



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 (via ZOOM)

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USE OUR WEBSITE EVENTS LINK ("Get Involved" button) TO SIGN UP FOR SAILS OR CONTACT THE SAIL ORGANIZER.

ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME... NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP.



BOATS REPAIR UPDATE:

Both Golden Bear and Aleta remain with rigging issues. Working over the weekend, Captain Andy (The Bosun of the Year, note) worked with Captains Colm, Bertrand, Lee and Megan prepared Golden Bear for delivery to the Yard and she will be in the Yard by 9/16. **THANKS TO THOSE VOLUNTEERS.** Bosun Stacy (Volunteer of the Year) cleaned Aleta which waits for the conclusion of the work on Bear to determine her schedule of repair. necessary to running and standing rigging. Aleta is put on hold until we see how much Bear c

This will cost between 30-40,000 most likely. Stay tuned...

Thus, in summary:

1. GOLDEN BEAR: Mast repair and rerig as described above
2. ALETA: Rerig required, but being delayed until we see the funding available. Engine works fine but we cannot sail her. The mysterious seepage in the bilge is being examined by Roger's chemist friend.
3. BENJAMIN WALTERS: Rig is fine though we are replacing all rivets on the steps, etc. All at owner expense.
4. DEVINE WIND: All ready to go...all at owner expense.

All this is going to strain our bank accounts, people! We have to keep the boats safe and will do this...but if you can help, remember any donations are tax deductible...thus the government actually pays a third of your donation.... We have two declared donations from volunteers amounting to fifteen thousand...but need much more. Treasurer Richard Pons is the man to contact for any and all donations.

Any amount helps!

Richard Pon treasurer@bluewaterfoundation.org



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY-OCTOBER 3.... MARK YOUR CALENDERS

A Saturday night with food, drink, Bollywood entertainment, minimal speeches, award for the VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, BOSUN OF THE YEAR and PARTNER OF THE YEAR, probation kids attending and a good chance to meet the Blue Water people you work with.

Voluntary contribution at the door, \$35.00 recommended...but if you cannot afford it, come anyway. If you can afford more, so contribute. 6-1000.

WINNERS OF THE 2026 AWARDS:



Volunteer of the Year: Stacy Cronin
Bosun of the Year: Andy Zimmerman
Partner of the Year: Travis Mackin



If you want to help set it up and break it down, e mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

THE SAILS

SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

These sails will start again **October 22** (earlier if Bear back) and are on the calendar...always on Thursdays and we have makeup sails to do as well since SF Marina was silted up for some weeks. Our oldest program...over thirty-five years of doing this!

COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. CDC Sails: The Community Development Corporation of Marin City will be setting up sails with some of their program participants in the next several months. Stay tuned.
2. HOBBS ACADEMY SAIL This school serves students with children and if this sail goes well, may well become a series of classes similar to the probation departments. First sail **September 22, 930-300.**

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

1. ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION They finished their course with a great graduation. Next series of classes will be scheduled in September to begin late October or early November. Great students, two in advanced course.
2. CONTRA COSTA PROBATION is now in the midst of their own program, had to put off their night sail due to their own scheduling issues and more sails are now calendared. **NOTE THESE SAILS ARE ON SATURDAYS. ALAMEDA PROBATION IS ON FRIDAYS.**
3. EL DORADO PROBATION El Dorado probation is coming down for a sail on **September 19**, and they come down all the way from Tahoe.
4. We wish to have the probation officers become certified crew and that is progressing as well with the POS forming mentor teams with the students on the sails. They are already practicing actively on board with the students and are enjoying it greatly.
5. We are still exploring working with other probation departments, such as Marin.
6. **MENTOR GUIDELINES** are now on our website on the document page and attached to this newsletter. Next in line is a recommended curriculum for the sails, being crafted over the next month. **PROBATION CLASS CURRICULUM** is now finished and also on our documents page.

CERTIFICATION:

1. First Aid and CPR –Our last class was on **AUGUST 29**, Berkeley Yacht Club and our next will be scheduled soon. **THANKS TO TRAVIS (Partner of the Year)** who has been teaching these for some years now. 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 on **7/18** was postponed and our next will be scheduled soon as we can...delay due to repair work on her mast. Will reschedule once she is back in the water.

