

## **YESS STUDENTS HOOKED ON SAILING**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
PHOTO INCLUDED

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE YESS OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM RECENTLY GOT HOOKED ON SAILING AFTER A PERFECT DAY ON GALVESTON BAY. CAPTAIN GENE SCHWANTES, OWNER OF WINDWARD SEAVENTURE YACHT CHARTERS, TREATED STUDENTS AND MENTORS IN THE YESS PROGRAM TO A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE ON THE WATERS OF GALVESTON BAY AS THEY SAILED ABOARD A 42' SCOONER. DR. HUEY BARNETT, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, FOLLOWED THE SCOONER IN A PONTOON BOAT TO RECORD THE EVENT ON FILM FOR THE STUDENT'S SCRAPBOOKS. IT WAS GREAT SEEING THE STUDENTS HAVE FUN AND LEARN THE RUDIMENTS OF SAILING, SAID DR. BARNETT. JOHN CEMENTE, REPRESENTING SEABROOK ROTARY CLUB, AND HELEN HOBBS WERE ALSO ABOARD AS MENTORS.

DURING THE SAIL, CAPT. DARYL HANUS, AN AVID SAILOR AND CO-PARTNER AT WINDWARD SEAVENTURE, ENJOYED TEACHING STUDENTS HOW TO HANDLE THE SAILS. ALL STUDENTS WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE THEIR TURN AT THE HELM, LEARNING HOW TO STEER A STRAIGHT COURSE BETWEEN BOUYS. CAPT. DARYL SAID THAT HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE STUDENTS ENTHUSIASM AND INTEREST IN LEARNING HOW TO SAIL. THE KIDS ASKED A LOT OF QUESTIONS AND WANTED TO PARTICIPATE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY, SAID CAPT. DARYL.

THE OUTPOST OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM IS A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY YOUTH THAT IS CO-SPONSORED BY YOUTH EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES (YESS), BRIDGEPORT COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS (BCIS), SEABROOK ROTARY CLUB, TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT (TPWD) AND WINDWARD SEAVENTURE. DR. BARNETT DESCRIBES THE PROGRAM AS A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP AND MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE FOR STUDENTS IN THE GREATER CLEAR LAKE AREA. THE OUTPOST PROGRAM SERVES AS AN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DESIGNED TO BUILD SELF ESTEEM AND ENHANCE THE STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES. STUDENTS LEARN HOW SCHOOL SUBJECTS SUCH AS GEOMETRY AND PHYSICS ARE RELEVANT TO SAILING, SAID DR. BARNETT. THEY ARE ALSO LEARNING HOW TO BE TEAM PLAYERS AND STRENGTHEN THEIR INTERPERSONAL SKILLS.

YESS OUTPOST STUDENTS MEET AFTER SCHOOL AT WATERFORD HARBOR. DURING THIS TIME STUDENTS WORK THROUGH THE TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE SAFE BOATING COURSE AND RECEIVE HANDS-ON TRAINING ABOARD VARIOUS TYPES OF BOATS. WHEN WEATHER PERMITS STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED OPPORTUNITIES TO APPLY THEIR SKILLS WHILE BOATING IN GALVESTON BAY.

A NEW CLASS IS GETTING READY TO START SOON. ALL RESOURCES ARE PROVIDED BY SEABROOK ROTARY CLUB, BCIS, YESS, WINDWARD SEA VENTURES, TPWD, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND DONATIONS BY LOCAL CITIZENS SO THERE ARE NO FEES OR CHARGES FOR THIS PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE A STUDENT BETWEEN THE AGES OF 13 AND 18 AND ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE OUTPOST OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAMS, CALL 281-326-1464. YESS IS ALSO LOOKING FOR BOAT DONATIONS AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM LOCAL SPONSORS.