sea Scout Ship 846, and turned over the leadership of that unit to **Pam Tyllick, S**. Both Pam and Richard are members of the Squadron, so I am sure Ship 846 is in excellent hands. Richard will be the new Chartered Organization Reparative for Cypress United Methodist Church – that is he will be responsible for all the Scouting programs at that church.

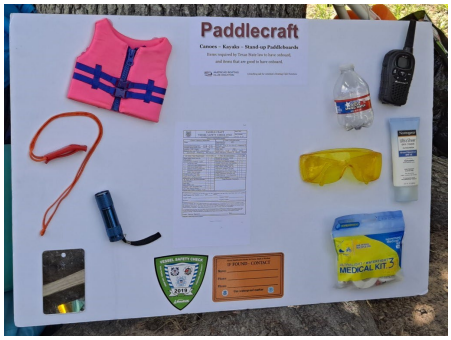
Over the years, Richard has provided awesome opportunities to the youth both in Cypress and beyond. One of Richard's many skills is organizing large events, he has been the Director for several large Scouting events at Sea Star Base Galveston and last year at the new Camp Strake.

Probably nothing illustrates Richard's use of tact, patience, and common sense like the following true story. Richard was the Chartered Organization Reprehensive, and I was the Scoutmaster for a Troop in Garden Oaks. We had about 20 youth and adults at Summer Camp that year, and we were on the hottest, driest, most uncomfortable camp site at El Rancho Cima – Iron Wheel Mesa. Sunday and Saturday are the hardest on the adults, but Wednesday was the hardest for the first-time campers. As everyone returned to the campsite for lunch, one of the 11-year-old, first-time campers came to the adult tents crying his eyes out. Someone had entered his tent and taken his backpack. Richard investigated and truly the backpack was gone. The whole week crashed down on this young man. His feet hurt, he was hot, the food was not what he ate at home, and he had to prepare it himself, and now his backpack was gone. Richard listened to the boy and waited till he kind of ran out of stuff to complain about, and then he suggested that they look around the camp site. They found the backpack about 25 yards downhill from the young man's tent. Raccoons had stealthily found the pack from the smell of chocolate, taken it away from the tent, and eaten all the goodies. Richard then used the opportunity to teach about wildlife, dealing with adversity, and how to have fun. All this in about 15 minutes. What a great job.

Left to Right – Pam Tyllick (new Skipper of Ship 846), Richard Lipham (former Skipper of 846), Someone with a poor sense of humor, Linda Crowl

ABC Houston Kayaking Class

Photos by Lt/C Alan W. Cross, AP



Bay Neigh Articles

If you have a story or experience that would be of interest to our members, please E-Mail pictures and stories to Jana Wesson at beakboatgirl@me.com

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July-Sept Birthdays

Jennifer Canup	7/5
Robert L. Smallwood	7/10
Trey Gilbert	7/11
Richard W. Lipham	7/12
Colby Bloom	7/14
Jennifer D. Hardegree	7/16
Samuel P. Salazar	7/20
Soledad L. Salazar	7/20
Nicholas Hidrovo	7/21
Lynda Vu	7/27
Marie T. Vu	7/27
Robert J. Robbins	7/31
Sophia Merhan	7/31
Richard L. Grimes	8/6
Regina J. Stevens	8/6
R. Craig Shipp	8/8
William M. Stevens Jr.	8/9
Vladimir A. Hidrovo	8/9
Alejandra F. Hidrovo	8/10
Merton M. Osborne	8/13
Diana Vu	8/13
Deborah K. Campbell	8/14
Evangeline An	8/15
Joanne L. Kula	8/16
Amy L. Taylor	8/16
Mary M. Derden	8/17
Andrew West	8/17
Sabrina Gilbert	8/19
Al Meyer	8/22
Jeremy C. Holton	8/27
Aiden M. Kuehn	8/29
Gregory L. Dejarnett	8/30
Jeannine K. Garnett	9/3
S. Dennis Fegan	9/4
Adrian Gonzalez	9/4
Gary A. Delzer	9/8
John P. Bugara	9/12
Mike Taylor	9/12
Thomas J. Kula	9/13
Tony Lee	9/16
Linda S. Crowl	9/16
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August Dinner Meeting

Auntie Pasto's RESTAURANT

Wednesday, August 10

America's Boat Club Houston will hold its April general meeting at *Auntie Pasto's Restaurant* in Bellaire (TX). Our guest speaker will be **Lt/C Roger Runnels, AP**. Roger is the Squadron's Radio Technical Officer, and he will speak with us about the importance of getting and using your MMSI on your vessel's radio. Everyone is invited to attend, member or not, and bring a friend!

6:30 PM Social gathering

7:00 PM Dinner

8:00 PM Presentation by Roger Runnels

9:00 PM Adjournment

The event is Free, but individuals will order and pay their own meal, drink tab, and tip. Please register so we can let the restaurant know how many will be attending.

Visit Auntie Pasto's website for a presentation of their menu. Helpful hint: Desserts begin on Page 5.

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