

## 25th Southampton (Northam) Sea Scout Group Annual General Meeting

We will be holding our Annual General meeting at our Headquarters, SSS Enterprise, at 20:00 on Thursday, 9th January 2003. As well as receiving the accounts and electing the officers of the Group Executive, we will be launching our new Explorer section for fourteen to eighteen year olds, introducing the new leaders of our other sections and describing the new training programme for all our sections. We hope you will be able to join us. Tea and light refreshments will be provided; we expect to be finished by 21:30. Members of the Cub section should arrive as usual at 18:30 for a meeting, but we would like their parents to join us at 20:00.



The Beaver section, serving boys and girls from six to eight years old, continues to meet on Monday nights from 18:30 to 19:30, led by Vera Hayes.



The Cubs are boys and girls from eight to ten and a half years old and meet on Thursdays from 18:30 to 20:00. Jackie Putt started the Cub section about a year ago, but she has now moved out of Southampton and is being replaced by Philip McShee, who used to lead the Highfield Cubs.



The Scout section meets on Fridays from 18:30 to 21:00 and is for boys and

girls aged ten and a half to fourteen. Frances Bateman, a BCU qualified Canoeing Coach, is our new leader of the Scout Section. We expect to be able to enhance our sailing activities in the coming season through the purchase of new Laser Pico dinghies and an additional RIB safety boat.



The Explorer section is for young people from fourteen to eighteen and will meet mainly on Wednesday evenings. This is a brand new section of the Scout movement and will be led by Kevin Heslop, an RYA qualified Sailing Instructor who has until now led the Scout section. We expect to be able to purchase advanced Laser Stratos dinghies this season to provide exciting sailing for the Explorer Scouts.

Finally, I should again emphasise that all of our leaders are volunteers; we occasionally obtain various grants for boats, safety equipment and a new fence, but for leadership and general hard work we rely totally on people giving freely of their time. There are lots of opportunities for *you* to get involved too, either by instructing the young people (if you obtain the necessary national qualifications), by serving on the committees, or in building, boat or equipment maintenance. Please either contact Denis Nicole, the Group Scout Leader, at the numbers below or talk to one of us during the AGM.



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