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SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

Finally, off and sailing after a few missed dates. The schedule is full for winter and spring with rain dates built in. Les will remind the captains to collect the survey forms from the group so we can start tracking who we serve. We have developed a regular group of steady core sailors now augmented by the volunteers who can make these sails. Going well.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

None scheduled, all completed successfully. More will be on schedule once winter storms are over.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: The regular classes continue with the usual skill and enthusiasm we have learned to expect from the boys of Camp Sweeney. The night sail which is a highlight of their year has just been postponed until January or February, so stay tuned.

SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: These nonincarcerated students continue to show for their early Saturday AM school and are showing both aptitude and enthusiasm. Our graduation sail is now set for December 14 at Gate O Berkeley Marina and all Blue Water volunteers, whether part of the program or not, are invited to attend. Pot luck, parents and families there to watch their children receive both certificates of completion and the graduation ring, then take their families out for a short voyage on Benjamin Walters to show what they have learned. Younger family members will be taken out on the inflatable. This is a remarkably moving experience...see if you can attend and show your support for these students. 900 AM.

CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION: Sails going like clockwork with a regular crew with the usual mix of class room 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. Sails will be scheduled soon, and Benjamin Walters may be used as we crew up the certified people for Aleta.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: While at the dock the prop fell off the vessel due to far too much electrolysis. Moving quickly, the bosuns hired the relevant expert to install a galvanic isolator and put a new prop on the vessel. We are ready to rock and roll. Inspection and repair of stanchions and rigging next on our plate.

ALETA: The new transmission is working well, and our main challenge now is to train more crew and captains on this great boat.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: A new instrument panel is being installed and more rain pants for the students have arrived. Owner expense.

MONEY: About \$6500 in the bank as of the meeting but confirmed pledges of almost thirty thousand dollars are to be received in December thanks in large part to the remarkable efforts of our development and fund-raising committee

and the officers. Remember, we need about 30,000 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!

Meanwhile the Development Committee is working on another submission to St Francis Sailing Foundation and applying to the SF City Family and Children's grant. A recommendation is that we sign up as a Sports Basement charity recipient. Members of the Basementers can designate a charity to receive 10% of their purchases. It is the same as AmazonSmile, and PayPal programs. [Update: Shannon submitted the request to Sports Basement.



Training & Certification

Having a regular schedule and rotation of certification sails worked very well this year. It is time to look at the 2020 calendar and get them all scheduled again. We need to expand the captains available for these trainings! We will schedule monthly certifications beginning in early Spring...sails in which only volunteers are on board so that certification can be achieved quickly...and with a lot of fun. Stay tuned.

First Aid – we ask if there is anyone else interested in becoming a Red Cross First Aid instructor to help Les with this training.

Stay tuned for scheduling of certification and First Aid efforts.



Scholarship & Internships: Still working with Sategna foundation, new scholarships funds for our probation students should be available in a few months and Lee is setting up a new work internship program with various businesses he and other volunteers know...Joanne and Eric's business should be our first effort. Interested in helping? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

Upkeep and Safety on the Boats: The bosuns are agreed that we should have annual inspections of the vessels and keep track of likely lifespan of past repairs so we can budget and engage in preventative maintenance. How precisely to do that shall be discussed at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

DECEMBER 10, 48 GOLD STREET, SECOND FLOOR 8-10 (ALWAYS OVER BY TEN) FOOD, DRINK, SAIL SCHEDULES, ETC. ETC. CAN CALL IN AT 218-39-7800 ACCESS CODE 2546648#