



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES AUGUST 12, 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 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 **September**, on Golden Bear. Captain Les will put those sails on calendar in the near future. Our first venture with a Marin school district.

### COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. PLAY MARIN: We had two great sails with this Marin City community group.

2. SF CASA are court appointed advocates for foster kids, and we are working with Marin and Alameda County here, double sail on Aleta and Bear from SF 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.



#### PROBATION DEPARTMENTS SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: The Sweeney class will begin on **September 5**, six classes and graduation over the next three months. Mentor Mentee method.  
EI DORADO PROBATION: The adult probation sail was delayed...stay tuned for new date.

ALAMEDA JUVENILE HALL PROGRAM: Recall we were approached by Juvenile Hall personnel to try a new program with fully incarcerated students...something never attempted before in California. We had our first of two test sails on **August 6**, and our second sail is **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 is **August 30** and the following class will be **10/4 or 10/25**. *REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE "HANDS ON" PRACTICE. FREE FOR VOLUNTEERS.*
2. Certification sail on Bear with live overboard drill is **September 13**.
3. Benjamin Walters Day certification with live MOB **8/30** (late start due to CPR class, begins at 1130!) and a night overboard practice on **10/3**. (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.
7. For those involved in mentorship with probation students, the officers at Juvenile Hall will be giving mentorship training in October or November...stay tuned.



### BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: Baby stay hydraulics back on, bosun Colm now checking out coffee grinder which is making odd sounds.

ALETA: Rigging repair completed, possible small engine leak, should be back in water and ready to sail by third week in August.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Head rebuild, new fenders, 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.**



### **RACING PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR ITS PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Captain Andy is putting together a racing team and we are at the planning stages. He would like two or three volunteers who like racing and would like to introduce some of the students we serve to join him on a committee to plan this. Captain David is already on the committee...you? May be with Juvenile Probation or some of the community groups or schools we serve...if interested, e mail [andrewzim@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewzim@yahoo.com).

### **NEW GRANTS COMING IN!**

Thanks to major efforts by Kimberly and Shannon, we are getting more grants...in this case the Coastal Commission has committed to a substantial grant once we provide a bit more information which Shannon and Kimberly are providing over the next few weeks. These two have been tireless in getting the money we need to keep the boats in good shape...

### **BLUE WATER PARTY NOVEMBER 1, BERKELEY YACHT CLUB**

Our annual party is now set, entertainment, food, auction, and awarding the **PARTNER OF THE YEAR**; **BOSUN OF THE YEAR** and **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**.

If you have someone or some entity to nominate for any of the above categories, please e mail to [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com) with names and some background as to why it is deserved.



**MONEY:** \$36,690 in the bank...and another \$5800 from our friends Meyer Foundation...but given the insurance costs and the likely bill for Aleta in the yard, we will be down quite a bit by next month at this time...no payroll, all volunteer, but boats are expensive!!!

AND DONATIONS 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](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. 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](mailto: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. Thanks to an anonymous donor who paid for Luke's trip to Italy. Luke is hoping to return for a third year.

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. Wilson still needs another five thousand to complete that scholarship. Help? Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

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.**



**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!**

**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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM.**



