



## **NEWSLETTER and MINUTES** **MAY 13, 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:**

The sails are almost over for the summer, but two left: **May 22; May 29**. 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, and the class graduated after helping us on Sweeney sails; new classes coming and they are great to work with.
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 one more double sail on Bear and Benjamin on **May 21**. After summer break we will be setting up regular sails, to be designed over the summer. 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 had their thank you sail last month. They invite all volunteers to come to their shows at Beaux in the City, every third Saturday, 4-7.
7. WOMAN'S SAILING SEMINAR will be **SEPTEMBER 26-8** and Blue Water captains will help teach that.
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#### **PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:**

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: The Sweeney class is now in full swing and will run for the next two months. Check the calendar for dates and sign up... **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. Graduation will have certificates handed out, potluck, swearing in of Sea Scouts, Kayak races and more...then they show what they have learned to friends and family. **JULY 19 FOR GRADUATION.**

EI DORADO PROBATION: They came down from Tahoe on May 3 and it was a great sail They want to schedule more...stay tuned.



## **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 **LAST August or early September** at the **Berkeley Yacht Club** ...stay tuned for date. *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 to be scheduled soon...stay tuned.

3. Benjamin Walters night overboard practice on **JUNE 20**. (Only sign up if you have already done day live overboard drill)

4. ALETA had a full certification sail on **JUNE 1**.

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 YOU 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 hope to get a new Jib Bag next. Boat in good shape.

ALETA: The gooseneck needs full repair, and the boat is out of service until that is achieved. Captains Scott and Eric are handling that with Eric assisting. Thanks to Captain Marc for spotting the trouble.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Companionway steps now newly varnished, top sides touch up, owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: Still out of water with new rigging, instruments, etc. Back in soon...Owner expense.

REMEMBER TO WASH DOWN THE BOATS AFTER EACH SAIL...FIRST CAPTAINS, YOUR JOB TO KEEP CREW THERE TO DO THIS...WILL PROLONG LIFE OF ALL BOATS AND EQUIPMENT.





**INSURANCE REPORT:** We have renewed 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.

**MENTORSHIP TRAINING:** The key to Blue Water is mentoring children...sometimes overtime, as in Sweeney sails...sometimes just for the single sail event...but we need to seek to improve our skills. Lee is charged with getting some experts to help us here. Stay tuned.

**MONEY:** \$44,187 in the bank...high for us, and Shannon and Kimberly should get a lot of credit. These figures stem from a major donation from the BARRIOS TRUST and the ST FRANCIS FOUNDATION. We also hope to get an additional donation from another foundation in a month or three. 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](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.**



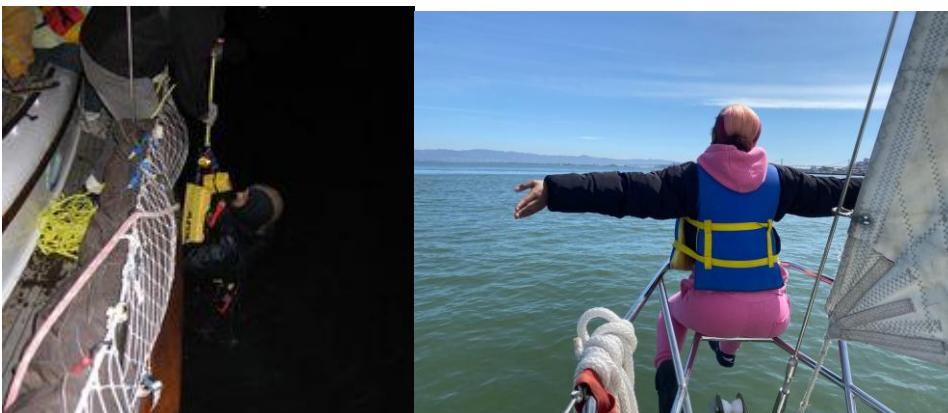
### SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall that **Sategna Foundation**, our longtime partner, working with Jim Stanton and Lee, is sending students to the music tutoring and festival in a village in Tuscany this summer. Two violinists...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, 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 providing him with some help for his educational expenses. 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).





**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 Captain David has created the software to let first captains easily provide the information which shall be kept confidential.

**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 JULY 8, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM.** (Note not for two months!!)

**THINGS SEEM GRIM FOR MANY RIGHT NOW...ECONOMIC STRESS, POLITICAL ANGER, FEW PLACES TO THINK ABOUT THAT DON'T CAUSE MORE STRESS...but you can moan or groan or you can do something about it...these kids need you now more than ever. Stop complaining and come and make a difference. We want you...**

