



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 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. CASA are court appointed advocates for foster kids, and we are working with Marin and Alameda County here, sail on Bear from SF on **September 20**.
2. BARRIOS TRUST GRATITUDE SAIL: A thank you sail for the generous donation of the Barrios Trust on Benjamin Walters set for **September 27**.
3. 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 now begins its third session this week, new Probation Officer taking over from retired Mr. Young. Going well. Mentor Mentee method. **September 26** is our next class, making model sail boats and going out to see how real ones work.

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. The first experimental sail went very well and our second is set for **October 4**. After that sail, we have a meeting in San Francisco with the leaders at both Sweeney and Juvenile Hall to discuss how to make this into a regular program, the first of its kind. That meeting is set for **October 17**.





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 **10/18**. *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. Golden Bear: just concluded a live **MOB** drill. Stay tuned for the next.
3. Benjamin Walters 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 CAPTAIN 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 November...stay tuned.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: Baby stay hydraulics back on, bosun Colm has again fixed the coffee grinder which was making odd sounds. Time for a new Jib Bag.

ALETA: All repaired by Scott and his loyal helpers. Boat is in good shape and now is the time to get it fully back in service.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Jib canvas cover repaired, forward cushion on box, sole upgrade, 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.



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.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS FOR 2025!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- 1. Volunteer of the Year (Ben Wengrovski Award)**
- 2. Bosun of the Year (Jim Rumer Award)**
- 3. Partner of the Year:**

**KIMBERLY CLARK
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PETER SATEGNA FOUNDATION**



FOOD, DRINK ENTERTAINMENT AND CELEBRATION OF A NON-PROFIT THAT HAS EXISTED FOR 35 YEARS WITHOUT A SINGLE PAID STAFF: SAILORS HELPING OTHERS AND NOT EXPECTING ANYTHING IN RETURN ASIDE FROM THE SATISFACTION OF HELPING OTHERS AND COMRADSHIP OF OTHERS WHO FEEL THE SAME WAY.

MONEY: \$41,782 but still have not paid the massive bill for Aleta repair, almost ten thousand dollars. Kimberly and Shannon keep beating the bushes for grants and the like...want to join them? Let Kimbely know. No one on payroll...but boats and equipment are expensive, as is our insurance.

AND DONATATIONS 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, and winner of the 2025 Partner of the Year Award, 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, but that sum has now been donated by two anonymous donors.

Time to start the search for the next group of students....**know someone who could not make it without our help? Let us know. lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.**

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 if this appeals to you.

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 OCTOBER 12, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM.**

Something said to us by one of the higher ups in Alameda County Probation struck home:

“You don’t get it...It’s not just the sailing and the boats though those matter. It’s you people...these kids never have met anyone like you. Not in their homes, not in their streets, not with us while incarcerated. Certainly not with us. People like you who are with them, showing them kindness, care, showing them how to sail...but showing them that someone cares who is not paid to do it. That’s what is working with these kids...”

You can rant at the current politics or greed or selfishness or cynicism...or you can do something about it...stop whining and start helping...JOIN US.