



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 2019

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SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

They are progressing, though the holidays will have a break until January. The captains are reminded to submit the survey forms to the teachers, and we will contact the Wilderness Foundation folks to make sure police continue to attend the sails as part of outreach.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

None scheduled, all completed successfully. More will be on schedule once Spring arrives.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: There has been a delay in the night sail and Lee is to meet with some of the powers that be at Probation to discuss how to arrange them. Meanwhile, the next four sails are now scheduled for the next four months, so sign up and meet the new class.

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 January 11 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. 800 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. Sails being put on our calendar as we write.

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 which will soon be the main boat



for these sails. CONGRATULATIONS TO EL DORADO CHIEF BRIAN WHO WAS JUST ELECTED TO HEAD THE JUVENILE PROBATION CHIEF'S STATWIDE ORGANIZATION FOR THE COMING YEAR!!

BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: The new prop is now on board as well as the galvanic isolator and the vessel is taking students out. With new donations we received we will replace those stanchions which the experts say require it and the bosuns are getting a bid for installation, probably in May. Andrew is getting the bid and is also working on weather strips for the forward hatch. 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: Eric D is working to build up more certified crew and captains so that this vessel, now ready to go, begins to do the El Dorado sails and more East Bay sails. Stay tuned for certification dates.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: The new instrument panel is being installed and more rain pants and sailing gloves have arrived. Owner expense.

TRACKING METHOD FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: It was agreed that a computerized tracking system is sorely needed for all maintenance for our fleet and Steve and Lee are to look into obtaining one in the near future. Any volunteers knowing of a good system, please let us know.

MONEY: About \$35,281 in the bank as of the meeting but confirmed pledges will bring that to about \$40,000 by year end. The Development committee is working with Sports Basement, the St Francis Foundation to raise more money... 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!

GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB has a youth program, dinghies, and has expressed interest in working with Blue Water to get more students out on the water. We have some members of that Club in Blue Water and will explore this further...we may also consider using that facility, in SF Marina, for our annual party. Jim, Andrew and Anne will be checking out that possibility.



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 and CPR -TENTATIVE MARCH 22. We will be providing this free program (recall to be certified you need to have a First Aid and CPR certificate) and we have a new member who is fully qualified to help Les and take on some of that certification. Thanks to Anne Reinert, we may be able to double our certifications in this field.

In the next month we will schedule **BOAT CERTIFICATION DAYS** so that we can move this process along...stay tuned.



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.

NEXT MEETING:

JANUARY 14, 48 GOLD STREET, SECOND FLOOR 6-8 (ALWAYS OVER BY TEN) FOOD, DRINK, SAIL SCHEDULES, ETC. ETC. CAN CALL IN AT 218-339-7800 ACCESS CODE 2546648#. ALL WELCOME...CHECK US OUT!