



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES OCTOBER 12, 2021 (via ZOOM)

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MEETINGS ARE ALL ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME...THIRTY PLUS YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION. 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:

It still is likely that it will be late Fall before the usual sails can begin again and Captain Les remains in touch with some of the District people so we can plan the sails. Note that vaccination will be required for captains and crew on these sails when they do begin again. Some schools have contacted us directly asking to arrange a sail, but the Board wishes to act through the same overall school procedure that has worked for the last thirty...yes, thirty...years. Stay tuned.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing and the school from Sebastopol and the TLC Family services both enjoyed their days on the Bay...with the Sebastopol students getting the added treat of the Blue Angels show! As for the next months:

1. Sacred Heart Cathedral [November 6](#)
2. Weekend Adventures [November 13.](#)

Captain Hugh is still checking out possible additional sails with Alameda schools and Captain Les indicates Marin City is interested in arranging sails and working through their system to arrange it.

We have also been approached by two or three other community groups and will be scheduling those.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION SECOND CLASS OF YEAR BEGINS. Eight classes have begun, lasting until the graduation sail in January. Two night sails and live MOB practice for the students. Sign up on the website.

EI DORADO PROBATION will be beginning soon and may bring down students from other probation departments in the rural area of the Sierras. Will begin in a month or so.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION Now doing monthly sails, leaving from Berkeley. An outbreak of Covid in their facility may put this over a month or so.

SF COUNTY is still working on the type of program they will want given the current state of confusion as to their own students. They hope to have a clear plan in the next few months and have indicated that Blue Water sails will be part of their program. Stay tuned.

MARIN JUVENILE PROBATION has attended one of the Alameda sails and is interested in creating their own program. They will be having internal meetings and it is likely we will begin a class for them in Spring.



MAKE AND MEND DAYS

Now finished with the Make and Mend for Aleta and Benjamin, our final MAKE AND MEND will be on Golden Bear in the City, now scheduled for October 23 but perhaps being changed...check website for details.

MAKE AND MEND is a good chance for non-sailors to learn a lot about the vessels...and to meet the hundred or so volunteers that make this organization work!

Training & Certification:

1. **First Aid and CPR** –Our next class is scheduled for the **Golden Gate Yacht Club on October 23**. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. Remember, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE “HANDS ON” PRACTICE.



2. **Certification sail on Aleta** More to be scheduled soon.
3. **Golden Bear** more to be scheduled.
4. **Benjamin Walters** has a night MOB certification sail scheduled for November 6 and a day certification sail for December 11.
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.

The number of certified crew and captains has increased significantly in the last two months...as we gear up for the full reopening of our programs. Good people, good sailors, and much energy. We do need to increase certified captains and crew for Aleta and that will be our primary goal over the next several months.

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS PAGE.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Since we are now teaching many probation departments, we have decided to formalize our curriculum of the classes and the teaching aids we will be needing. Luckily, we have many current and former teachers in Blue Water and the current math teacher at Sweeney will also be on the committee. We are now exchanging outlines and plans. Stay tuned for our various proposals and if interested in joining, contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

Volunteer Dan Jones invites those who want to join him for a Call of the Sea pop up event which will discuss curriculum on October 17 at the Bay Model in Sausalito.

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Continuing offshore training on Benjamin Walters, in Spring probably...Depending on status of Covid.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: The forward hatch is back from Canada and Captain Colm will install in the next week. (Total cost about \$1600.00). The bow light now works. The deck under one stanchion seems soft and we may have to do some work there and that will be our priority after the hatch installed. REMEMBER TO MAKE SURE POWER IS ON AND WORKING WHEN LEAVE BOAT.... SOMEONE DID NOT TURN IT ON. NEED FOR BILGE PUMP AND DEHUMIDIFIER.

ALETA: Steaming light needs fixing and Captain Colm will see if he can. High water alarm fixed. Soft deck under winch pads will be checked out by Leonard. Corrosion on the stringers below addressed by Captain Paul and we will see what the surveyor says about that repair. Deck lights need caulking.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: New anchor windlass being installed. Knot meter fixed. New furling line for jib. All at owner expense.

