**SURFACE LINE WEEK EVENT PLAN**

**EVENT: BOATSWAIN MATE OLYMPICS**

**COMMAND SPONSORING EVENT** **EVENT COORDINATOR**

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**EVENT LOCATION**

* McCormick Sports Center Softball Field (across from the Bowling Center, Pierside Lanes); McCormick Sports Center is Bldg CEP-58 (B Avenue 9089 1st St #58 Norfolk, VA 23511).

**EVENT DESCRIPTION**

* Professional knowledge and ability event to determine which command possesses the best performing Boatswain’s Mates on the waterfront.
* Commands will register teams of 3 individuals. One team member will participate in each of the three events; team members will not compete in more than one event. Commands are permitted to register as many teams as they desire, however only the best performing team from the same command will be considered the command representative for placement in the overall standings. Individuals on one team may not participate on any other team, including another team from their own Command.
* The Boatswain Olympics winner will be determined based on cumulative performance in three events:
  + Heaving Line Ball Throw
  + Knot Tying
  + Boatswain’s Call Piping
* DATE: 14-18 June
* TIME: TBD

**EVENT RULES**

* **Heaving Line Ball Throw.** The heaving line will be 100 feet of standard heaving line. Heaving line ball throw consists of throwing the heaving line through two markers 10 feet apart, 75 feet down range. Each competitor will be allowed two practice throws. Once the competition begins, a miss eliminates throwers and each successful throw will receive 1 point. Competition will continue until a single thrower remains, points for each successful throw will be tallied at the end, and will go towards overall team score.
* **Knot Tying.** Competition consists of four rounds. Grading is based on time, correctness, and knowledge of each knot. 5 points will be awarded for each successfully completed knot. A 5 point penalty is awarded for incorrectly tied knots. A 3 point penalty is awarded for stating wrong usage of the knot. A 1 point penalty will be awarded for knots tied outside time restriction. In the event of a tie, a sudden death round will be implemented consisting of judge’s choice from the following knots: reef knot, stopper hitch, or bowline on a bight. The winner of the sudden death round will be whichever competitor finishes first. Points will be tallied at the end and will go towards overall team score.
  + Round 1: Bowline Knot within 20 seconds
  + Round 2: Clove Hitch and Double Becket Bend Knot within 30 seconds
  + Round 3: Square, Double Bowline, and Spanish Bowline Knot within 45 seconds
  + Final Round: Sheepshank Knot within 10 seconds
* **Boatswain’s Call Piping.** Competition consists of performing the following calls: mess call, pipe the side, pipe down, and sweepers veer. Grading is based on knowledge of use of the call, quality (crispness and clarity) of the call, and duration of the call. Competitors will be graded on a 1-5 grading scale, 1=1pts, 2=2pts, 3=3pts, 4=4pts, 5=5pts. Judging panel will consist of senior Boatswain’s Mates, Deck LDO’s, or Boatswain’s. Points will be tallied at the end, and will go towards overall team score.

**EVENT MATERIAL OR GEAR**

* Competitors must provide their own 100 feet of standard heaving line.
* Competitors must provide their own sash cord.
* Competitors must provide their own standard Navy Boatswain’s Call.

**EVENT SAFETY PLAN**

* A general safety brief will be conducted before the tournament commences.
* The Event Coordinator will notify NAVSTA Norfolk Emergency Services in the event of a significant injury.
* All participants, spectators, and event planners are required to wear a mask at all times and will be mindful of maintaining physical distancing of 6 feet.