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

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATED DAILY.

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

SCHEDULE OF SAILS: Go to our website and click on the “Get Involved” link and following the links 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. www.bluewaterfoundation.org.

1. The SF District sails are now continuing regularly on Thursdays after some delay due to the schools not being ready. Les indicates that there is a need for more captains since many have moved away and David M broke his leg. If you are a captain, think about spending Thursday afternoon with these great students from every middle school and high school over the school year. All on Golden Bear, our boat at SF Marina. Police are present on most of the sails as part of their community outreach.

2. We had over a dozen community sails scheduled over the summer both on Aleta and Bear and still have a few more to finish up our summer season. City of Dreams on November 2. More are likely to be scheduled but Captain Les is making sure our community groups get a chance on the water.
3. El Dorado Probation has begun again with Captain Eric being in charge. These are on Aleta in Emeryville. Next El Dorado to be scheduled. Check the schedule.

4. SF Probation have their second class beginning now. Mentor Mentee method. Was a family orientation and then our sails began. Looking for more volunteers. These are non incarcerated students on probation and are learning the ropes fast. We have had remarkably good turn out considering these are high school boys asked to get up early on a Saturday AM.

5. Contra Costa is having monthly sails, with Steve taking the lead as first captain. These are on Benjamin Walters leaving from Berkeley.

6. Alameda County have also begun their classes which are scheduled closer together and which have an live MOB now scheduled. On Benjamin Walters in Berkeley.

7. CERTIFICATION SAILS for each of the boats are now scheduled: SIGN UP TO GET CERTIFIED IN A SINGLE FUN DAY! Go to get involved link on our website and you can sign up right now.

MAKE AND MEND DAY

On OCTOBER 27 was a great success, Aleta joining Benjamin in Berkeley and for the first time, thirteen students from Camp Sweeney coming to help us clean and mend the boats. Bear, with its prop off, could not come…see below. The students will receive certificates of participation and the boats came out looking cleaner and more organized…

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

ALL THREE BOATS STILL HAVE MORE 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!!!!

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NEXT: NOVEMBER 9, MOB AND CERTIFICATION ON ALETA. CHECK THE SCHEDULE AND SIGN UP.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS:

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 now have apparently an excellent student who will use up our remaining funds and shall be seeking another grant from Sategna. Stay tuned!

Recall we are also beginning a program of internships, including possible ones at Joanne’s and Eric’s shop. So far, we have half a dozen companies interested in sponsoring internships…know any? Get in touch with Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. These give our students that most valuable of all commodities…experience in the workplace to put on the resume’.

MONEY? NEED MORE!! Down to about 6400 after the massive repairs to Bear and Aleta of two months ago…but we do have commitments from some more from some friends and the Meyer Foundation. That said, we do need to replenish our coffers and that will be a primary goal of the organization over the coming months. Marty has been fighting with the State tax people who finally admit that they should not have taxed us…after years of our complaining…and we will likely get back another $2000 there.
An anonymous donor has pledged 20,000 for December...and a matching additional five thousand. More on the matching grant later, but this money will allow us to proceed with stanchions on Bear and rigging inspection on Aleta. We also have lead on a major donation which Lee will be following up.

We have no payroll, but we do have to pay insurance for the boats and repair and upkeep. If you can spare it, we are tax deductible and every dime goes to serve the kids. Help us help them...

President Shannon is thinking of a President's Dinner, opposite to the date of the Party, to raise money...a fancier affair with more money per plate knowing the proceeds help the kids. Stay tuned for details. Items pending: Google Ads, grant search, capital campaign.

BOSUN’S REPORT-both BEAR AND ALETA REPAIRED AND BACK IN THEIR BERTHS!!

BEAR: Bear's prop somehow fell off at the berth, just in time for her to miss the Make and Mend. By superhuman efforts, the bosuns had a new prop on board and working within ten days. She is now taking students sailing again. Next on the list is checking out her stanchions.

ALETA: The new V drive is working well, she is now dependable and we are certifying new captains and crew as fast as we can. We will be scheduling a rig inspection to determine its condition.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Usual maintenance items, tach being repaired, bright work, new fenders, marked anchor rode, new fuel hoses...All at owner’s expenses.

EMERYVILLE MARINA ISSUES: We have a new berth in Emeryville while we continue to negotiate to move Aleta to Berkeley. Shannon continues to work on getting a free berth in Berkeley.

BLUE WATER TRAINING GROWING:
Our dedicated certification sails are regular events now and allow us to certify crew and captains on the fast track. This month we had a double live MOB drill with the swimmer jumping from Benjamin to Aleta and back again ten times to train two crews at once. Check the schedule on our website (the Get Involved link) to sign up for these great training sails.

Keep in mind that many nonsailing activities are available for new volunteers...from scholarship/internships and fund-raising efforts, to outreach and training. Sailing is our tool...helping children the actual task at hand.

Video Conferences: David has purchased, after budget approval, Zoom for Video Conferencing for our committees. If your committee needs it and David has not already briefed you, get in touch with him.
NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 2019  6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER
BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 2ND FLOOR, 48 GOLD STREET, SF, FIVE BLOCKS
FROM BART, IN JACKSON SQUARE, all welcome

or call in on
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You can make a difference if you want to. Up to you. Join us.
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