

# ~~~The **ShOC**wave~~~

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Welcome to another exciting installment of the *~~~ShOCwave~~~ TEAM ShOC Bulletin!* This is a new RTF email format for us, so let us know right away if you have any problems viewing it. It should be OK, but let us know just the same. To further facilitate the best communications network and keep everyone in the ShOCloop, We are going to start sending out these electronic bulletins around the first of each month to exchange info and keep y'all up to date on current ShOC happenings around the Fleet... Be sure to start sending us your shuttle news, info and ideas! You are a vital part of TEAM ShOC and we want to hear from you! Send your submissions to: [shocman@hotmail.com](mailto:shocman@hotmail.com)

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## ***ONLINE MIRC SHOC MEETING:***

***Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10pm EST***

This is just a short reminder of our IRC staff meeting on Tuesday evening May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001. The time will be 10:00 PM Eastern Time, and the place will be the #ShOC channel.

We'll review any outstanding issues from last week's meeting, and if you have anything new to bring up, please let us know

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## ***ShOC Flyers and Brochures***

Jolynn Brown and Dave Walker are spearheading a team to create a generic flyer and brochure for ShOC. There will be a spot for the RDC's to customize the items with their own logo and contact info. This is a great idea and Jolynn is seeking ideas on content and design. Email her at: [greywolf\\_station@hotmail.com](mailto:greywolf_station@hotmail.com) or email Dave Walker at [soc@region3.com](mailto:soc@region3.com)

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## ***Start Packages***

Biff Bassett is compiling items for an All-In-One Package containing everything you need to start a shuttle. START Manual, Recruiting Handbook, Forms... etc. If you have any ideas to exchange... Biff would LOVE to hear from you! Email him at: [biff@pcisys.net](mailto:biff@pcisys.net)

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## ***Region Four RDC ShOC Report***

Ya Ta Hey,

Region Four is working on two new shuttles in the early stages in the California Sector. One is the Raven's Claw and is headed up by Stephen Henderson and the other is a BRAND NEW group in the Stockton Area that is comprised of new SFI members!

The Shuttle Santa Cruz continues through the START program and is gearing up for Commissioning!

The Sacajawea is on course and are in the process of filing their VRR with the Mothership CO.

**LogoTech...** Since the debut of the new Stormbringer logo, I have been inundated with requests for everything from custom graphics for next years' IC to logos for ships in Regions 1, 6 and 7! Now I do not claim to be a deity at this stuff, but I do have a few skills coupled with a unique vision that usually makes for interesting results. *If you need assistance and you can find me... then maybe you can hire "The G-Man" ☺*

Seriously though... if I can help, email me at [shocman@hotmail.com](mailto:shocman@hotmail.com)

Stay Tuned...

Vice Admiral Johnathan "Gumby" Simmons

Region 4 ShOC

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## ***Region Five RDC ShOC Report***

Greetings everyone,

There was recently an uprising in Region 5, and the region was taken over by Scott Akers. He became the Regional Coordinator and appointed me over the Shuttles in the Region.

I do have to say that I find it fascinating to see one of the Commanding Officers of one of the two (at the time) shuttles appointed to the position. He assured me that I was qualified for the position, and after discussing it with my family accepted the job.

So far so good, things have progressed without to many problems. I do have to say that Vice Chief ShOC Vice Admiral Johnathan Simmons has been a great deal of help to me.

During the past four months, many things have been happening with the shuttles in the region. The Shuttle Sacajawea has submitted their paperwork in to their mothership, and are currently waiting on them. Keep saying your prayers Vicki, I keep checking on the status of what is going on.

The Shuttle Greywolf, since the first of the year, has just about collected enough people to get ready to submit its papers to their mothership, which means I will take the papers to work one day have her sign them and on my way home drop them off at the Post Office just down the street. We at the moment are two members short, but should have them by the end of the month, and then it is a matter of getting them processed by Membership Processing.

On March 13, 2001, a new shuttle was launched in Region 5. The Shuttle Achilles launced from the shuttle bay of the USS Destiny. Tim Taber and James Smith are the Commanding Officer and Executive Officer. I know that we all wish them the best of luck, but I would like to extend to them any assistance that they might possibly need. I am here to help you.

I would like to ask for assistance from the chapters within the region to look around and if you feel that you know of an area that could use a shuttle/chapter, I can use all your help in this adventure we are on.

Thanks for your support,

Commander Jolynn Brown  
Region 5 ShOC

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## ***New TEAM ShOC Members***

Alex and I would like to extend a hearty welcome to the following new team members:

Commodore Dave Walker, R3ShOC, [soc@region3.com](mailto:soc@region3.com)

Commander Kyle Wolf, R7ShOC, [wolftrek7@aol.com](mailto:wolftrek7@aol.com)

*Drop em a line and welcome them to the team that works for the Fleet of Tomorrow!*

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## ***ShOC FAQ***

To better answer the multitude of questions regarding the shuttle program, we at ShOC have developed a FAQ for members wanting to learn more. Here is the latest ShOC FAQ...

### **1. What is a shuttle?**

A shuttle is a Chapter-in-Training of STARFLEET: The International Star Trek Fan Association, Inc.

### **2. How many STARFLEET members are required for a shuttle?**

A shuttle must have at least five (5) STARFLEET members in good standing; however, no more than two (2) members from any one family may be counted towards this total.

