



Boy Scouts Merit Sailing Badge

Tina Sulser, Chairperson

We assisted the local Gulf Coast Boy Scout troop from West Monroe, LA during the last week in May (May 30th and 31st) of last year while they engaged in earning their sailing merit badges from the instructor Mike Helms at the Bayou Grande Marina. There were 20 scouts with their 10 adult chaperones that accepted the challenge and earned their badges. The group was sponsored by Trey Taunton (Marina Operations Assistant) and was provided access to the base with the help of Tina, Trey and Thelma in the Badging office.

The group learned to sail in the 14ft Sunfish boats from 10AM to 3PM and enjoyed the "tailgate" luncheon provided by the Navy Yacht Club held in the Crow's Nest. The scouts enjoyed watching the Blue Angels practice during their first day lunch break and they were all excited to get back to sailing following their own private "air show".

The Navy Yacht Club members & our Bayou Grande Marina staff provided great support to the troop. NYCP volunteers: offered their assistance during the two-day activity.

Welcome – by NYCP Commodore Bob Sutton

Briefing by NYCP Vice Commodore Bill Clark –
who discussed his Eagle Scout Experience

Breakfast – Jane Parsons, Tina Sulser Boy Scout Coordinator, NYCP Membership Director Molly Werner and GYA Coordinator Fred Locke

Trivia Game – "Sensing the Wind" – Bev Stagg

Introduction by Mike Helms – MWR Bayou Grande Marina

Classes held both Tuesday and Wednesday with support by Marina Staff Kyle on Tuesday and Kurt on Wednesday

Lunch – Jane Parsons, Jan Baker, Molly Werner, Tina Sulser, Fred Locke

NYCP Support Crew – NYCP Rear Commodore Jim Parsons, NYCP Treasurer Patrick Sargent (Patrick also spoke with the troop regarding his membership in Troop 66)

Photos and Sailing Assistance – Kim Kaminski
(*Look for boy scout photos on the last page of the Foghorn*)

Tuesday was filled with classroom and sailing fun

Wednesday had sailing until the rain spoiled the day on the water and all activities finished with classroom and knot tying.

A special Thank You Presentations (Navy Yacht Club Ship Wheel) was given to Troop Leader Chip Bradley and to Marina Mgr Mike Helms. The troop is ready to visit NYCP again for another day of water training.

This was a fun support activity and good PR for Bayou Grande Marina, NASP & the Navy Yacht Club.

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Commodore Bob Sutton presents the NYCP Ship Wheel to Scout Master Chip Bradley and to Mike Helms (MWR Marina Manager) for a job well done on behalf of the Navy Yacht Club Pensacola