



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JULY 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.



SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SF:

The sails are over for the summer, but will begin in **October**. On Golden Bear from San Francisco.

MARIN:

We are starting sails with both Middle Schools and High Schools coming all the way from Pt. Reyes and Tomales beginning in **late August and September**, on Golden Bear. Captain Les will put those sails on calendar in the near future. Our first venture with a Marin school district. Will likely become a regular program to supplement the SF School District sails.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. PLAY MARIN: Two sails with this Marin City community group are scheduled on Bear, **August 7 and August 14.**
2. LA CASA DE MADRES, On Benjamin on **September 20.**
3. PORT AUTHORITY SUMMER PROGRAM. These sails have concluded with very happy participants and they wish us to set up sails for next year
4. BARRIOS TRUST GRATITUDE SAIL: A thank you sail for the generous donation of the Barrios Trust on Benjamin Walters set for **September 27.**
5. WOMAN'S SAILING SEMINAR will be **SEPTEMBER 26-8** and Blue Water captains will help teach that.
6. MARIN CASA, with their foster kids, will be setting up several sails in Fall and have their Gala on **September 20.**
7. BERKELEY YACHT CLUB SUMMER CAMP sail went well and we will be doing these annually
8. PROJECT REBOUND will be joining us again when their semester begins in Spring.
9. SF MARIN AND ALAMEDA CASA PROGRAMS are programs for foster children and we expect three sails to be set up in the next two months.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: The Sweeney class had to delay their graduation which will be rescheduled in the next month. Thereafter we will start a new class.

EI DORADO PROBATION: The adult probation sail was delayed...stay tuned for new date.

ALAMEDA JUVENILE HALL PROGRAM: We have been approached by Juvenile Hall top personnel to try a new program with fully incarcerated students...something never attempted before in California. We begin slow with two to three carefully selected students (and four probation officers) on two sails: one **August 6** and one **September 13**. If these work, will become part of a regular program for our best mentors and sailors and graduating students will go on to fire camp or Camp Sweeney. After these first sails courses on mentoring these students will be given by the probation personnel at Juvenile Hall.



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 scheduled for 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** Certification sail **July 26** and a night overboard practice on **August 8**. (Only sign up for the night practice if you have already done day live overboard drill)

4. **ALETA** to be scheduled soon...check our calendar.

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 is undergoing repair at Berkeley Marine Center along with various misc. items. Should be back in the water within two weeks.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Much varnish work, filter changes, routine maintenance all at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: Back in water from a long haul out and brand-new rigging...Owner expense.

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



INSURANCE REPORT: Captain Steve has finally bound the new insurance after much, much work. It will cost us around 11,000 more or less...and is our single largest expense given that we have no payroll. That's one reason we need to keep raising money....

MONEY: \$42,682 in the bank...but given the insurance cost above and the likely bill for Aleta in the yard, we will be down quite a bit by next month at this time. President Shannon and Kimberly are in high gear to raise more money and are applying for grants, etc. They could use some help, despite Kimberly's remarkable successes so far...if interested, contact Lee to get on that committee. lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

AND DONTATIONS IN KIND ALWAYS WELCOME. We now have foul weather jackets and inflatable life vests that were donated. We will make those available to students and volunteers who otherwise cannot afford them. And remember, courses have been donated by MODERN SAILING. Have some gear you want to write off? Contact Lee at 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. Jobs are how kids in trouble get to an alternative lifestyle...and they know it. **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee. Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.**



SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall that **Sategna Foundation**, our longtime partner, working with Jim Stanton and Lee, has sent students to the music tutoring and festival in a village in Tuscany this summer. Luke went for his second year and won unanimous praise from the expert teachers at the festival. Indeed, one of the more famous teachers applauded him on stage...not bad for a kid from a terrible neighborhood in Oakland. One other student selected could not go due to an emergency in the family. Thanks to an anonymous donor who paid for Luke's trip to Italy. We also provided a scholarship to Wilson, a police cadet finishing college up who plans to join the force. We found him via the Police Activities League. Time to start the search for the next group of students....know someone who could not make it without our help? Let us know.

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

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



BLUE WATER MISSION STATEMENT:

It has been suggested that the first captain or whoever he/she selects tell the students and guests who we are and why we do it...Captain Richard recites the Blue Water mission to the students before each sail. They should know we are all volunteers and doing this because we want to share the adventure with them. Remember the probation student who commented to one of our captains, "You guys aren't paid? You're the only people who are with me without getting paid..." He then grinned and walked down the deck. LET THEM KNOW.

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 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!**

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 AUGUST 12, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

So, listen to this. A sailor down the dock came to one of our captains and asked why we are taking kids sailing. "What can it do for them...show them something they never will have?" He snorted and walked off. He didn't get it. He never saw how the kids treat the experience as you would if you suddenly were offered a trip into Space...the same intense excitement, the sudden realization that you are on an offshore racer or cruiser pounding through the waves, one of those boats you have seen on the Bay and never thought you could be on...whales, dolphins, sea lions and the City, at night, unreal.

You show them what's there and that they can handle the boat. You show them that they can make it there if it truly matters to them. You show them that they are not different than the crew on other boats. And you show them a group of adults who care enough about them to take them to that world...and make it available if they want to come back.

Easier to be cynical and justify not helping with a snide comment. Not easy to take incarcerated kids, foster kids, troubled kids, etc. to sea. Easy to justify the selfishness that has become a hallmark of this era. Easy to say nothing I can do...

But there is...join us out there. The kids need you....yes, you.