### **3. Must the CO and XO have BOTH OTS and OCC prior to shuttle launch?**

NO. The CO and XO must have passed OTS before launch. OCC must be passed before the shuttle is approved for commissioning.

### **4. Who does the shuttle report to? When?**

Generally, a shuttle reports on a monthly basis to the Mothership Commanding Officer, the Regional Coordinator, and ShOC. Some regions have Regional Shuttle Directors and may request a courtesy copy be mailed to them.

### **5. What is the "50 Kilometer Guideline"?**

It is a courtesy guideline for launching shuttles 50 km. from the nearest chapter to avoid inter-chapter problems regarding territory. This can be waived at the discretion of the RC and by the Chief of Operations, STARFLEET.

### **6. What is a "Correspondence Shuttle?"**

This denotes a chapter-in-training that conducts its business through correspondence. Sometimes geographical location prevents face-to-face meetings of a chapter. Correspondence chapters are another way to take part in the diversity of STARFLEET.

### **7. What is a “Mothership”?**

This is the established chapter that supports the shuttle throughout the shuttle program. This is the Vessel Registration Request. It is the application form used to launch and commission as a full-fledged chapter of STARFLEET. It contains all the chapter information regarding the shuttle’s members that is required before affiliation is granted by STARFLEET.

### **9. How many VRRs must a shuttle submit to become a sanctioned (starship)**

Two. The first (launch) VRR is to be filed prior to launch. The second (commissioning) is to be filed before commissioning.

### **10. When should a shuttle submit to become a sanctioned (starship) chapter?**

Generally, this is done about the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> month of the shuttle’s tenure after all of the requirements

### **11. What is “S.T.A.R.T.”?**

S.T.A.R.T. stands for “Shuttlecraft Training And Recruitment Techniques”. This is the proven nine month program for operating a shuttle in STARFLEET. A lot of the material has been used in various regional programs over the years.

### **12. What is a “Commissioning Ceremony”?**

This is usually a formal event wherein the shuttle will achieve independent starship status. It can be a small get together or a large event. Think of it as “Graduation” from the ShOC program.

### **13. When should a shuttle start planning its Commissioning Ceremony?**

As soon as the starship VRR has been signed by the Mothership CO and the Regional Coordinator, and mailed to STARFLEET for approval.

### **14. What is “ShOC” and “DTS”?**

ShOC stands for “Shuttle Operations Command”. This is the branch of STARFLEET that is responsible for the implementation of the shuttle program, as well as the overseeing of shuttles and their operations. DTS is the Department of Technical Services and approves shuttle/ship classes, NCC numbers, etc.

### **15. How long does the shuttle process take?**

The START process takes 9 months. This duration may be lengthened at the discretion of the Chief of Shuttlecraft Operations.

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## ***Monthly RDC Copy Request***

Please send copies of your RDC monthly reports to Johnathan Simmons for inclusion in the ~~~ShOCwave~~~! Gumby is the Vice Chief and as such, he is tasked with keeping in touch with the RDC’s

and TEAM ShOC. Gumby also should be put on your shuttle's MSR mailing list too! Send them to him at [shocman@hotmail.com](mailto:shocman@hotmail.com)

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## ***WEBSHOC Reminder***

Please keep Biff up to date on ShOC changes for your regional shuttle page. Email him shuttle info at: [biff@pcisys.net](mailto:biff@pcisys.net)

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## ***TEAM ShOC Meeting Logs***

Are available from Gumby... email him at [shocman@hotmail.com](mailto:shocman@hotmail.com) if you need them.

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## ***ShOC CD-ROM***

We have been discussing the inclusion of a CD-ROM in the START Package that will contain everything from the START Manual to Forms to report templates... flyers and sample newsletters... and maybe even a self playing powerPoint presentation on the ShOC Program are being planned! If you have ideas for this project, email Sandy Berenberg at [sberenberg@e-steel.com](mailto:sberenberg@e-steel.com) or Robin Pillow at [r1shoc@att.net](mailto:r1shoc@att.net) or Kyle Wolf at [wolftrek7@aol.com](mailto:wolftrek7@aol.com)

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## ***TEAM ShOC Roster for May, 2001***

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**REGION 7:** Commander Kyle Wolf, [wolftrek7@aol.com](mailto:wolftrek7@aol.com)

**REGION 10:** Commander Dave Berube, [dpb@gci.net](mailto:dpb@gci.net)

**REGION 17:** Fleet Captain Biff "The Chic Magnet" Bassett, [biff@pcisys.net](mailto:biff@pcisys.net)

The remaining regions have not yet appointed an RDC ShOC. I am working on getting contact info to the RC's of these unrepresented regions by adding them to the ShOCwave Email List.

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## ***Next Deadline for the ~~~ShOCwave~~~***

The next deadline for the ShOCwave is **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Please send your submissions and Regional ShOC Report Copies to Gumby at: [shocman@hotmail.com](mailto:shocman@hotmail.com)

See ya in 30...

☺ Gumby the ShOCwave Editor ☺

***“ShOCing the Final Frontier...”***

***Vice Admiral Johnathan Simmons***

***Vice Chief: SFI Shuttle Operations Command***

***Director: Region 4 Shuttle Operations Command***

***Fleet Division Chief: Shuttle Operations Command***