



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES

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UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHANGES TO SCHEDULE AND EVENTS.*



SCHEDULE OF SAILS: Go to our website and click on the **Get Involved link** to see our coming sails and events and you can join the sail by following the links and signing up as a volunteer or guest. We have several sails each week now and are looking for those to work the boats both weekends and weekdays. You can make a big difference. www.bluewaterfoundation.org.

Several new programs are currently being considered:

1. Sails with SF Probation with students not incarcerated but on probation. We will take the probation officers and some juvenile court judges sailing next month so they can see what the experience is like. The judges will have to "sentence" the kids to community work and this program may be part of that...thus we need to educate the judges as to what we are all about.
2. El Dorado Probation being scheduled now.
3. Camp Sweeney sail on February 10.
4. Contra Costa on January 20 and February 17.
5. Community sails: Project Avery asking for two sails early than their usual time and Captain Les is working on that; Camp Keff scheduled for July 16 and TLX remains scheduled for August 23.
6. CERTIFICATION SAILS for each of the boats now scheduled: BEAR January 13; Aleta February 23; Benjamin Walters February 24. SIGN UP TO GET CERTIFIED IN A SINGLE FUN DAY!

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

ALL THREE BOATS NOW HAVE AT LEAST FOUR CERTIFICATION SAILS SET UP FOR THE COMING YEAR. THESE SAILS HAVE NO KIDS ON BOARD, SIMPLY A FULL DAY OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION, INCLUDING LIVE MOB DRILLS ON MANY OF THE SAILS. A GOOD WAY TO BUILD UP TO NEW CERTIFICATION IN A SINGLE DAY OF HARD AND FUN SAILING. AND LIVE MOB. CHECK THE "GET INVOLVED" LINK ON THE WEB PAGE AND SIGN UP!!!! www.bluewaterfoundation.org.

Note you can also be certified simply by attending sails and asking the captain to check off your skills.

The CPR and FIRST AID COURSE went well, taught by Captain Les, and was maxed out. We will schedule another one in a few months. Required for full certification, free to volunteers.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall we have scholarships for selected students from the Sategna Foundation and our scholarship committee continues to monitor past recipients and plan for the next round of grants. We still have money to provide for vocational or college scholarships. Could use some volunteers to help. Stay tuned.

More EVENTS:

1. **ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY APRIL 27 AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB.** Food, drink, boats at dock, entertainment, and awards to those volunteers and community helpers who make this work.

2. WINNERS OF THE 2018 AWARDS:

- A. BLUE WATER VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR (2): **David Oberweiser and Joanne Martin.**
- B. OCEAN GATE PROGRAM AWARD (THE BEN WENGROFSKY AWARD) **Aleko Frankman**
- C. BOSUN OF THE YEAR (THE JIM RUMER AWARD) **Colm Pelow**
- D. COMMUNITY PARTNERS AWARDS (3)
 - 1. KAREN TIU SF SCHOOL DISTRICT
 - 2. ERIC EL DORADO PROBATION DEPARTMENT
 - 3. CHIEF ALLEN NANCE, SF PROBATION DEPARTMENT

3. **CEREMONY TO PUT JIM RUMER'S MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON GOLDEN BEAR.**



JIM RUMER

Recall we are placing a memorial plaque in honor of Jim Rumer, the now deceased volunteer who did so much to keep Bear (and our other boats) up and running, with his wife and sons participating in the event. We are also having a new annual award for the bosun or volunteer who showed the most skill and enthusiasm for keeping the boats up and it will be the **Jim Rumer Award**. **COLM PELOW** is the

first winner of the award. Lee and Joanne are getting the plaque arranged and we will place it on Golden Bear at our Annual Awards Party...Bear will be at the Berkeley Yacht Club dock.

MONEY? Yes, 15, 617. Just received about 6100 in donations. Captain David reported on the permanent **Fund Raising Development** committee now composed of Matt Z, Susan W and Jill B. They have already met to explore fundraising ideas as a permanent committee. They point out that ethnic compositions of sails and volunteers to show we reflect the communities we serve is important and they will ponder how to obtain that information to present at the next board meeting. There is one grant proposal pending. A new relationship with **Quantum Sails** is being worked on and the owner has been invited to one of our sails to see what we do.



BOSUN'S REPORT

Bear: The welding required on Bear was done pro bono by Mario at Alameda Fabrication and the boat is back...Andrew and David have brought the boat over and we thank both them and Mario. Next project for Bear is the spongy deck; it may take a week or more to fix and we need dry weather. The Bosuns plan to schedule a time after May 16 (when the school sails stop) to schedule the job and Andrew Z has put sealant/caulk on the deck to slow current damage. An external anode has been hung portside to help protect the sail drive. **THIS IS TO BE PULLED UP BEFORE BOAT USE.** New zincs will be put on soon.

ALETA: Not much water in bilge so packing gland is OK and the engine is starting right away now. Time to check the rigging.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Running rigging almost entirely replaced now with new runs for furling. New belts for engine; filters changed; two new high-water alarms added. All at owner's expenses.

EMERYVILLE MARINA ISSUES: This private marina now states they will start charging us 600.00 a month for Aleta's berth. This is to begin in March. As a private marina, they have no incentive to serve the community. We will be asking both SF and Berkeley if we can find a berth there. **ACTION NEEDED NOW. IDEAS?**

BLUE WATER GROWING:

MANY NEW CERTIFIED VOLUNTEERS COMING IN, AND THE NEW WEBSITE AND SIGN UP/CERTIFICATION DESIGN ON LINE HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN EASE OF CERTIFICATION AND ENLARGEMENT OF OUR VOLUNTEER BASE.



BOATER'S CARD

Safety Officer David again pointed out that a Boaters' Card is now required by the State of California, for anyone who operates a vessel in California waters...starting this year with anyone 16-20 years of age, but the age limit rises each year.

The Board approved that by the end of 2018 each certified volunteer should have a boater's card. One gets one on line by taking a simple on-line exam and listening to an on-line video. Go to <http://californiaboaterscard.com/applynow/>. Directions are on line, it costs ten dollars. Show the card to any first captain as part of your certification by the end of 2018.

Note certain people do not need to get the card: members of various governmental agencies (Coast Guard, police,) and those already holding a Coast Guard license (Masters, six pack, etc.). Further, if you are only taking the wheel under direct supervision of a captain, you do not need the card. BUT THE COURSE IS GOOD AND USEFUL, AND YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY GET IT IF YOU CAN. Why not? Anything to make you a better sailor...the kids depend on us...

MINIMUM USE REQUIREMENT FOR INSURANCE: Recall that the board voted that for a boat to qualify for Blue Water insurance coverage it should take students out at least ten times a year. Less than that, the premiums will be paid prorate...e.g. five sails, Blue Water pays half the premiums.

PRIVACY POLICY FOR OUR WEBSITE: David pointed out that we should establish a reasonable privacy policy for the information we have for certification and on our website and he and Louis will develop one for consideration by the Board.

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 12, 2019 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 2TH FLOOR, 48 GOLD STREET, SF, FIVE BLOCKS FROM BART, IN JACKSON SQUARE, all welcome or call in on our toll-free conference line, 605 475 4120, ACCESS CODE 1142034#.



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BLUE WATER SAIL 2016

You can make a difference if you want to. Up to you. **Join us.**

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