



**The Houston Tidelanders**

It is our strongest desire to **WIN** the upcoming District contest in October and qualify to compete at the International Contest next July in Denver.

We recognize it is the desire of EVERY member of the chorus to be best the best they can be. In order to help us achieve that goal, we are asking for everyone's participation and support of the following Performance Standards if you plan to compete with the Tides in October.

Our performance standards include Singing, Visual and Attendance.

*Singing*, all members must submit a tape of the contest set to their section leader not later than Sept 11. Please review your tape before submitting. We will provide ample opportunities each week to tape yourself. Please don't wait until the last week!

*Visual*, all members will be approved by the visual team. This will be accomplished during rehearsal performances of the contest set.

*Attendance*, all competing members must attend 75% of regular rehearsals between Aug 28 and Oct 23. If you have excused absences such that you do not meet the 75% attendance requirement, a FINAL group pass/fail audition will be offered Monday Oct 9. If you can not make the Oct 9 date, please see Randy Rensi to make individual arrangements PRIOR TO Oct 9.

We are not *requiring* attendance at the early SP sessions. However attendance is BOTH highly recommended and results in obvious levels of superiority on the SP by those who regularly attend.

It is NOT our intention to prevent anyone from competing, just to help us be better in all aspects of our performance. It is the intention of the Music Committee to provide feedback to ALL members. Please accept any feedback as it is intended, to make us aware of areas where we can each improve and to offer suggestions as to how that could be accomplished.

You are welcome to visit with me with any questions or concerns you might have.

Thanks to everyone in advance for your support of these most important requirements and expectations.

*Randy Rensi and the Music Committee*