



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES DECEMBER 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:**

**No sails in December due to holidays and storms but beginning in January to the end of the year sails are signed up for the District schools, every Thursday until summer, on Golden Bear**

leaving from San Francisco. The sails are now once a week, all on Golden Bear from San Francisco, every Middle and High School...our oldest program, now over thirty years old.

### COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. PORT AUTHORITY SUMMER PROGRAM. These sails concluded with very happy participants, and they wish us to set up sails for next year. Now calendared.
2. 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 she has scheduled additional "all lady" sails for **January 10, 2/1 (night), 2/6, 2/13, 2/21 with graduation with both the boys' and girls' program on 2/22.** On Golden Bear and Aleta.
3. Meanwhile, the boy's program is progressing with sails **on 1/3, 1/24 (night), 2/7, 2/14 and graduation on 2/22.** Mentor mentee method. The graduation will be a major effort with potluck, families and friends attending...and you?
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.
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. They are already practicing actively on board with the students and are enjoying it greatly. Stay tuned.

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



### 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 live overboard drill is set for **February 28.**
4. ALETA had 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**



6.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.

7. 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.

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 all volunteers seek to move up the certification ladder.*

9. Our First Aid trainer is now offering not just CPR and First Aid but is newly certified as a wilderness first aid trainer and will be offering that far more extensive course (two days) in the next few months. *Think of signing on...*

10. We need more volunteers willing to jump overboard for the live drills...*Many have moved away...*And Aaron has agreed to do so, using Lee's drysuit...that should allow us to double the MOB drills.

### BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: New jib bag; Bosuns checking out oil leak in engine.

ALETA: Back in water from yard, ready to go, Bosuns Scott and Aaron checking her weekly.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Engine maintenance done, more gear for students. All at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: She needs a new Blue Water flag which will be delivered to Captain Andy.

**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).

Captain Louie suggests 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

**CAPTAIN ROGER JUST DONATED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO BLUE WATER, MATCHING HIS GRANT OF LAST YEAR!!! THANK YOU, ROGER.**

**And for those of you thinking of giving, now is a good time...with our status as a 501C3 foundation, all contributions are tax deductible...which means that one third of your donation is paid for by lowered taxes!!!**

**MONEY:** \$31,979.00 in the bank. Loreta, Rich and Marty are working on Federal and State filing.

Putting a new mast on Bear would cost perhaps \$30,000. 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](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).**

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## 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. Captain Jim is looking to PAL for the next nominated student.

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.**

**MODERN SAILING DONATES TWO TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS A YEAR AND OUR FIRST ONE WENT TO BRANDON, A NEW VOLUNTEER WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED REAL COMMITMENT TO THE KIDS. THANK YOU, MODERN SAILING.**



**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 before each sail to refresh recollections of the crew since many crews 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](mailto: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.

**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  
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**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 13, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM, ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT OR BEFORE.**



**THE KIDS NEED YOU...AND YOU MAY NOT REALIZE IT, BUT YOU NEED THEM JUST AS MUCH. SAILING WHILE GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY...CAN'T BEAT THAT...**

