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SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

The Thursday afternoon sails are moving along like clockwork. Would make Captain Les less stressed if we had a few more crew as regulars for this oldest program we run. Now thirty years and still happening! The captains are reminded to submit the survey forms to the teachers, and we will contact the Wilderness Foundation folks to make sure police continue to attend the sails as part of outreach.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

We have several to be scheduled in the next several months. See the next minutes being sent out in February.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:
**ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:** There is a meeting set up on February 14 with the powers within the department to discuss the cancelling by the Department of our traditional night sail and one other sail. They are saying there are communication glitches and they want the program to continue. See our next minutes for a full report. Meanwhile, the next three sails are now scheduled for the next three months, so sign up and meet the new class.

**SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:** The graduation ceremony for the four students and their families who finished the course went wonderfully with President Shannon and the head PO handing out certificates and rings, then a sail with parents and siblings on board. The parents were bursting with pride. Younger family members were taken out on the inflatable, Potluck, and, as usual, a remarkably moving experience. We meet the new head of Juvenile Probation and plan our next class on February 21 at Juvenile Hall and four or five of the crew and President Shannon will attend. Stay tuned.

**CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION:** Sails going well with a regular crew with the usual mix of classroom work and onboard training. Graduation will soon be scheduled for these students.

**EL DORADO PROBATION:** The sails have been delayed due to the need for repairs on Aleta combined with the need to increase the certified captains and crew. With both the Chief of Probation in El Dorado and Captain Eric wanting sails soon, sails will be scheduled soon, and Benjamin Walters may be used as we crew up the certified people for Aleta which will soon be the main boat.

**BOSUN’S REPORT:**

**GOLDEN BEAR:** Inspection and repair of stanchions and rigging next on our plate and the boat is active in the SF district sails.

**LETA:** Captain Paul brought the boat to Berkeley Marine Center who did substantial work on the engine to the tune of about $4000.00. She is back and running well now, dependable, and Captain Eric is working to build up more certified crew and captains so that this vessel, now ready to go, begins to do the El Dorado sails and more East Bay sails. Stay tuned for certification dates. We have to leave Emeryville Marina and seek a new berth in Berkeley.

**ENJAMIN WALTERS:** The new instrument panel is almost finished, Owner expense.

**TRACKING METHOD FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR:** It was agreed that a computerized tracking system is sorely needed for all maintenance for our fleet and Steve and Lee continue to shop for one in the near future. Any volunteers knowing of a good system, please let us know.
The board of this square rigger berthed in Sausalito has expressed interest in Blue Water sails on this vessel. This could be an incredible experience for our students and discussions with the Mathew Turner people will occur over the next few months.

**ANNUAL PARTY IN APRIL OR MAY.**

Time to plan our annual party, awards dinner and celebration. This year we will be checking out Golden Gate Yacht Club as well as Berkeley Yacht Club for the festivities. Next month we will be sending out information on selection of volunteer of the year award as well as awards for our partners in the community. Figure we celebrate in three or so months...

**MONEY:** About $39,000 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development committee is working with Sports Basement and received 1500 from the St Francis Foundation to keep us going. Remember, we need about 0,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat….and donations to us are tax deductible. All volunteers, no payroll…but boats eat money!

**GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB** has a youth sailing program using its own dinghies and has interest in some type of joint program for racing with some of our students. Stay tuned for further information on the progress of that program. We may also consider using that facility, in SF Marina, for our annual party. Jim, Andrew and Anne will be checking out that possibility.

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**Training & Certification**

Having a regular schedule and rotation of certification sails worked very well this year.

**First Aid and CPR - MARCH 22.** Confirmed on this date…. sign up now if you want a space. Will be in San Francisco, check location when you sign up. We will be providing this free program (recall to be certified you need to have a First Aid and CPR certificate) and we have a new member who is fully qualified to help Les and me on some of that certification. Thanks to Anne Reinert, we may be able to double our certifications in this field.

**Certification Sails:** And certification sails are already scheduled for Benjamin Walters and Golden Bear (check our calendar and sign up) and Aleta very soon. These full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. Often have live MOB practice, sometimes with two boats at a time…and are tremendous fun.
**Scholarship & Internships:** The Sategna foundation affirmed their commitment to fund as needed not only Josue, an ex-Camp Sweeney student who is likely to start nursing school this year, but new scholarships funds for our probation students who qualify. They invite us to submit requests once the students are located and qualify. Further, we are continuing to set up a new work internship program with various businesses …Joanne and Eric’s business HOT ROD SHOP should be our first effort. Interested in helping? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

**NEXT MEETING:**
FEBRUARY 10, 48 GOLD STREET, SECOND FLOOR 6-8 (ALWAYS OVER BY TEN) FOOD, DRINK, SAIL SCHEDULES, ETC. ETC. CAN CALL IN AT 218-339-7800 ACCESS CODE 546648#. ALL WELCOME…CHECK US OUT!