



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES DECEMBER 12, 2023 (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 1/18;1/25;2/8. Bear is currently in the Yard so Benjamin Walters did the last sail, but Bear should be back in time for the 1/18 sail. 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. Captain Andy is hoping to set up spring sails with them for racing. Meanwhile, Mariette and several of our blind volunteers are working to integrate additional training for us working with blind people who are not already sailors working with some people from 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. We will be doing these regularly from now on. Check the events page.
5. *APAAC sails*. We are beginning a new program with the APACC (Asian Pacific Islander Committee, a community group for at need Asians and pacific islanders) and this relationship is likely to expand into regular classes similar to the probation sails. First sail was **October 28** on Benjamin Walters. More coming...check the events page.
6. *Aspire Schools*. Kimberly is setting up sails with *Aspire schools* and this may become a regular monthly program...stay tuned.
7. *Larkin Street Youth Center*, a transitional housing program, had a sail on **October 10**.
8. *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 had a sail on **September 30**, and we will be scheduling more.
9. *International Rescue Project*. Their sail on **September 29** went very well...more to be scheduled soon.
10. *Marin City*. Les is reaching out to them to set up more sails.

Such people as Captain Jim and Kimberly are reaching out to even more community groups and that is one reason we have so many of these sails on the schedule. Check out which groups you would like to work with...!



**PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:**

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION YEAR Night sail on **December 21**, their formal graduation sail on **January 5** and the next class will begin in late January.

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



## SF MARINA FLEET WEEK FAIR (OCTOBER 8)

SF Marina had Blue Water man a booth at the fair they were putting on for Fleet Week...was great fun.

## 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 end of January...check events page.
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 to be set up, as soon as mechanics check her engine out...stay tuned.
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: In the Yard getting her wet/soft deck repaired; Captain Colm working to fix grinder. Should be back from Yard by early January.

ALETA: Captain Scott reports starting problems when the engine is cold so we are having mechanics check it out...may be battery system or compression or....? Stay tuned.



**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** New lifelines installed. New case for starboard life sling. All at owner expense.

Captain Scott has developed a check list for Aleta for captains to review when taking the boat out and putting it away and Bear and Benjamin are doing the same.



## **OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING**

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



**MONEY:** \$20,952 in the bank. Giving Tuesday netted a bit over \$4400.00. But liability insurance still costs 2100.00 a month...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.... thanks to those who have thought of us. THE BOARD ADOPTED A PROTOCOL FOR HOW TO USE DONATIONS IN KIND WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES. CHECK IT OUT. We need at least one more volunteer to join the committee to determine appropriate use of gifts in kind...so far Captains Andrew and Lee are on the committee. You? Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

Our President Shannon has set up 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...and we want both...come!



## 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.**



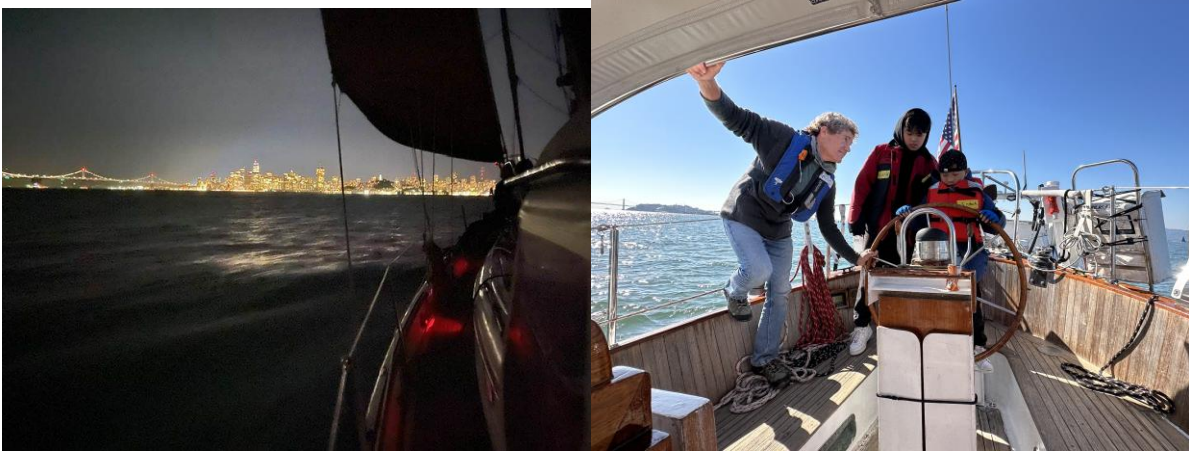
### SCHOLARSHIPS:

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 summer. We are now searching for the next student to go to Italy for a culture change that can change the life of the student. In the next few months Jim and Lee 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!!

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

Want to help? E mail Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto: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 also attached to these minutes...be sure to review them before your next sail.

COVID POLICY REMOVED FROM OUR SAILS, but we urge people to keep getting boosters as needed.

**BERKELEY YACHT CLUB AWARDS VOLUNTEER AWARD TO BLUE WATER FOUNDATION for our work with students. Captain Scott received the award for Blue Water.**

**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](mailto:dmischel@gmail.com)

**NEXT MEETING JANUARY 9, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.**

*We began in 1991...40,000 students taken to the water over the decades. Our first students may have grandkids by now!!! And we keep going because people like you decided that complaining about the world is not enough...it's time to do something about it. Volunteer...or write a check...or both...but join us in making a difference!!*