



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES APRIL 9, 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... **4/18;4/25;5/2;5/9;5/16 and for the rest of the year...dates on our website.** Different school each time but each a public school in the SF District. Due to travel and work commitments, Captain Les is having problems fully staffing these sails (most on Thursdays) so if you can, join...parking is easy during weekdays at the Marina. 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 and, soon, east Bay schools, are now active on the Sweeney sails, working on becoming certified. Some of the interns are also helping with the social media platforms of Blue Water. Turns out that many of our Sweeney students are attending state colleges with Project Rebound help. A great new connection.
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. *Silver Springs* high school students come all the way from Grass Valley and have scheduled a sail for **May 14**.
6. *APACC (Asian Pacific Islanders American students)* have scheduled a sail for **5/18**, Benjamin Walters.
7. *International Rescue Project*. Their sail on September 29 went very well...and they want their next sail on Bear on **April 20**.
8. *Marin City*. Les is reaching out to them to set up more sails.
9. *SF Casa* is now set for **April 29**. There will likely be sails every month for this great group.
10. *Larkin Street Youth* have their next sail on **April 30**.
11. *Marin City CDC* has met with Jim Stanton and Lee and will be arranging sails in the near future...and will attend the Sweeney graduation described below.

And more signing up each week...check our events page on the website...



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:

Alameda County Probation class is now at the time for graduation on **4/26**...all invited for a pot luck, graduation ceremony with diplomas, students on inflatable and kyaaks, then a sail on Benjamin and Aleta....Probation VIPs will be there and if you can, show up. This is important to the students...often their first graduation. The Sea Scouts have been on many of our sails and work with the students at Sweeney during the week. Project Rebound interns have been helping us as well...we will be expanding the curriculum for the next year.

Alejandro, a Sweeney student from a decade ago, has returned as a volunteer for Blue Water and was on the night sail, telling the students what errors he made and how to get away from the life of the streets...he was a Project Rebound SF State student a decade ago and, as he said, blew it...but is now committed to giving back and guiding the students along paths he should have taken. The students were listening closely...and, as always, are great sailors. COME.

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 **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.

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: In a storm certification sail the jib ripped and is now being repaired (at a cost of 800.00) but the flailing of the jib may have loosened the rigging so we are having a rigger come and check it right now. The packing gland remains an annoyance but one kept under control by Captain Scott.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Whisker pole is now ready to mount, and this will be one of the skills we teach to our students. The new stable hard dinghy has arrived and is mounted on the davits, all at owner expense. A donor has delivered rain pants for children since we are taking younger and younger kids out...they are in a white box on the raft forward of Benjamin Walters.

Devine Wind: Ready to race and Captain Andrew is getting the team together...

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, used 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 Summer probably...



MONEY: \$16,898.00 in the bank. If you can, donations are ALWAYS needed. All money goes to boats. And insurance. Interns from Project Rebound are going to help us look for grants as well...old boats cost new money!

DONATIONS IN KIND:

The donation in kind committee met to discuss methods to hand out donations of gear and lessons and the like that we have received. Lee is to develop the rules over the next two weeks and we hope to begin distribution within the next month or two.

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.



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.



MEDIA COMMITTEE

We need to expand our reach into video, Youtube and Instagram and we have now developed a committee to make this happen, Maddi's great video of her time in the water during a live MOB drill acting as inspiration. The committee is Shannon, Kimberly, Abby and April and if you have interest and skill, contact Shannon to join the committee. We need your expertise and it's time we advanced beyond the 20th Century... Shannon Kastner <shannon@bluewaterfoundation.org>

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. Kimberly has helped Jim connect with some possible students in Oakland.

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.



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 May 14, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

Cynical, tough, grim times...we hear it all the time. But the times are what you make them and you can make them better...for yourself and the people who need your help. The sea soothes...the sea challenges...the sea makes the scene on the streets seem tame. You can grouse...or you can help...and helping gets you out there as well...because you need the sea as much as the students who are looking to you for help. Help us help them...

