



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES

## APRIL 9, 2019

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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.*

*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](http://www.bluewaterfoundation.org).

1. The **graduation sail** for the **SF Probation** with students not incarcerated but on probation will be on JUNE 19, 2019 with the students receiving certificates of completion and showing their families their skills on the boats. POT LUCK, ALL WELCOME, BERKELEY DOCK 0 AT NINE O'CLOCK.
2. **El Dorado Probation, Alameda County and Contra Costa Probation** sails all on schedule, monthly, mentor mentee.
3. **SF Public School Thursday sails** (and sometimes Tuesday) on schedule with police showing up on most sails as part of their community outreach.
4. **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 TLC remains scheduled for August 23. Leadership High School will have a sail May 23 and Life Academy May 28. Captain Les is scheduling many, many more for over the summer.

5. **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 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](http://www.bluewaterfoundation.org).

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 COURSES are now scheduled for MAY 18 and AUGUST 24, a full day taught by Captain Les, free to volunteers. Required for certification.

## **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. Could use some volunteers to help. Stay tuned!

## **INTERNSHIPS:**

Joanne and Eric are planning to set up the first BLUE WATER FOUNDATION internship for a selected probation student at their shop which creates stage and event products and design for various business and cultural entities. This will be a mentor mentee arrangement with the student being paid to learn a trade. They will be contacting Camp Sweeny in the next month and hopefully this will be the beginning of a series of internships we can offer to these students to train them for life off the streets.

## **APRIL 27... THE ANNUAL PARTY AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB**



1. **ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY APRIL 27 AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB.** The party was great with good food, good drink, boats at the dock, and awards ceremony...we even raised some money.  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARDS**
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)

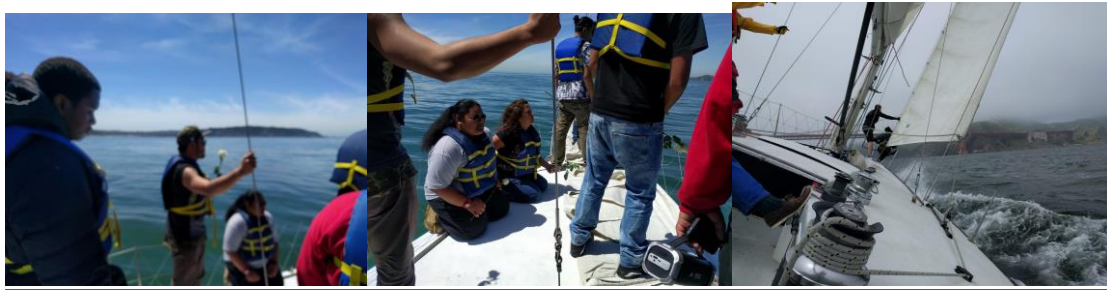
1. **KAREN TIU** SF SCHOOL DISTRICT
2. **ERIC AMORDE** EL DORADO PROBATION DEPARTMENT
3. CHIEF **ALLEN NANCE**, SF PROBATION DEPARTMENT

### CEREMONY TO PUT JIM RUMER'S MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON GOLDEN BEAR



We also had a ceremony with Jim's family present to place the memorial plaque in honor of Jim, the deceased volunteer who did so much to keep Bear (and our other boats) up and running. Very moving event and now the above plaque is on Bear in the cockpit so all the students we take out will see and ask about this great man. His sons hope to join Blue Water in the future to carry on the family tradition.

**MONEY?** Yes, 11,100. Clearly, we need to replenish our coffers if we are to maintain the boats as described below.



### DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The development committee which seeks to raise resources to keep us going is meeting and planning regularly. They have a grant application in to the SF DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND FAMILY; they applied and received a \$1000.00 grant from the St. Francis Sailing Foundation (not part of the SFYC). Matt is also networking with Quantum Sails, Owens Clark Design boatbuilding while others on the committee are collating and organizing mailing list and donor records. WE HAVE TWO 46 FOOT OLD OFF SHORE RACERS TO MAINTAIN. The committee can use help and volunteers to raise money for the projects below...but so far, they are doing remarkably well.

### ANNUAL BUDGET



The board approved with some additions the annual operating budget created by the Development Committee with input from officer and captains and bosuns. Comes to a bit over \$46,000 a year with three quarters of it for boat repair and insurance and most of the rest for training, program supplies, safety gear. (Note no payroll...we are all volunteers.) Due to deferred maintenance in the past on the boats, we have some major expenses coming this year.

## 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 scheduled a time May 28 (when the school sails stop) to June 28. BEAR OUT OF SERVICE FOR THAT TIME. Andrew is diving and cleaning the bottom and replacing zincs as volunteer's work (THANKS!!). After the decks we have winch maintenance, topside sealing, and a good hard look at the stanchions which may need work after decades of use.

**ALETA: TRANSMISSION.** Aleta's transmission is now being rebuilt, now disassembled, and we hope she is back in about a month. This will cost close to five thousand dollars alone. WE HAVE A MATCHING GRANT FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR FOR UP TO FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS. E MAIL LEE AT [LSTIMMEL@STIMMEL-LAW.COM](mailto:LSTIMMEL@STIMMEL-LAW.COM) for information as to how to donate to this matching fund.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** Running rigging entirely replaced now as well as new dock lines. More rain gear for students. Propane detector. New fender. New main bilge pump. All at owner's expenses.

**EMERYVILLE MARINA ISSUES:** Emeryville Marina is willing to charge us half price (300/mo.) for the berth while we look for other locales. 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. Meanwhile, we may be paying bucks to Emeryville since we have no other locale. Note SF gives us a berth for Bear without charge.

## 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 FIVE NEW CERTIFIED SAILORS, WILL SEE ONE NEW SECOND CAPTAINS AND ONE NEW FIRST CAPTAIN... AND INCREASE OF CERTIFICATION OF MANY EXISTING SAILORS!



## 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...

**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...Stay tuned.

### **BLUE WATER VISITS PREP. HEADQUARTERS OF HIGH-SPEED GP RACE ON BAY**

We had been invited to visit the brain trust of one of the teams racing on May 4-5 on SF Bay and enjoyed the educational experience. Check out the pictures: Thanks to Mike and Eric for making this happen.



### **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 lei in the water, then picnic rafted up. Both very moving and much fun. Put it in your calendar.



**NEXT MEETING MAY 14, 2019** 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 2<sup>TH</sup> 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#.

You cannot do everything...but you can change the world...



**BLUE WATER SAIL 2019**



**BLUE WATER SAIL 2004**