



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES OCTOBER 14, 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.



BLUE WATER PARTY NOVEMBER 1, 6-11, BERKELEY YACHT CLUB

Our annual party is now set, entertainment, food, auction, and awarding the **PARTNER OF THE YEAR; SATEGNA FOUNDATION**; **BOSUN OF THE YEAR: COLM PELOW** and **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR; KIMBERLY CLARK**.

This is not the standard foundation party which asks for money in two dozen ways...this is truly a celebration of those who have made this foundation prosper for over thirty years...short speeches, music, food and fun. A chance to see the volunteers who may be involved in programs other than your own. Come and see why this organization has lasted so many decades...a boat or two will be at the dock for viewing.

Buy tickets online on our website or at the door.

SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SF:

The sails are now once a week, all on Golden Bear from San Francisco, every Middle and High School.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. MARIN AND SONOMA CASA: These sails with foster kids are scheduled for November 15, on Golden Bear.
2. PORT AUTHORITY SUMMER PROGRAM. These sails concluded with very happy participants, and they wish us to set up sails for next year.
3. BARRIOS TRUST GRATITUDE SAIL: A thank you sail for the generous donation of the Barrios Trust on Benjamin Walters went well and it was great meeting these inspiring people.
4. WOMAN'S SAILING SEMINAR went well; they want us back next year and some of our women sailors are thinking of setting up our own women's crew in the future. We have three or so new volunteers stemming from the program.



PROBATION DEPARTMENTS SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: We are starting a brand-new program seeking to combine Sweeney sails with students from Juvenile Hall. Eight classes plus graduation, mentor mentee method, an experimental program that, if successful, may alter the mode of incarceration at Juvenile Hall in significant ways. Our first two experimental sails went well and after one more training session on October 28 at Juvenile Hall, we will schedule the new combined sails. **CHECK THE CALENDAR AND SIGN UP FOR THIS PROGRAM.**

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





Training & Certification:

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

1. First Aid and CPR –We had classes in August and October and will be scheduling the next one, probably early next year. *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 to be scheduled soon, check our calendar.

3. Benjamin Walters Day certification **December 7, Sunday, 1030.**

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 on October 28.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: Colm has repaired grinder, and she seems in excellent condition.

ALETA: Back in water from yard, ready to go.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Engine maintenance by owner, ready to go.

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.

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 months. These two have been tireless in getting the money we need to keep the boats in good shape...

The Imperial Council just had a bake sail in which proceeds are to go to Blue Water and hopes to raise another ten thousand for us in the next several months. Their support is invaluable.

MONEY: \$32,325 in the bank...we spent about \$14,000 for Aleta and Bear in the last year...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.

INTERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: A PROGRAM YOU CAN JOIN AND HELP EVEN IF YOU STAY ON LAND:

INTERSHIPS:

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 Istimmel@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 and also helped provide 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. Two anonymous donors have stepped up and that money is now donated.

Time to look for more scholarship recipients. Know someone that this might make a big change in a life? Let us know.

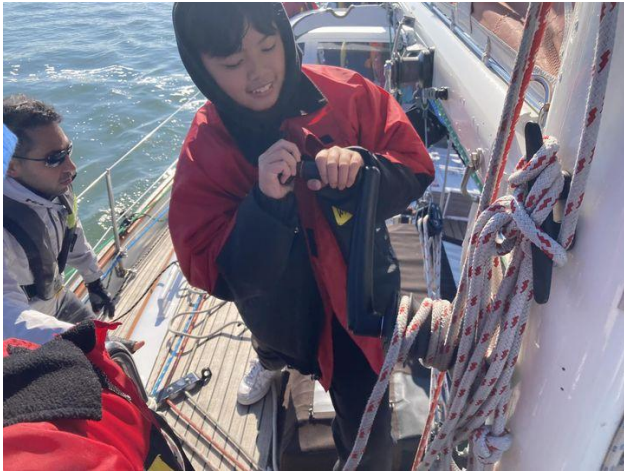
Sailing opens doors...scholarships help students walk through the doors.



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.

Remember our new policy for First Captains that they are to go over the safety features on each both before each sail to refresh recollections of the crew since many crew go on more than one boat.

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 November 11, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

Marching is fine...working for the political party you support is fine....making yourself heard is fine....but if you want to get down into the trenches, helping children who are adrift and divorced from nature...then volunteer with us and make a difference in a child's life. Direct action...it works...

