



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2024 (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.



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

We sail with every middle and high school in the SF District system...Next sails on newly repaired Golden Bear...**1/18;1/25;2/8;2/15;2/22;2/29**. Different school each time but each a public school in the SF District. Police are likely to be assigned to the sails again in Spring.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. **Hanna Center**, a residential program for traumatized children, has asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails and those will be calendared when school begins again after the holidays.

2. *Epilepsy Foundation* has scheduled their next sail for **February 3** on Benjamin Walters. Remember, Type 1 life are to be on each participant since they may be unconscious in the water.
3. *Blind Sailors*. Recall we are working with blind sailors now and they have participated in many of our sails acting as co-mentors of students. They are interested in a racing team being put together by Captain Andy and in participating in our regular programs, such as the probation sails. We are beginning to also work with Lighthouse for the Blind. Expect regular sails to be set up in Spring.
4. *Project Rebound* is a departure from our usual population...these are formerly incarcerated adults connected with SF State and these sails will be a bonding experience for them as they integrate into a college setting. Our first sail went well. They are completing their paperwork and they are likely to
5. be trained as mentors to the students over the next few months...and will be regular volunteers of Blue Water. Check the events page.
6. *PACT sails*. We began a new program with PACT and we have two double sails with Aleta and Benjamin Walters on **May 4** and again on **May 11**.
7. *Greenagers* will be coming back for more sails, the first on **March 9**.
8. *Larkin Street Youth Center*, a transitional housing program, had a sail on October 10 and will be planning more. .
9. *RAMS sails*. This is a community group from the Richmond District offering comprehensive services for at need populations, specializing in Pacific Islander, Asian and Russian communities. They already had a sail on September 30, and we will be scheduling more.
10. *International Rescue Project*. Their sail on September 29 went very well...more to be scheduled soon once weather improves.
11. *Marin City*. Les is reaching out to them to set up more sails.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION NEXT CLASS BEGINS:

Our next series of classes with Alameda County Probation will begin on 2/2 and have a mix of returning students and new students. Our classes will include both Aleta and Benjamin Walters, sometime sailing in tandem, and we will also schedule a VIP sail on Gaslight with judges and administrators later in the year. The Classes are **2/2;2/16;3/1 (Aleta); 3/15;3/29;4/12 (night sail);4/26 graduation**. Captain Scott is now designing an advanced class for Sweeney graduates that will be considered by the Board over the next few months. Josue', our Sweeney scholarship graduate with a BS in nursing now, will come to the first sail to discuss possibilities with the Sweeney students.

EI DORADO PROBATION: Captain Lee will be checking on their current status.



Training & Certification:

The quickest way to move up the certification ladder...and a lot of fun.

1. **First Aid and CPR** –Our next class will be on **JANUARY 27, 2024, BERKELEY YACHT CLUB**. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE “HANDS ON” PRACTICE. SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE EVENTS PAGE.
2. Certification sail on **Bear February 4.**
3. **Benjamin Walters** has night overboard live practice on **February 16**...don't sign up if you have not already done a day practice.
4. **ALETA** certification sail on **June 8.**
5. And recall if 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.

MOVE UP THE CERTIFICATION LADDER SO WE CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTH.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: She has returned from the yard with her deck repaired as well as hull...cost us 20,000! But she is truly lovely to look at...and safer. Thanks to Captain Andy for arranging all that...Meanwhile Captain Colm has spent tens of hours repairing the grinder...which the students love to use...and it should be back and working in a few more weeks.

ALETA: Captain Scott replaced the battery and so far the starting issues seem over. Our use of this yellow beauty is increasing significantly and she has done Sweeney sails and is signed up for many more...

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Whisker pole is now ready to mount and this will be one of the skills we teach to our students. Owner expense. Thanks to Captain Paul in helping on this project.

Spaulding Boatworks Offers Access to Tools and Space to our Bosuns!!

Captain Matt, who runs the Spaulding Yard in Sausalito, has offered access to tools and space for our bosuns who need it to work on our boats... Captain Colm, working on the Bear grinder, is using it. THANKS TO THIS GREAT YARD WHO ALSO OFFER INTERNSHIPS ON BOAT REPAIR....and specialize in wooden boats.



OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, in late Spring probably...



MONEY: \$25,537.54 in the bank. But liability insurance still costs 2100.00 a month...and we just spent 20,000 on Bear...if you can, donations are ALWAYS needed. All money goes to boats. And insurance.

We have had several donations in kind...from anchors, to foul weather gear and life jackets.... and now have a committee to determine distribution constituting Captains Lee, Andrew and Scott. You? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

Remember the **President's Cocktail part for FEBRUARY 3...**a Saturday night in the City. Get tickets on our [events page](#). Ideally, this will be both fun and a way to raise money...Mardi Gras Theme...come!

SUMMER MEMORIAL SAIL AND RAFT UP FOR SEPTEMBER. This coming September we will have a memorial dropping of leis in the water to remember Captains Bob, Ben and Jim and then raft up to celebrate their lives...A chance to meet all the Blue Water people in the sun, all the boats attending, probably anchoring at China Camp. Or...bring your own boat. Stay tuned for date.



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. Jim Stanton is working with Matt Zarem to set up internships at Spaulding Wood Boat Center, dealing with students from Sweeney and connecting also with the San Rafael police department. **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.**



SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall that **Sategna Foundation**, our longtime partner, working with Jim Stanton and Lee, sent a Hanna Center student to the music festival in a village in Tuscany this last summer. Captain Jim is now searching for the next

student to go to Italy for a culture change that can change the life of the student. Kimberly has some connections (including a member of the jazz band playing at our February 3 party) and over the next few months we will begin the selection process for the next student.

Also recall that **Sategna Foundation** has agreed to fund an additional Sweeney or other equivalent student for vocational or college scholarships once our selection process is completed. Josue', our scholarship recipient, graduated Suma cum laud with a BS in nursing from USF, was the selected student speaker at his graduation, and has agreed to work with Blue Water and Sategna to help others follow his footsteps...straight As while working full time for a BS in nursing!! He comes to the Sweeney sail on February 2 to talk to the students and may join the advisory board of Sategna Foundation.

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

Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



PROTOCOL FOR CREW, STUDENT AND CAPTAIN INTERACTION ADOPTED BY BOARD.

The board adopted the protocols for interaction which are now on our website and when you sign up on a sail there is a link to them. Be sure to review them before your next sail.

On February 14 at 700 Captain Lee goes to Berkeley to present to their board our need for the free berth there...he would like some company. Interested? E mail him at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

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 FEBRUARY 13, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

Our first sails were in 1990...we became a 501C3 in 1992. No one ever on payroll, just all volunteers making this work for 34 years!!! And looking for more volunteers to keep this tradition going.