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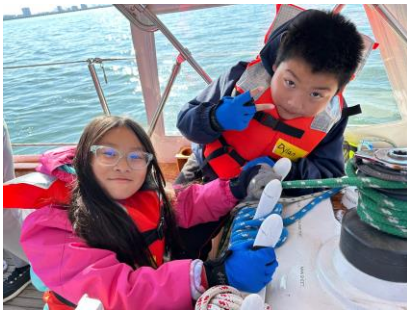
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MEETINGS ARE ALL ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

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...We are down to our final sails of the school year, the last ones on **5/23 and 5/30**. At long last the police are staffing the Wilderness Program again and police are likely to be assigned to the sails again in Fall.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. Our program for visually impaired sailors is moving along but quite slowly. It was decided to have a committee formed to get this program up and running. Anyone interested in participating in this should contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. Keep in mind we are working with Captain Andrew to begin the blind racing team, and also having blind sailors as some of our volunteers on the probation sails. Do we also want a special program working

with Light House with blind sailors? That is up to the committee to decide and if you are interested, let's get it going...

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 in Fall. Remember, Type 1 life are to be on each participant since they may be unconscious in the water.
3. *Project Rebound*, formerly incarcerated adults and interns learning to work with them have already joined the Sweeney sails, working on becoming certified. Some of the interns are also helping with the social media platforms of Blue Water. A new batch will be joining us in the next few months as the interns graduate.
4. *PACT sails*. The sails went well and more will be scheduled soon.
5. *Silver Springs* high school students come all the way from Grass Valley and have scheduled a sail for **May 21**.
6. *APACC (Asian Pacific Islanders American students)* have personnel changes and will be rescheduling soon.
7. *International Rescue Project*. Their sail went well and the next one is **July 15** on Bear. We may need two boats for this one.
8. *Marin City*. Les is reaching out to them to set up more sails.
9. *SF Casa* is next set for **July 20**.
10. *Marin City CDC* has met with Jim Stanton and Lee and will be arranging sails in the near future...with numerous community groups. .
11. *Dream Team Double Sail* on Aleta and Bear, **June 1**. Note Aleta crew will have to take Aleta to San Francisco for this sail.
12. *Weekend Adventures* **June 22** and **June 29** on Bear.

[And more signing up each week...check our events page on the website...](#)



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:

The Sweeney graduation was as moving as always and our Sea Scout troop at Sweeney also swore in their new members. Many of the same students will come back for an advanced next class to be set up in the next month. Stay tuned. Project Rebound interns have been helping us as well...we will be expanding the curriculum for the next year.

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

MARIN PROBATION: Christina Junker of Marin City CMC is speaking to the probation personnel there and feels there is a good chance we will expand our efforts to that County.



Training & Certification:

The quickest way to move up the certification ladder...and a lot of fun.

1. First Aid and CPR –Our last class was **May 18** at **BERKELEY YACHT CLUB**. We will be setting up another one in a few months. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ONLINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE “HANDS ON” PRACTICE. SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE EVENTS PAGE.
2. Certification sail on Bear **May 25**, including live MOB practice. Another certification planned for **June 15**.
3. Benjamin Walters had a night overboard live practice **June 21**...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: Sail covers and bags plus some jib hanks need repairs and Colm is handling that. The boom vang needs work on its hydraulics (which Colm repaired years ago) and he will be addressing that soon.

ALETA: Scott has repaired the jib that was torn in the storm and a rigger has repaired and rebalanced the rear stay. Scott has also repaired some cracks in the floor of the cockpit. The jib is ancient so we are looking for a new/used jib to replace it down the road and Scott has the figures for an appropriate new jib.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Whisker pole is now ready to mount, and this will be one of the skills we teach to our students. It now has a new head and is installing a new holding tank system. Note Benjamin is on K dock while the marina replaces wiring in O dock.

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

MAKE AND MEND DAY FOR THE BOATS WILL BE IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER...A DAY WHERE ALL OF US COME TO DO MINOR REPAIRS AND CLEAN UP OF THE BOATS...POT LUCK, LYING TO EACH OTHER ABOUT OUR SAILING EXPERIENCES, MUCH FUN...AND WORK.

SPAULDING OFFERS ACCESS TO TOOLS:

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.



MONEY: \$17,987.00 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! Thanks to Bob Larson and his club which donated about \$2500.00, money sorely needed in light of repair bills.

DONATIONS IN KIND:

The donation in kind protocol was adopted by the Board and now that committee will meet to determine how to distribute sailing gear we have and sailing lessons offered by MODERN SAILING.

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 at **SPAULDING BOAT WORKS** in Sausalito. 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.



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 student going to the music festival in Italy and Luke, a brilliant violinist from Oakland is already selected. A culture change that can change the life of the student. Kimberly has helped Jim connect with some possible students in Oakland in the future.

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. The selection committee is now Jim Stanton, Lee, and our past recipient Josue' and they are currently interviewing Judah, a remarkable student at Sweeney working with Project Rebound and already in college. More on him in the next newsletter.

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

MEDIA COMMITTEE

We need to expand our reach into video, Utube 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

NEXT MEETING JUNE 11, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.



Thirty four years of doing this, people...never a single person on payroll, no big corporate sponsor, just a group of people wanting to do good and putting in their own time and money to do it. Perhaps 40,000 students taken to sea, students whose lives will not quite be the same since the sea teaches in ways that are unique.

You can help do this...and keep decades of tradition going. Our first generation of volunteers are fading away now and we have new blood and new dreams. We need you...and, though you may not realize it, you need us. Want to go beyond feeling sad about the vicious politics and ideology spreading in the world? Do good...get out there and make a difference....