3. Benjamin Walters certification is set for **OCTOBER 17** and will include everything but live overboard practice. Bring your lunch and gear if you have it.

4. ALETA is undergoing rigging repair for now...certification when complete.

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.

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.*

MONEY: \$47,922.00 in the bank. Most of that is going to go to boat repair and insurance soon so we need to raise some money. Both Andy and Lee do not charge for any maintenance on their private boats...but it still adds up for Bear and Aleta. If you can...donate...we are tax deductible as a 501C3 thus the government pays a third of the donation...

We did receive a pledge of five thousand dollars from an anonymous donor to help with Aleta's rerig and a promise of ten thousand dollars from one of our volunteers who has helped us so much in the past...but need more if we are to accomplish needed repairs in time for the school year.

FIGURE THAT INSURANCE COSTS US 15,000 A YEAR...AND BOAT REPAIR AT LEAST THAT, MUCH MORE THIS YEAR. NO PAYROLL...BUT STILL NEED MORE MONEY.



RACING PROGRAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR ITS PLANNING COMMITTEE

Captain Andy is putting together a racing team, and we need more racers to make this work. If interested, e mail andrewzim@yahoo.com. or lstimmel@stimmel-law.com

AND DONATIONS IN KIND ALWAYS WELCOME.

Two courses each year have been donated by **MODERN SAILING**. These have been made available to students and volunteers, AND THE BOARD APPROVED INTRODUCTORY COURSES TO CAPTAIN ELENA AND MEGAN...WHO WILL BE COMPLETING THE COURSE OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

Have some gear you want to write off? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

PRESIDENT SHANNON WILL BE CREATING A HOLIDAY FUND-ME TO RAISE MONEY AND CAPTAIN STACY WILL BE WORKING ON POSSIBLE GRANTS.

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, has allocated up to **ten thousand dollars** for a scholarship for a student we will select for trade school, college, etc. **TJ**, now in Sweeney, has been accepted at UCLA and we may donate about ten thousand dollars to help pay with the costs of that venture. From the hood to UCLA...quite a story.

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



BOSUN ORGANIZATION

Each boat has a Lead Bosun and three to five Assistant Bosuns. It is their job to inspect the boat on a regular basis, doing routine maintenance, arrange significant work with the experts as required, and report back to the board. They can also bring in all volunteers for a workday for the boat.

A schedule of normal inspections and maintenance will be created by each team and submitted to the board in early October. Those initially working on the checklist will be Andy, Bertrand, Colm and Jim Waterwash, with Richard and Howard looking it over when done.

The Lead Bosun will then assign inspection and maintenance tasks to the various bosuns or decide when an expert or all volunteers must be brought in. **Lead Bosun has a duty to ensure that the schedule is adhered to.**

BOSUNS COMMITTEES:

Golden Bear: Colm Lead Bosun. Andy, Bertrand, Spencer as assistant bosuns.

Aleta: Stacy Lead Bosun. Andy, Megan, Paul F and Howard assistant bosuns.

Note the bosuns inspect and organize inspections and maintenance but ALL OF US SHOULD BE READY TO SUPPORT AND PUT IN SOME TIME. They do not do it all...we do it all with them.

Benjamin Walters and **Devine Wind** are handled by Lee and Andy, respectively.

Want to help and/or learn boat maintenance and repair...contact the Lead Bosun...always need more hands.

CREW OVERBOARD WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS:

Captain Dennis has drafted the first draft of written procedure for overboard drill on Benjamin Walters. Once finalized, we will do the same for Bear and Aleta. It will be on the documents page of our website, along with Mentorship Methods and Probation Department Classes Curriculum.

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.

And we are now implementing a new requirement for First Captain nominees that they sail as acting first captain two times with a first captain on board to mentor before assuming that sole role.

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.



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 13, 2026, 600 PM BY ZOOM, ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT OR BEFORE.

Why do this? Why take kids sailing...especially kids in jail from the hood. What's the point?



