



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES

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ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME... THIRTY YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH... AND LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION.



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

1. The new program with SF Probation with students not incarcerated but on probation continues with live MOB to be performed the next class. Family sails and graduation ceremony at the end.
2. El Dorado Probation being scheduled now.
3. Camp Sweeney sail on April 14.
4. Contra Costa on 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. Leadership High School will have a sail May 23 and Life Academy May 28.
6. CERTIFICATION SAILS for each of the boats now scheduled: SIGN UP TO GET CERTIFIED IN A SINGLE FUN DAY! See below...

7. SF District sails are going like clockwork on Thursdays on Golden Bear. Police often on board as part of their outreach program and welcome ANDREW ZIMMERMAN as new First Captain on Golden Bear.
8. It was agreed that we should let the teachers know police may be on board so that they can adjust expectations accordingly...and remind them that Blue Water first began as an effort to have officers interact with students in a nonadversarial setting.
9. Park and Rec will not be doing sails this summer but may in Fall. That opens summer for more community sails, probation sails and certification sails.
10. Pegasus would like two tandem sails for May 14 and May 23 and we will be organizing those, leaving from Berkeley. (We have some captains and volunteers who are in both Blue Water and Pegasus Foundation...Pegasus, with their beautiful classic boat, serves the Berkeley community youth. WE have done many sails with them over the last twenty years.)

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

ALL THREE BOATS STILL HAVE AT LEAST TWO 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.

There is a Bear certification sail on April 13 and an Aleta certification on May 11

Note you can also be certified simply by attending sails and asking the captain to check off your skills and this method has had good success on the probation sails in which both the students and the new crew work with mentors to learn/prove they have requisite 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!

APRIL 27. FOR THE ANNUAL PARTY AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB!!

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. One of the highlights of the year. We will bring Bear and Benjamin to the BYC dock; will have some of our probation officers and students attend, good food, good sailors and...THIS PARTY IS ALWAYS A GREAT EXPERIENCE WITH STUDENTS, PROBATION OFFICERS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND LYING SAILORS ALL THERE ENJOYING AN EVENING BY THE BAY. About thirty dollars and that includes food and entertainment and we have arrangements for those unable to afford the price...since those are often the people we serve.

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 AMORDE** EL DORADO PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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. This will be just before our party, we are bringing Golden Bear to the Berkeley Yacht Club dock at 500, the ceremony will be at 530 and we then go on up to the party and celebrate what Jim helped create. Join us on Bear.

MONEY? Yes, 11,200. Captain David continues working with the permanent **Fund-Raising Development** committee now composed of Matt Z, Susan W and Jill B. 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. Working with Marty and Shannon, we need to develop a formal budget by July...and are gathering increasing amounts of demographic information for the possible funders.**



BOSUN'S REPORT

Bear: Next project for Bear is the spongy deck; it may take a month or more to fix and we need dry weather. The Bosuns plan to schedule a time after May 28 (when the school sails stop) to June 28. Have a new boson's chair and flag halyard...and flag for that matter, courtesy of Eric and Joanne.

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 Andrew Zimmerman, 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 and we asked Tom Parfitt, a professional, to work on the bilge pump to make it fail proof.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Running rigging entirely replaced now as well as new dock lines. 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. Shannon is in communication with Berkeley Marina to see if we can get berthing there.

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 EIGHT NEW CERTIFIED SAILORS, WILL SEE TWO NEW FIRST CAPTAINS AND THREE NEW SECOND CAPTAINS... 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.



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 has pointed out that we should establish a reasonable privacy policy for the information we have for certification and on our website and David and Louis will develop one for consideration by the Board.

ATT PARK has offered a stand to Blue Water for some games in which we sell refreshments, get to keep much of the proceeds, can publicize who we are...and sneak over to see some of the game. Shannon will check it out more and there is much interest. Might be a lot of fun...

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 APRIL 9, 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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