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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.



SCHEDULE OF SAILS: Go to our website and click on the "**Get Involved**" link 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.

Several new programs are currently being implemented:

1. Sails with SF Probation with students not incarcerated but on probation. This program begins in earnest with the first four sails already scheduled: MARCH 23, MARCH 30, APRIL 6 AND APRIL 13. These will be mentor-mentee classes as with our other probation programs, but the students will be brought out by their probation officers and part of their probation sentence may be reduced if they graduate from the program. Family sails and graduation ceremony at the end.
2. El Dorado Probation being scheduled now.
3. Camp Sweeney sails on March 10 and April 14.
4. Contra Costa on March 17 and April 21.
5. Community sails: Project Avery asking for two sails early than their usual time and Captain Les is working on that; Camp Keff scheduled for July 16 and TLX remains scheduled for August 23.

6. CERTIFICATION SAILS for each of the boats now scheduled: SIGN UP TO GET CERTIFIED IN A SINGLE FUN DAY! See below...

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

ALL THREE BOATS STILL HAVE AT LEAST THREE 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!!!! www.bluewaterfoundation.org.

Note you can also be certified simply by attending sails and asking the captain to check off your skills.

The CPR and FIRST AID COURSE went well, taught by Captain Les, and was maxed out. We will schedule another one in a few months. Required for full certification, free to volunteers.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

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 still have money to provide for vocational or college scholarships and were awarded another 2500 for scholarships with more possible if we have the right kids ready. SF Probation wants to see if they can integrate that into their new program. Could use some volunteers to help. Stay tuned!

More EVENTS:

1. ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY APRIL 27 AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB. Food, drink, boats at dock, entertainment, and awards to those volunteers and community helpers who make this work.

2. WINNERS OF THE 2018 AWARDS:

- A. BLUE WATER VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR (2): **David Oberweiser and Joanne Martin.**
- B. OCEAN GATE PROGRAM AWARD (THE BEN WENGROFSKY AWARD) **Aleko Frankman**
- C. BOSUN OF THE YEAR (THE JIM RUMER AWARD) **Colm Pelow**
- D. COMMUNITY PARTNERS AWARDS (3)
 1. **KAREN TIU** SF SCHOOL DISTRICT
 2. **ERIC** EL DORADO PROBATION DEPARTMENT
 3. CHIEF **ALLEN NANCE**, SF PROBATION DEPARTMENT

3. CEREMONY TO PUT JIM RUMER'S MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON GOLDEN BEAR-NEW BOSUN'S AWARD.



JIM RUMER

Recall we are placing a memorial plaque in honor of Jim Rumer, the now deceased volunteer who did so much to keep Bear (and our other boats) up and running, with his wife and sons participating in the event. We are also having a new annual award for the bosun or volunteer who showed the most skill and enthusiasm for keeping the boats up and it will be the **Jim Rumer Award**. **COLM PELOW** is the first winner of the

award. **We will place the plaque on Golden Bear at our Annual Awards Party...Bear will be at the Berkeley Yacht Club dock.**

MONEY? Yes, 11,733. Captain David reported on the permanent **Fund Raising Development** committee now composed of Matt Z, Susan W and Jill B. They have already met to explore fundraising ideas as a permanent committee. We are gathering data on crew and student numbers and makeup to assist in grant writing and reaching out to various possible funding sources. We do need about 30-50,000 a year to maintain the boats. Insurance is perhaps 6000-8000 a year. So...money and a regular source of funding is vital. Want to help? Join the Fund Raising Development Committee. Their immediate request of the board is a formal approval of the annual budget so that we know precisely what our obligations are year to year.



BOSUN'S REPORT

Bear: Next project for Bear is the spongy deck; it may take a week or more to fix and we need dry weather. The Bosuns plan to schedule a time after May 16 (when the school sails stop) to schedule the job and Andrew Z has put sealant/caulk on the deck to slow current damage. An external anode has been hung portside to help protect the sail drive. **THIS IS TO BE PULLED UP BEFORE BOAT USE.** New zincs will be put on soon.

ALETA: CRITICAL ISSUE WITH TRANSMISSION. Aleta's transmission has jammed up so we are going to have to bite the bullet and repower the vessel and the power train now...not later. The bosun's committee and a special fund-raising effort is going to be needed. We need help here...contact David Mischel or Paul Marbury if you want to lend a hand. Paul M. repaired the head so now we at least have a working head on this vessel.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Running rigging entirely replaced now with new runs for furling. New high-water alarms added, more rain gear for students. All at owner's expenses.

EMERYVILLE MARINA ISSUES: Recall this private marina now states they will start charging us 600.00 a month for Aleta's berth. This is to begin in March. As a private marina, they have no incentive to serve the community. We will be asking both SF and Berkeley if we can find a berth there. **ACTION NEEDED NOW. IDEAS?**

BLUE WATER GROWING:

MANY NEW CERTIFIED VOLUNTEERS COMING IN, AND THE NEW WEBSITE AND SIGN UP/CERTIFICATION DESIGN ON LINE HAS MADE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN EASE OF CERTIFICATION AND ENLARGEMENT OF OUR VOLUNTEER BASE. THIS LAST THREE MONTHS HAS SEEN SIX NEW CERTIFIED SAILORS AND INCREASE OF CERTIFICATION OF MANY EXISTING SAILORS!

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.

GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB ACCESS: Andrew reports that he is now a member, they have fond thoughts of Blue Water and their facility may be available for events and the CPR class.



BOATER'S CARD

Safety Officer David again pointed out that a Boaters' Card is now required by the State of California, for anyone who operates a vessel in California waters...starting this year with anyone 16-20 years of age, but the age limit rises each year.

The Board approved that by the end of 2018 each certified volunteer should have a boater's card. One gets one on line by taking a simple on-line exam and listening to an on-line video. Go to <http://californiaboaterscard.com/applynow/>. Directions are on line, it costs ten dollars. Show the card to any first captain as part of your certification by the end of 2018.

Note certain people do not need to get the card: members of various governmental agencies (Coast Guard, police,) and those already holding a Coast Guard license (Masters, six pack, etc.). Further, if you are only taking the wheel under direct supervision of a captain, you do not need the card. BUT THE COURSE IS GOOD AND USEFUL, AND YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY GET IT IF YOU CAN. Why not? Anything to make you a better sailor...the kids depend on us...

PRIVACY POLICY FOR OUR WEBSITE: David pointed out that we should establish a reasonable privacy policy for the information we have for certification and on our website and he and Louis will develop one for consideration by the Board.

BEN WENGROFSKY MEMORIAL SAIL AND PICNIC DAY ON THE BOATS:

Our annual meeting of all our boats to celebrate Captain Ben is on JUNE 22. We will rendezvous at the end of the Berkeley Pier, drop a leigh in the water, then picnic rafted up. Both very moving and much fund. Put it in your calendar.



NEXT MEETING MARCH 12, 2019 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 2TH FLOOR, 48 GOLD STREET, SF, FIVE BLOCKS FROM BART, IN JACKSON SQUARE, all welcome or call in on our toll-free conference line, 605 475 4120, ACCESS CODE 1142034#.



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You can make a difference if you want to. Up to you. **Join us.**

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