
NEWSLETTER

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SAILS:

1. DECEMBER 18:
ADAM AND KEN AS CAPTAINS
2. JANUARY 14,
2009: PAUL M AND
ADAM AS
CAPTAINS
3. JANUARY 15, 2009
BEN AND KEN AS
CAPTAINS.
4. MARINA SAILS

EVERY TUESDAY, next is
Catherine and Ben as captains.

WEEKEND ST.
FRANCIS/POLICE SAILS
*THREE WITH GRIFFITH
HOUSE, THREE WITH THE
HOMELESS PRENATAL
PROJECT. THE DATES SET
ARE JANUARY 31, FEBRUARY
28, MARCH 28, APRIL 18,
MAY 2 AND MAY 16...WITH
JUNE 6 AS BACKUP IF
WEATHER FORCES A
CANCELLATION...if you cannot
do day sails during the week,
remember these weekend
possibilities...LEONARD LEE IS THE
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR FOR*

THOSE.



Overboard practice January 25,
2009... Remember, this is the *live
person in the water drill* required for
all captains and senior crew. Bear at
11:00.

WE HAVE ABOUT \$23,000 IN THE
BANK...BUT GLEAMING OCEAN WAS
ALSO GIVEN A GRANT OF 25,000 FOR
ITS NEWLY BEGINNING CRUISING
PROGRAM...MORE ON THAT AT THE
END OF THIS NEWSLETTER. ...

CATHERINE ORCHESTRATED THE
SPECIAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR
CAPTAINS AND SENIOR CREW WITH THE
ASSISTANCE OF VARIOUS OTHER FIRST
CAPTAINS AND IT WENT QUITE
WELL...ALL WERE PLEASED AT THE
CONCENTRATED EFFORT OF ALL WHO

ATTENDED.

YACHT CLUB PRESENTATIONS FOR
MORE VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE AT GOLDEN
GATE, BAY VIEW AND
OTHER CLUBS.

Cory is checking more into the SEA
SCOUTS who offer volunteers and
programs...they indicate that the past
policy of discrimination against Gays and
Lesbians is past...but we will ask for their
Charter to confirm this before working
with them and Cory will report back.
Assuming their attitude has altered, this
would be a tremendous boon for both
Programs.



CONDITIONS OF BOATS:

Bear:

Eric of the Coast Guard (our
bosun) is back and Paul M and
Ken fixed the step; the new prop
has stopped the whining at certain
RPMs; Paul M will be working on
repair of some soul planking; Ken
will pick up flares; Paul has
authority to spend up to one
hundred dollars to replenish our
tool kit.

BENJAMIN:

With complete rudder rebuild, new shaft and packing gland, painted, winches serviced, etc. etc. (at owner expense) the boat returns for the Gleaming Ocean Program. Jim Rumer is the hero here, working with Carlos, but also working with List Marine, etc. to get the boat back in the water in better shape than it has been in twenty years.



GLEAMING OCEAN PROGRESS

Interviews at both Light House Charter School in Oakland and Galileo are now scheduled with possible students filling in applications and essays.

**THE SAILS ARE NOW
SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY
24; FEBRUARY 7;
FEBRUARY 21; MARCH 7;
MARCH 21 AND THE
ANCHOR OUT EITHER
APRIL 4 OR APRIL 18,
depending on weather**

On the 24th after orientation on the boat we will take the kids to West Marine to outfit them with foul weather gear (they return at end of the year) at cost from West Marine. This is all possible due to a one time grant from the Betz Foundation, which will also allow us to feed the students, pay for their sleeping bags, pay for their transport to the boat, etc. etc. All without taking money from the Blue Water standard program fund. An unexpected and wonderful gift to the children from an expert in the field who apparently thinks that what we are doing really matters.

GOLDEN MEMORIES OF A RESCUE

It was a year ago that **Adam and Jim M** pulled a child from the water in less than five minutes, showing the usual skill and coolness that not only is typical for that set of captain and crew, but handling it with such aplomb that one tends to forget just how remarkable that was. And how **David Mischel's** structured safety program and our countless practices paid off when it mattered.

If a reporter had been there, those captains would have been hailed as heroes. Both would have been equally upset at that claim and would have quickly found a way to escape the notoriety. But...what they did was the very type of coolness and professionalism under pressure that is our goal and what we also are trying to teach not only our Foundation...but the kids.

In a way, the lack of making a "big deal" out of it is our best testimony to our success in this regard...but...don't we all feel a bit safer knowing that these guys came through when it counted? Maybe we ARE doing something right.

NEXT MEETING **JANUARY 20, 2009**, 6-800, ALWAYS OVER BEFORE 800, FOOD AND DRINK, 12TH FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY STREET SF, CLOSE TO BART.

**You can't do
everything...but you can
change the world...one
child at a time...**