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OUR SF DISTRICT SAILS, COMMUNITY SAILS, PROBATION SAILS AND TRAINING SAILS ARE ALL CANCELLED DURING THE SHELTER IN PLACE REQUIREMENTS. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO RESCHEDULE ALL OF THEM FOR LATE MAY OR JUNE, AS SOON AS WE CAN.

We had sails for SF District scheduled weekly, three community sails planned for May (and still may have two of them on May 21 and May 28 if possible) and Urban Adventure sails still set for July 7, July 28, and August 11.
Our probation sails will be set again as soon as possible as will the various certification sails and CPR and First Aid courses. Our live MOB night practice, currently set for May 1, will not occur. We still plan on a certification sail for Benjamin Walters now set for June 20...and we will be scheduling much training as soon as we know when we can come out of hiding...

Our programs are now on hold...but will come back like a tidal wave...

**BOSUN’S REPORT:**

**GOLDEN BEAR:** The bow pulpit will need work and Andrew is working to arrange it. Will cost 5-6000. It has a new prop and bow light needs to be replaced. Reefing winches are being worked on by Colm.

**ALETA:** Now moved to Berkeley permanently and President Shannon is applying for a free berth from that City. Paul M has finished the initial engine work and she is in great shape. The Tach now works...for the first time since we have had her. Next task it to build up the crew and captains certified.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** Repaired and replace AC wiring and much DC wiring below; new CQR anchor installed 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 JUNE? FALL?**

Our planning for the annual party, awards dinner and celebration will need to be extended given the Shelter in Place. 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 Fall.

**MONEY:** About $37,000 in the bank as of the meeting due to various donations including from the Gowan family in honor of the passing of Michael J. Gowan, a lifelong sailor who supported efforts such as ours…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. 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!

With help from the Development Committee, David M has submitted a grant proposal and we will see what comes in...

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 met to discuss and reported 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! Golden Gate Yacht Club is currently closed so we will revisit that program in a few months.

Training & Certification

BENJAMIN WALTERS NIGHT MOB PRACTICE         MAY 1 CANCELLED
BENJAMIN WALTERS CERTIFICATION                     JUNE 20

MORE TO BE SCHEDULED ONCE SHELTER IN PLACE IS OVER…!
Scholarship & Internships: The Sategna foundation affirmed their commitment to fund as needed not only Josue, an ex-Camp Sweeney student who is starting 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. **Josue** is now admitted to USF nursing school and we will soon find out how much funding he will need in addition to the grants he is receiving from other sources.... he works full time at Genetec already, goes to school and just passed his entrance requirements. It will be a privilege to help this young man. Thanks to Mariette for keeping this possibility alive and moving along.

Further, thanks to **Joanne and Eric**, long standing volunteers of Blue Water, we have completed our first two interns at their Hot Rod Shop business for Camp Sweeney students and it went great...Joanne and Eric plan to make this a regular internship for other students and recommend the process to any other business. Once we can open again...

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 14, 2020 BY ZOOM**

Given the Shelter in Place requirement, our next meeting, at six on April 14, will take place via Zoom and all are welcome to attend. You simply download the Zoom App (free) on your laptop or computer and...we have a Zoom conference space you can use to be telepresent.

Use the URL below in a standard browser or install and use the Zoom app on a phone or tablet (or the Zoom application on a desktop or laptop) with the meeting ID. Topic: BWF Board MeetingJoin Zoom Meeting in a browser: https://zoom.us/j/737813724Meeting ID for apps: 737 813 724One tap mobile for audio only+16699009128,,737813724# US (San Jose)+13462487799,,737813724# US (Houston)Dial by your location +1 669 900 9128 US (San Jose) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 253 215 8782 US +1 301 715 8592 US +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)Meeting ID: 737 813 724Find your local number: https://zoom.us/u/acesQA79t

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