BROCHURE FOR HANDING OUT

At the request of SF Harbor Master, we have revamped our brochure so it fits more easily in racks and that will be delivered in the next few weeks. Thanks to Marty for accomplishing this.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION

Bay Lights Charters who operate the charter vessel Gaslight which is a reproduction of a hay scow schooner out of Richmond are working closely with us now, having one of the Alameda County Probation sails on board and offering fund raising charters for our boat projects which President Shannon is setting up with Joyce.

Matthew Turner had a Blue Water volunteer sail, and we will be reaching out to Matthew Turner to determine what makes sense there. Given that we may be working with Marin Probation, in the same county as Matthew Turner, some sails there may make sense.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED AGAIN.

It looks now that the venue will be either South Beach or the Golden Gate Yacht Club and it will be in Spring. At the party we will have our awards for Volunteers of the Year, Bosun's award, and Partner of the Year. Due to the Virus, this will have to be a two-year Volunteer of the Year award, etc. Entertainment, food, and a chance to see the large number of new members who have joined us over the past two years. These have always been a highlight for our organization as we get to see all the volunteers and the partner organizations we work with and realize the power of what we do. Most likely March or April will be our "coming out from Covid" party.

WEB SITE DEVELOPMENTS

Our web gurus have now allowed pictures to be downloaded for each volunteer which will help captains and other volunteers get to know all of us. Go to the site and get your picture on your certification page.

Shannon is working on wording to make it clear that we need non sailing volunteers to help with not just administration but with our scholarship, internship, fund raising, party planning, etc. etc. Sailing is only part of what we do.

MONEY: \$17,797.73 in the bank.

Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boats... And insurance costs have just about doubled to 16,000 annually...Boats eat money. All money goes to operations...no paid staff...none in the last 31 years!

DEVELOPMENT (MONEY RAISING) COMMITTEE:

President Shannon is arranging a Gaslight cruise to help raise money (Thanks, Joyce of Gaslight) and working with Captain David to seek a Whale Tail grant as well. Lastly, Giving Tuesday (Tuesday after Thanksgiving) will again be an effort to raise money...But we continue to survive based on individual donors doing it for us...

(Got money? Give us some...for the kids...)

INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Our insurance committee will meet with the bosuns to generate a budget for improvements to bring our boats up to above average. Captain Steve is the guiding force on this effort. Stay tuned.



INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: A PROGRAM YOU CAN JOIN AND HELP EVEN IF YOU STAY ON LAND:

INTERNSHIPS:

Eric G, Lee, Andrew, and Joanne are on the committee seeking to establish and expand our internship program. Once completed, a full description of the Internship Program will be presented to probation departments, donors and businesses and we hope to get this off the ground in the next several months when the economy opens again...So far, we have had two great successes.

Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them. Every probation department we work with wants these badly. Once the pandemic is fully over, we shall begin the process of

matching probation kids with businesses wanting to give them a door to our world. Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Josue' from Camp Sweeney continues to excel in the nursing program, straight As. Josue' is working full time, taking loans and we are helping him make this happen. Both the Sategna Foundation and individual donors are doing this. We shall be searching for another student in probation to help in the next several months.

We want to enlarge the program to more students. Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



RACING PROGRAM

Captain Andrew will be meeting with administrators and POs at Camp Sweeney to set up a test run on our racing program. Recall he owns a 40-foot Olson which will be a good test boat for our coming racing program, and he is willing to allow it to be used. We will do a series of casual races with the students on board to see if they like it in the next few months.

Probation kids on a racing team...these kids are super competitive, good sailors and this gives an outlet for their tremendous energy...and, down the road...racing against the yacht clubs? Other departments? There has been expressed interest from some yacht clubs to sponsor this...but first, let's see how it works.

Probation kids on race teams.... now THAT is something to think about...

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



You can make a difference in the life of a young person who needs that connection. Look around...the need is overwhelming...join us and do something about it....!

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 9, SIX O'CLOCK, BY ZOOM.

**"DON'T LIVE THE
SAME YEAR 75
TIMES AND CALL
IT A LIFE."**

-ROBIN SHARMA