



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2025 (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... Weather cancelled one sail, but Captain Les always schedules "rain day" openings so the school does not miss out. Next sails **2/20;2/27;3/6;3/13** and we are booked until end of the School Year thanks to the efforts of Captain Les. Police are likely to be assigned to the sails again in Spring. On Golden Bear from San Francisco.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. **PROJECT REBOUND**, both SF State and Cal State East Bay, which work integrating the previously incarcerated back into society and has many interns, will be working with Blue Water again and Kimberly is working with them to set up sails. **They have their own sail on March 8 on Golden Bear and will be joining the Sweeney sails as volunteers.**

2. ROCKING THE BOAT, a small boat building nonprofit, has been teaching kids in Hunters Point boat building and Captain Les has contacted them to set up sails with their students. He will report back at the next meeting: they are interested.
3. CDC sails are being set up by the tireless Chritina and will be on our events calendar soon.
4. PAL, the police Activities League, is interested in exploring joint programs, including a possible **racing team**. Captains Lee and Jim are dealing with this possibility and the goal is a racing team designed for this coming year. A meeting with our racing expert, Captain Andrew, will be set up with PAL in the next month or so.
5. Such people as Captain Jim, Christina 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...!
6. PORT AUTHORITY SUMMER PROGRAM. Three sails the week of July 7 for twelve high schoolers who have been selected to learn all about the Bay and sea front. May be double boat sails.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: Our next class is on **February 28** with both boats going out, students learning the skill of sailing on Aleta as well as Benjamin Walters. Recall we have a new curriculum: Ten classes; graduation on a Sunday; a test with Mentors and Mentees before graduation; night sail and live overboard drill as always, a race to Angel between Aleta and Benjamin (Aleta is on half the sails.) The graduation will have various contests such as kayak races and line tossing and Kimberly will better arrange the pot luck for graduation. This program will be intense, mentor mentee method. **EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE PROGRAM, SIGN UP FOR THE GRADUATION TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT...JUDGE THE RACES...AND GET SOME FOOD.**

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

MARIN PROBATION: Christina is convinced she can get this program started in the next few months. Stay tuned.



WOMAN'S SAILING SEMINAR WORKING WITH BLUE WATER:

After our successful work with this organization, they want to do it again next year, Aleta and some of our women captains on board to help teach. Stay tuned for dates.

Training & Certification:

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

1. **First Aid and CPR** –Our next class is scheduled for **March 29**, at the **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.*
2. **Certification sail on Bear** just completed a live overboard drill and will schedule the next certification soon.
3. **Benjamin Walters** a full day certification on **March 22** and night overboard practice on **May 9**.
4. **ALETA** has a full certification sail set for **3/29**.
5. **RECALL THAT CALIFORNIA LAW NOW REQUIRES ALL PERSONS TAKING OTHERS SAILING TO HAVE THE CALIFORNIA BOATER'S CARD AND THAT IS REQUIRED FOR OUR CERTIFICATION...IT'S ALL ONLINE, EASY TO GET, CHEAP, AND DOES REVIEW FOR YOUR MUCH USEFUL INFORMATION. GET IT! REQUIRED FOR ALL FIRST AND SECOND CAPTAINS.**
6. **And note that if you 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. You do not necessarily have to do the certification sails to get certified...but they move things more quickly.**



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: Bosun Captain Colm is seeking to replace her ancient canvas covers at cost. Boat in good shape.

ALETA: Bosun Captain Scott is waiting for a professional rigger to check the gooseneck and is planning on repairs to the companionway steps.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Rigging of repaired whisker pole almost done. All at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: New standing rigging next month and she is ready to explore racing with PAL, 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.



INSURANCE REPORT: We are submitting the documents to renew our D and O insurance; On March 1, Captain Steve will start the process to renew our liability insurance. Captains, be ready to give Steve your bio information. Note insurance is our single largest expense for the year...so help Steve minimize the cost to us. Never a reported accident; no injuries at all in thirty years...but they still charge us big bucks.

BOAT DECORATION PRIZE: The SF Marina awarded Blue Water the second-place prize for boat decoration for the Xmas parade...thanks to those volunteers who made this happen.

MONEY: \$35,630 in the bank...high for us, and Kimberly should get a lot of credit. But liability insurance still costs \$2100.00 a month...and boats eat money. No payroll, but boats remain expensive. If you can, donations are ALWAYS needed. All money goes to boats. And insurance.

AND DONTATIONS IN KIND ALWAYS WELCOME. We have received foul weather gear, books, and courses have been donated by MODERN SAILING. Have some gear you want to write off? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

HAPPY HOUR: Our social event coordinator, KIMBERLY, has set up with President Shannon a Woman Sailors HAPPY HOUR at South Beach Yacht Club in SF on **March 8**...ten-dollar donation at the door and an opportunity to meet and greet other women sailors who want to help Blue Water. Kimberly promises a Men Sailor's HAPPY HOUR later. Sign up on our events page.



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 have now found the next student we are supporting, a soprano from the Bay Area.....ideally, she will go to Italy for a culture change that can change the life of the 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. PAL has many students in SF that they are recommending, and we have a Sweeney student who needs a little help for his advanced courses. Stay tuned.

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

Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



PROTOCOL FOR CREW, STUDENT AND CAPTAIN INTERACTION ADOPTED BY BOARD.

The board adopted the protocols for interaction which are now on our website and a link is on each sail event listed. Check it out.

SCOUTING AWARD TO BLUE WATER: The Golden Gate District of the Boy Scouts of American are giving an award to Blue Water for our community service on **March 11**...Shannon will attend and if interested, join us.



MOTORING THE BOATS requires more emphasis in our training, we have noted, and Safety Officer David will add that as a certification skill...especially critical for our overboard drills. First captains, let others motor the boat when leaving the dock and returning to increase the skill level. And part of our certification will be motoring in reverse, turning, etc.

MORE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA is needed for our grant writing and the First Captains will be getting instructions on how to obtain it.

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

NEXT MEETING MARCH 4, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM.



We began in 1991...40,000 students taken to the water over the decades. Our first students may have grandkids by now!!! And we keep going because people like you decided that complaining about the world is not enough...it's time to do something about it. Volunteer...or write a check...or both...but join us in making a difference!!