



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2024 (via ZOOM)

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**MEETINGS ARE ALL ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

**ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME... NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP.**

**USE OUR WEBSITE EVENTS LINK ("Get Involved" button) TO SIGN UP FOR SAILS OR CONTACT THE SAIL ORGANIZER.**



### **SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:**

We sail with every middle and high school in the SF District system...Next sails 10/24;10/31;11/7;11/14. Bear has just been fully repaired by Captains Colm and David with new hydraulics and she is back on the sails. Aleta remains in Berkeley.

Many are not aware that the SF sails with police were our first program begun in 1990! Every Middle and High School in San Francisco, out on the Bay. Usually Thursdays.

It is more than a field trip in most cases. We have them work the boat, be at the wheel, show them the life teeming in the Bay. They often have looked at the Bay, seen sail boats skimming along. Suddenly, they are not only on one of the boats...a 46 foot open ocean racer...but working the boat. Think back to your middle or high school days...what would you have given for that experience? And

we have been doing that weekly for well over thirty years...our first students have grown children now...

**COMMUNITY SAILS:**

Community sails are continuing, and we have many new exciting programs:

1. SF PORT AUTHORITY has a summer program for high school students and is reaching out for a week of classes this coming summer. Stay tuned.
2. WOMEN'S SAILING SEMINAR which used some of our volunteers and Aleta was well pleased with how that portion of the program went and have invited us back for next year's program...hoping to use Divine Wind for spinnaker work.
3. CDC of Marin is checking out community groups in Marin City and other locales in Marin.
4. SILVER SPRINGS HIGH just completed their sail on Bear and wants to keep scheduling these sails.
5. PAL (Police Activities League) which is an eighty year old organization that provides sports to youth in the City, working with police, is exploring possible sails with Blue Water. We will be meeting over the next few months to consider this. Stay tuned.
6. Such people as Captain Jim and Kimberly are reaching out to even more community groups and that is one reason we have so many of these sails on the schedule. Check out which groups you would like to work with...!



**PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:**

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION YEAR Night sail on **October 25**, their formal graduation sail on **November 1** and the next class will begin in January.

EI DORADO PROBATION: Captain Lee will be checking on their current status.



# Training & Certification:

The quickest way to move up the certification ladder...and a lot of fun.

1. First Aid and CPR –Our next class will be on **NOVEMBER 23, 2024, BERKELEY YACHT CLUB**. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE “HANDS ON” PRACTICE. SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE EVENTS PAGE.
2. Certification sail on Bear end of January...check events page.
3. Benjamin Walters has a normal certification sail on **NOVEMBER 16** and has night overboard live practice on **DECEMBER 7** don't sign up for the night practice if you have not already done a day practice.
4. ALETA has her certification sail on **NOVEMBER 9**.
5. And recall if come on a sail as a guest or crew, make sure the captain checks out your skills and you can move along the certification list.

**MOVE UP THE CERTIFICATION LADDER SO WE CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTH.**



## BOSUN'S REPORT:

**GOLDEN BEAR:** Captains Colm, David and Marc have been working on the rigging hydraulics for a month and have been able to get the parts and put in new hydraulics which is now working. Colm worked remarkably well, keeping at it until the unit finally was working perfectly. Another example of how our volunteers just keep the boats going...because they want the kids out there.

**ALETA:** Captain Scott reports the boat in good condition but reminded all to lock the boat when leaving...he has found the hatch open and Aleta is on a public dock, recall. Also, top the fuel cans after use.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** A bird has destroyed the windex at the top of the mast and a new gennaker bag should arrive within a month...all at owner expense.

Captain Scott has developed a check list for Aleta for captains to review when taking the boat out and putting it away and Bear and Benjamin are doing the same.





## OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, in Spring probably...



**MONEY:** \$7,632 in the bank before a ten thousand dollar donation was received from CAPTAIN ROGER! Sorely needed given our large insurance and hydraulic expenses. THANK YOU ROGER!!! If you can, donations are ALWAYS needed. All money goes to boats. And insurance.

Our donations in kind, including two introductory courses from MODERN SAILING have now been distributed along with the sailing gear that was donated. We will have two more courses to give away next year thanks to MODERN SAILING. If you have gear you want to donate, let us know!



## INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: A PROGRAM YOU CAN JOIN AND HELP EVEN IF YOU STAY ON LAND:

### INTERNSHIPS:

Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them. Jim Stanton is working with Matt Zarem to set up internships at Spaulding Wood Boat Center, dealing with students from Sweeney and connecting also with the San Rafael police department. **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.**



### SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall that **Sategna Foundation**, our longtime partner, working with Jim Stanton and Lee, sent a Hanna Center student to the music festival in a village in Tuscany this summer. We are now searching for the next student to go to Italy for a culture change that can change the life of the student. In the next few months Jim and Lee will begin the selection process for the next student.

Also recall that **Sategna Foundation** has agreed to fund an additional Sweeney or other equivalent student for vocational or college scholarships once our selection process is completed. Josue', our scholarship recipient, graduated Suma cum laud with a BS in nursing from USF, was the selected student speaker at his graduation, and has agreed to work with Blue Water and Sategna to help others follow his footsteps...straight As while working full time for a BS in nursing!!

**Sailing opens doors...scholarships help students walk through the doors.**

Want to help? E mail Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).





In terms of fund raising, we will be having our President's Cocktail party in the City after the beginning of the year and were invited by THE BARRIOS TRUST to apply for a grant by one of their board members who is a new Blue Water volunteer.

SF Rec and Park has also offered to introduce us to various entities that may provide volunteers or donations.

## Insurance

Working long boring hours, Captain Steve landed excellent insurance and we have expanded our coverage to two new first captains at not too bad expense....Thanks to Steve for fighting the good fight.

**MEDIA COMMITTEE AND WEB SITE:** Captain Louie is working on a brand new look to our web site with various other applications and Captain David and our Media Committee are creating a media policy which will be drafted and presented to the Board in the near future.

## MEMORIAL SAIL AND RAFT



*Beautiful day and we dropped three leis in the water in honor of Captains Ben, Bob and Jim, remembering the great examples they set the rest of us...and knowing they would have loved to be there celebrating their lives with the rest of us.*

## MAKE AND MEND DAY NOVEMBER 2

**Our annual meeting of the boats at the Berkeley Yacht Club dock so we and do clean up, check safety gear, running rigging, etc. This is a great chance to meet many of the other volunteers and to get to know the boats intimately. Sign up on our website and plan on being at the Berkeley guest pier. POT LUCK As well as some refreshments provided by Blue Water...BOSUNS, GET TOGETHER A LIST OF TASKS SO WE CAN BE EFFICIENT!!!**

## SF MARINA LIGHTED BOAT PARADE THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 13.

**Blue Water has been invited to participate in the lighted boat parade off the SF Marina by our friends in the Harbor Master's office....want to help decorate and show our stuff? Sign up on the website.**



**ZOOM**...if you are not already on the registered list, go to our Get Involved link on our website and register to receive the Zoom invitation. Contact Captain David if necessary and he will give you a link... David Mischel [dmischel@gmail.com](mailto:dmischel@gmail.com)

**NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.**

As we celebrated Captains Ben, Bob and Jim, it occurred to us that we are now in the fourth generation of Blue Water captains...It was 1990 when Captains Ben, Lee and Ken began working with the SFPD and the SF School Department and some Hunter's Point community groups. Some of our most recent captains were either unborn at that time, or less than five years old! The tradition lasts because the people who join us are volunteers who take duty seriously...and love working with a team of people who give and expect nothing in return but the joy of giving joy. This is truly remarkable...and may the generations keep coming.

