



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES MARCH 12, 2024 (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. WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS WORK!



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

We sail with every middle and high school in the SF District system...Next sails on newly repaired Golden Bear... **3/21;3/28;4/4 and for the rest of the year...dates on our website.** Different school each time but each a public school in the SF District. Police are likely to be assigned to the sails again in late Spring.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing, and we have many new exciting programs:

1. Our program for visually impaired sailors will be working with Captain Andrew to begin the racing team, probably signing up for the South Beach Spring Friday night races which begin April 19.

2. *Epilepsy Foundation* has changed some of their management so delayed their next sail...but we expect new dates to be scheduled on Benjamin Walters. Remember, Type 1 life are to be on each participant since they may be unconscious in the water.
3. *Project Rebound*, formerly incarcerated adults connected with SF State are now active on the Sweeney sails, working on becoming certified, and we are now reaching out to other colleges with that program in the East Bay. Expect more to be arranged in the next two months.
4. *PACT sails*. We began a new program with PACT and we have two double sails with Aleta and Benjamin Walters on **May 4** and again on **May 11**.
5. *Greenagers* will be coming back for more sails, the first on **March 9**. On Bear.
6. *Silver Springs* high school students come all the way from Grass Valley and have scheduled a sail for **May 14**.
7. *APACC (Asian Pacific Islanders American students)* have scheduled a sail for **5/18**, Benjamin Walters.
8. *International Rescue Project*. Their sail on September 29 went very well...and they want their next sail on Bear on **April 20**.
9. *Marin City*. Les is reaching out to them to set up more sails and Lee is meeting with various person in Marin next month to arrange yet more sails with Marin community groups. .
10. *SF Casa* is now set for **April 29**. There will likely be sails every month for this great group.
11. *Silver Springs High* Will be coming down from Grass Valley on **May 14**.
12. *Larkin Street Youth* have their next sail on **April 30**.

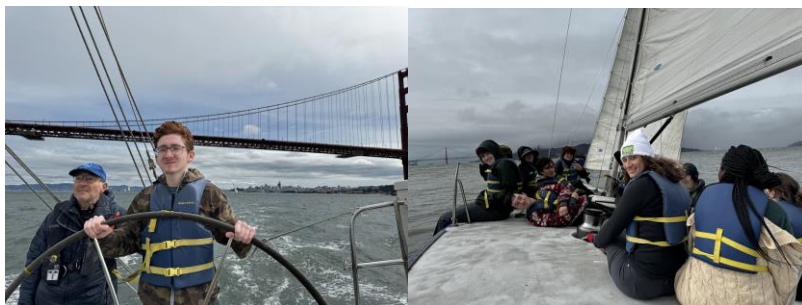


PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:

Alameda County Probation is well underway and this year just finishing the overboard drill with the students in which they pulled live crew from the water in six minutes or less. With the Project Rebound volunteers included, the students get a great deal of support on each sail...and state they love it. We need more crew and captains given the doubling of the boats going out. The Classes remaining are **3/29;4/12 (night sail);4/26 graduation**. Captain Scott is now designing an advanced class for Sweeney graduates that will be considered by the Board over the next few months.

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



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 **May 18** at **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** **To be set up, check calendar on our website.**
3. **Benjamin Walters** had a **night** overboard live practice on February 16...it went OK, and we have our next night MOB drill **on March 22** and again on **May 3**...only open to those who have completed a day MOB and intend to go on our night sails.
4. **ALETA** certification sail with MOB practice on **June 8.**
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.

NIGHT CERTIFICATION METHODOLOGY: Our safety officer, working with various first captains, has now finished the criteria for night certification which will be required for certified captains and crew taking students out at night. Check the certification list on the website: it is basic stuff such as lights and buoys and basic use of tools such as radar. But it also includes a live night MOB practice which is the hardest drill we perform. We have scheduled two more and will keep doing that until we have a good cadre of night certified crew.

MOVE UP THE CERTIFICATION LADDER SO WE CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTH.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: The grinder, repaired by Captain Colm and painted by Captain Marc, is now on board and working, to the delight of crew. The deck may need some more work near the rear hatch and will be caulked for now and it's time for a rigger to check the rig.

ALETA: Captain Scott and Captain Paul did a great deal of work on the battery and starter system, Captain Paul donating his old starter to replace the defective one on Aleta and now she starts beautifully and reliably. They continue to improve the wiring and next time she is hauled will consider a dripless packing gland. Captain Scott is checking her every few days.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Whisker pole is now ready to mount, and this will be one of the skills we teach to our students. Gennaker bad has been redesigned to make it easier to take out and put away. The last night overboard drill

demonstrated that our method of lighting the life sling and its line needed improvement and after discussion, a different type of overboard light is being attached to the sling. We will test it on the next night MOB. A new, more stable hard dinghy has arrived and will be mounted on the davits, all at owner expense.

Spaulding Boatworks Offers Access to Tools and Space to our Bosuns!!

Captain Matt, who runs the Spaulding Yard in Sausalito, has offered access to tools and space for our bosuns who need it to work on our boats... Captain Colm, working on the Bear grinder, is using it. THANKS TO THIS GREAT YARD WHO ALSO OFFER INTERNSHIPS ON BOAT REPAIR....and specialize in wooden boats.



OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

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



MONEY: \$14,292.00 in the bank. And recall we just spent \$20,000 on Bear...if you can, donations are ALWAYS needed. All money goes to boats. And insurance.

DONATIONS IN KIND:

We have had several donations in kind...from anchors to foul weather gear and life jackets and sailing lessons from Modern Sailing.... and now have a committee to determine distribution constituting Captains Lee, Andrew, Steve, Scott and Paul. If you wish to donate some gear or assets, contact Lee. We are fully tax deductible. Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

The Volunteer Appreciation Party will be on **August 24** this year, venue still being decided. Save the date.

SUMMER MEMORIAL SAIL AND RAFT UP FOR OCTOBER. This coming **October 19**, a Saturday, we will have a memorial dropping of leis in the water to remember Captains Bob, Ben and Jim and then raft up to celebrate their lives...A chance to meet all the Blue Water people in the sun, all the boats

attending, probably anchoring at China Camp. Or...bring your own boat. Stay tuned for details...but save the date.

OPENING DAY PARADE?

President Shannon pointed out that opening day is April 28 and suggested that if there is enough interest, some Blue Water boats will join it. If interested, let her know.



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 is also working with Matt Zarem to set up internships at Spaulding Wood Boat Center, dealing with students from Sweeney. **Know a business that would like an intern? Have a business that can help? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. You...yes, you can change a life.**



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 last summer. Captain Jim Stanton is working to set up our next two students going to the music festival in Italy and Luke, a brilliant violinist from Oakland is already selected. Captain Jim is now searching for the second student to go to Italy for a culture change that can change the life of the student. Over the next few months, we 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. has agreed to work with Blue Water in achieving this goal.

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

Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



GRANTS.... Can you write them? We need some expertise here so if you can, Shannon would love to hear from you and if you know of any grants that might be worthwhile, contact her. Boats cost money...

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

NEXT MEETING APRIL 9, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

It's easy to be pessimistic or angry about the world right now, to get cynical and concentrate on personal goals. That's easy. But it also gives up on a lot of people who need your help, your connection, your enthusiasm. They are waiting for you to look up from your own life and reach a hand out...a hand with a sailing glove, perhaps, but still a hand. We need people who care enough about children to show them the wind and the wonder, the wilderness filled with wild animals that exists a few miles from their door. The sea can teach them as it taught you. We are all volunteers like you...join us.

