



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES APRIL 8, 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... Next sails **4/17;4/24;5/1**; 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 late 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 is now accompanying us on sails with Sweeney students and others.
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. MARIN CDC has now set up a sail with MEN AND BOYS ACTION TEAM for **June 13**. This entity concentrates on suicide prevention and mental health and is located in Marin. Double Boat sail on Aleta and Benjamin.

4. PAL, the San Francisco Police Activities League, has now set up sails for **APRIL 30**, two boats in SF, Aleta coming from Berkeley. If these go well, expect these sails to become regular. Another such double sail will be on **May 21**. Kimberly is working with Oakland PAL so expect a sail with them to be scheduled soon. Captain Andy hopes to set up a racing program with SF PAL in the next several months.

5. PORT AUTHORITY SUMMER PROGRAM. Three sails in the week of **July 7- 10** for twelve high schoolers who have been selected to learn all about the Bay and sea front. May be double boat sails.

6. IMPERIAL COUNCIL OF SF. The Imperial Council is an organization of drag queens who have contributed to Blue Water in the past and this is their thank you sail. Pizza and city front sail on a Sunday.



**PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:**

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: The Sweeney class already underway was cancelled due to violence at Camp Sweeney which has resulted in a two-week lockdown. This is the first time this has happened in fifteen years. A new series of classes will begin on **MAY 2** and will run for the next two months. Check the calendar for dates and sign up...the prior classes scheduled are all cancelled. Note that most of the students at Camp Sweeney were not involved and they are most anxious to start the program again. **EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE PROGRAM, SIGN UP FOR THE GRADUATION TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT.** This is when the Camp needs us most.

EI DORADO PROBATION: They are coming down from Tahoe on **May 3**. City Front sail if tides and winds allow.



## 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. Late summer.

## Training & Certification:

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

1. First Aid and CPR –Our next class scheduled for **March 29**, at the Berkeley Yacht Club went well and the next will be scheduled for about three months from now. *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 **May 16** and will include live overboard drill.
3. Benjamin Walters night overboard practice on **May 9**.
4. ALETA had a full certification sail on 3/29. Next one in a month or two.
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: We have replaced our Main Cover at cost thanks to ALAMEDA CANVAS at Grand Marina Boatyard, friends who have helped us in the past. We hope to get a new Jib Bag next. Boat in good shape.

ALETA: Bosun Captain Scott arranged for a full diesel check and was given the good news that the diesel is in excellent shape, starting right away and operating well. He is having the gooseneck checked over for corrosion.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Some new blocks and lines, varnishing, and plumbing work, 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; Captain Steve has started 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.

**MONEY:** \$34,979 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.

**BARRIOS TRUST DONATES TEN THOUSAND TO BLUE WATER FOUNDATION!!** Kimberly and Shannon, at the suggestion of Taj, one of our volunteers, submitted a request for a grant from this foundation and they have selected Blue Water as their recipient. A boon which will allow anticipatory boat maintenance and goes a long way to pay our annual insurance costs. **THANK YOU BARRIOS.**

**ST FRANCIS FOUNDATION** grants \$2500.00 to BLUE WATER! They've done it before, and we are very grateful! They get what we are doing with the kids and want to keep helping.

**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](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).



## **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, is sending three students to the music tutoring and festival in a village in Tuscany this summer. Two violinists and a soprano...one of the violinists went last year and so impressed the school that they invited him back. Sategna only pays travel for one trip but luckily an anonymous volunteer in Blue Water has agreed to foot the bill to send him back to Italy. So, three students sponsored by Blue Water will be learning and making music in Italy.

Further, PAL suggested a student for a scholarship to SF State who is in their police cadet program, and we will be seeking money from Sategna for his expenses. Sategna has already indicated that they will fund that. Lastly, we have a Sweeney student who may need a bit of help for some of his advanced studies and we are likely to be supporting him on that. Stay tuned.

**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).



## **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.

**THANK YOU MODERN SAILING:** Leigh Hunt, one of the owners of Modern Sailing, was President of Blue Water before he went in the business and still supports us. Many of our new volunteers were sent by Modern and they award two sailing school scholarships each year for Blue Water use. That's him above, pulling Lee out of the water. He may be working long, long hours to

keep the school going...but they have not forgotten the needs of the kids. Thanks to Leigh and Modern Sailing!!!!



**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.

**MEDIA COMMITTEE**, which is to put Blue Water more prominently on various social media and create videos to make that work needs more volunteers to get this going. Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com) if this appeals to you.



**PUT THE BOATS AWAY:** Every captain knows this...when back at the dock people are inclined to rush off. BUT PART OF OUR TASK AS VOLUNTEERS IS TO PUT THE BOAT AWAY READY FOR THE NEXT CREW...AND TO MAKE SURE ALL SAFETY SYSTEMS...INCLUDING LIFE SLING...ARE READY FOR THE NEXT SAIL. SLOW IT DOWN AND ALLOCATE A HALF HOUR AFTER THE SAIL TO PUTTING THE BOAT AWAY RIGHT...DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT THE CAPTAIN SAYING IT IS ALL DONE!

**ORANGE HATS:** We have learned that orange is the color for overboard visibility...during overboard live practice that was clear and is one reason the Coast Guard uses that color. We are putting orange knit hats on each boat sufficient for the students and will encourage them to wear them.

**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 MAY 13, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM.**

**SO, YOU DON'T LIKE THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING IN OUR CURRENT SOCIETY? WANT TO SEE CHANGES? WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? SO....DO IT. GO TO OUR WEBSITE, SIGN UP AND VOLUNTEER TO CHANGE KIDS' LIVES. STOP GROUSING AND START BEING THE SOLUTION. WE HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR THIRTY FIVE YEARS....40,000 PLUS STUDENTS TO SEA. AND WE WANT YOU...NEED YOU...TO HELP.**