



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES APRIL 16, 2020

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*APRIL MEETING WAS BY ZOOM CONFERENCE*

**VIRUS CANCELLATION OF ALL SAILS AND TRAINING FOR NOW. OTHER ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AND WE HOPE TO BE OPEN AGAIN WITH ALL OF OUR MANY SAILS AND PROGRAMS IN A FEW MORE MONTHS.**

***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.*

*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.*

*WANT TO KNOW A DATE FOR AN EVENT OR SAIL AND JOIN? CAN DO ONLINE WITH THE **Get Involved** button on our website. You are on a sail a few clicks away...*



**SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:**

**CANCELLED BY DISTRICT. STAY TUNED FOR WHEN THEY BEGIN AGAIN.**

**COMMUNITY SAILS:**

**WHILE MANY ARE CANCELLED, WE STILL HAVE THE SCHEDULED ONES FOR JULY AND AUGUST ON CALENDAR. LET'S HOPE THEY WILL OCCUR...**

**Urban Adventures Camp occurs 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: SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION: EL DORADO PROBATION:**

ALL CANCELLED FOR NOW. STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATES.

Note Officer Frank Lozano, PO of Camp Sweeney, came down with the virus as did his wife. He and she are recovering, and he is anxious to get back on board and called to assure us that the students are desperate to get on the water again.



**BOSUN'S REPORT:**

**GOLDEN BEAR:** Captain Colm working on the bow light and Captain Andrew arranging the pulpit repairs planned in a few months. Major metal work will be going on.

**ALETA:** Captain Paul working on the various minor survey requirements and it looks good for Berkeley Marina providing a free berth. Stay tuned. Now she is at Berkeley, but we are paying monthly fees.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** New AC/DC wiring and much work being done to conform to survey. Also, general maintenance and repair from painting the bilge so engine servicing. Owner expense.

**BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION?**

Recall that 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 once the virus retreats.

**ANNUAL PARTY DELAYED**

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be late Fall or even winter. Likely October. Stay tuned for a date. Next month we will be sending out information on selection of Volunteers of the Year award as well as awards for our partners in the community.

**MONEY:** About \$36,700 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development Committee continues to work with various potential donors and plan an auction at our annual party. The St Francis Foundation agreed on another \$1500 grant and Berkeley Marina may give us free berth for Aleta. The Development Committee has raised remarkable money and established new connections due to their efforts, but it is a continuing process. 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. The long-term goal...a racing team of probation students! This program is, again, delayed due to the virus but stay tuned.



## Training & Certification

Having a regular schedule and rotation of certification sails worked very well this year. We will continue with this effort since it is our certified volunteers who are the key to our success. We have no paid personnel...without volunteers, we cease to exist.

**First Aid and CPR** – March 22 was cancelled due to virus **BUT WE ARE SCHEDULING A NEW ONE FOR JULY 18** 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 Captain 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:** Many have been cancelled due to virus, but as seen below, we are rescheduling. 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.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS CERTIFICATION**  
**BENJAMIN WALTERS NIGHT MOB PRACTICE**  
**ALETA CERTIFICATION**  
**FIRST AID AND CPR**  
**GOLDEN BEAR CERTIFICATION**

**JUNE 20**  
**JUNE 26 1600-2200**  
**JULY 26**  
**JULY 18**  
**TBD...STAY TUNED.**

And once the virus subsides, expect a lot more certification sails...we have been approached by many new volunteers during this time and we want to get them certified and on our sails.



**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.

Further, thanks to Joanne and Eric, long standing volunteers of Blue Water, we completed our first two interns at their stage and event construction business for Camp Sweeney students and it went splendidly. The students showed up on time, were enthusiastic and all the workers at their plant loved working with them. The virus ended it sooner than anyone wanted, but Joanne and Eric loved the experience and intend to keep doing internships. **WE NEED TO EXPAND THIS TO OTHER BUSINESSES SO IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYONE...OR HAS A BUSINESS THAT COULD USE THAT HELP...LET US KNOW.** This gives the students actual job experience and confidence. Think: you are thrown out of school, have a juvenile record, only know the gang world...and suddenly you see a new world of what most of us take for granted. We can do that for them. Give them an option away from the streets... Interested in helping? Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

**ON LINE TRAINING:** Hugh, one of our certified crew, is exploring online courses that can help our students learn even when not on board...and help our own certification process.

**SERVICE ANIMALS ON BOARD:** We have received a request for a volunteer who wishes a service dog to attend. We realized we did not have a set policy so we are formulating one, recognizing that both our partners and the captain will have final say if safety is at stake...but within those guidelines we certainly want to be as open as possible. Stay tuned.

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 12, 2020, almost certainly a Zoom meeting but we will see. If in person...**

48 GOLD STREET, SECOND FLOOR 6-8 (ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT) FOOD, DRINK, SAIL SCHEDULES, ETC. ETC.

CAN CALL IN AT 425-436-6260 ACCESS CODE 2546648#. ALL WELCOME...CHECK US OUT! OR ZOOM and if you are not already on the registered list, contact Captain David and he will give you a link...and we will send out on our e mail list some days before the meeting as well.

OUR STUDENTS NEED THIS FREEDOM AND SUPPORT MORE THAN EVER. LET'S GET THEM BACK ON BOARD AS SOON AS WE CAN...The boats await...you?

