



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 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 now once a week, all on Golden Bear from San Francisco, every Middle and High School, Thursdays, and while we had one cancel, the other sails are on schedule.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. **MARIN AND SONOMA CASA:** These sails with foster kids went forward on November 15, on Golden Bear and were a great success.
2. **PORT AUTHORITY SUMMER PROGRAM.** These sails concluded with very happy participants, and they wish us to set up sails for next year.

3. **MAKANI BOATING CLUB.** Makani is a coed junior boating club for ages 11-13 affiliated with SF Sea Scouts. Golden Bear, two outings, 11-1300 and 1330 to 1530. **February 21.** And a second sail on **April 4.**

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

1. Our newest program combines juvenile hall students with Camp Sweeney students, both male and female.
2. Kimberly has set up the sails for the girls with women only crews and the first was on December 6 and went very well. She has scheduled additional "all lady" sails for **December 19, January 10** and on through February. On Golden Bear from the City.
3. Meanwhile, the boys had their first sail, another success, on December 6 and have now set the class that will last until graduation on February 22, with five students. Includes night sails, live overboard drill, etc. with the same set of five students. Mentor mentee method.
4. Our goal is to use *Aleta* more with these students and we need to certify more crew and captains. There are certification sails on *Aleta* being scheduled and we urge all volunteers to get up to speed on *Aleta*...about half the sails will use *Aleta* if we have sufficient certified people for it. (**Next Aleta Certification is on December 13.**)
5. We wish to have the probation officers become certified crew and a sail dedicated only to the Pos and their training will soon be scheduled. Stay tuned.

We are still exploring working with other probation departments, such as Marin. Stay tuned.

CERTIFICATION:

1. **First Aid and CPR –Next class on February 21, 10-12 at Berkeley Yacht Club. Most of it is done online before the class.** *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 to be scheduled soon, check our calendar.
3. **Benjamin Walters** Day certification on December 7, went well and a live overboard drill is set for **February 28.**
4. **ALETA** has a certification sail set for **December 13.**
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. **We have numerous newly certified volunteers and, limiting it to new certified first or second captains, we congratulate Anne Tengelsen, Arnie Thompson, Bertrand Chevalier.**
8. Recall that the certification process is a checklist of accomplishments signed off by a first or second captain and one progresses to certified crew, second captain and, at times, first captain. Every sail with students requires a first captain, a second captain, and three certified crew. *It is thus vital that every volunteers seek to move up the certification ladder.*



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: Baby stay is working well, and she has a new flag to fly.

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

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Running rigging improved, engine maintenance done, more gear for students. All at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: In great shape after a massive haul out bill, at 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.

Captain Louie suggest we have the probation boys participate in a sail put on by the Berkeley Yacht Club, from Berkeley to close to the Gate, using Benjamin. That would be in August, and we will discuss that over the next few months.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Explore the Coat Grant being worked on by our committee.

MONEY: \$36,748.00 in the bank. Loreta, Rich and Marty are working on Federal and State filing.

Putting a new mast on Bear would cost perhaps 40,000. Regular maintenance on the boats is perhaps a thousand each month, despite the fact that the Berths are donated by SF and Berkeley. And our volunteers put in perhaps two thousand dollars' worth of work each month. If you can...donate...

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.

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 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.**

We have another possible recipient, a young man who is now giving free haircuts in the tenderloin but needs some thousands to finish up Barber school. We are asking Sategna to fund that and await their check.

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. We are seeing how much of this type of documentation, and perhaps releases and waivers, can be done online. Stay tuned.

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. First and Second captains must also have the California Boaters Card.

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.



Captain Louie, who has been doing our website forever, would like to step down so we need some volunteers willing to handle that. Captain David is also doing this but would like some backup and is making a list of what systems we work with. Interested? Let him know.

LADY SAILORS HAPPY HOUR #2 IS ON DECEMBER 20 in Richmond. RSVP as described on our calendar. An informal gathering to bring women together from across the Blue Water community.

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 DECEMBER 9, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

The kids need us more than ever. Step up and show them the caring and concern that is all too often missing in their lives. You can help...

