



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES FEBRUARY 10, 2020

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## SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

Despite some prop issues with Golden Bear (now solved) the Thursday afternoon sails are moving along like clockwork. Every Thursday, three hours or so on the Bay showing these Middle and High School students a little of what is out there. We've been doing this for thirty years. Our first students...may be close to grandparents!! 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:

We have three now schedule for May: City of Dreams on 5/2; Leadership High on 5/21; Silver Springs School from Grass Valley, 5/28.

We also have donations sails for the Urban Adventures Camp and these occur on 7/7; 7/28 and 8/11. All on Golden Bear, often with students on the water for the very first time.

### **PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:** The class sails, night sail and graduation sail are now all scheduled and our classes begun. Full support from the powers that be at Camp Sweeney...and, as discussed below, they have received our first two internship opportunities and a scholarship is likely in the next few months.

**SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:** Again, the sails are now scheduled with full support from the new Probation Chief and an orientation meeting will occur on March 11.

**CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION:** Sails going well with a regular crew with the usual mix of classroom work and onboard training. Graduation will soon be scheduled for these students. Esa, long a supporter at Camp Sweeney as Assistant Probation Chief...is the new Chief of Contra Costa and dedicated to making the program work well.

**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. With both the Chief of Probation in El Dorado and Captain Eric wanting sails soon, 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



### **BOSUN'S REPORT:**

**GOLDEN BEAR:** The prop was replaced again (fell off during grounding) and a new pulpit at the cost of perhaps 4000.00 will be asked of the Board at the next meeting. Captain Colm has cleaned a winch or two that badly needed it and Andrew has cleaned the bottom.

**ALETA:** Recall that Captain Paul brought the boat to Berkeley Marine Center who did substantial work on the engine to the tune of about \$4000.00. She is back and running well now, dependable, and has now moved to Berkeley permanently and President Shannon is seeking to apply for a free berth from that City. Now in great shape, our next task is to build up the crew and captains certified.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** Repaired and replace running lights; new AC wiring and some DC wiring below; new thermostat for the engine and the engine panel is full repaired aside from the Tach which may have the wrong model. New CQR anchor ordered and much painting and repair around bowsprit. All at owner's expense.

## BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION?

The board of this square rigger berthed in Sausalito has expressed interest in Blue Water sails on this vessel. This would be an incredible experience for our students and discussions with the Mathew Turner people are occurring over the next few months.

## ANNUAL PARTY IN APRIL OR MAY? SUMMER?

Time to plan our annual party, awards dinner and celebration. This year we will be checking out Golden Gate Yacht Club as well as Berkeley Yacht Club for the festivities. Next month we will be sending out information on selection of volunteer of the year award as well as awards for our partners in the community. Figure we celebrate in three or so months...unless the Virus causes us to postpone the party until mid-summer.

**MONEY:** About \$34,000 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development committee continues to work with various potential donors and will think about an auction at our annual party. Even though we are all volunteer, the boats require upkeep and maintenance...we will spend around ten thousand on Golden Bear for pulpit and prop in the next few months... 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 sailing program using its own dinghies and has interest in some type of joint program for racing with some of our students. We may also consider using that facility, in SF Marina, for our annual party. Andrew, Lee, Jim, and the Golden Gate people will meet to discuss and report back. This may be an opportunity for our students who have finished the probation introductory program of sailing. Stay tuned. The long-term goal...a racing team of probation students!



## Training & Certification

Having a regular schedule and rotation of certification sails worked very well this year.

**First Aid and CPR - MARCH 22.** Confirmed on this date.... sign up now if you want a space. Will be in San Francisco, check location when you sign up. 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.

**Certification Sails:** And certification sails are already scheduled for Benjamin Walters and Aleta (check our calendar and sign up). These full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. Often have live MOB practice, sometimes with two boats at a time...and are tremendous fun. Also, for our already certified MOB day crew and captains, a night MOB (since we take probation students out at night.) A truly intense training experience.

<b>ALETA CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>MARCH 14</b>
<b>FIRST AID AND CPR</b>	<b>MARCH 22</b>
<b>BENJAMIN WALTERS NIGHT MOB PRACTICE</b>	<b>MAY 1</b>
<b>BENJAMIN WALTERS CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>JUNE 20</b>



**Scholarship & Internships:** The Sategna foundation affirmed their commitment to fund as needed not only Josue', an ex-Camp Sweeney student who is likely to start nursing school this year, but new scholarships funds for our probation students who qualify. They invite us to submit requests once the students are located and qualify.

Further, thanks to Joanne and Eric, long standing volunteers of Blue Water, we have set up our first two interns at their business for Camp Sweeney students and it is going very well. If it works, we will seek out other businesses interested in interns. Get the kids out of the hood!!!! Give them an option away from the streets... Interested in helping? Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

**NEXT MEETING: MARCH 10, 2020**

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