



# 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](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. This has stopped for the summer and will resume in the Fall.
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...

**NOTE THAT ALETA IS GETTING HER TRANSMISSION REPLACED AND BEAR IS GETTING DECK WORK. ALETA IS PROBABLY UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MID TO LATE JUNE AND BEAR WILL BE OUT UNTIL THE END OF JUNE. BENJAMIN WALTERS IS STILL SAILING WITH PROBATION SAILS AND A CERTIFICATION SAIL...AND BOTH BEAR AND ALETA HAVE SCHEDULES GETTING FILLED FOR JULY ON.**

## 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 next CPR and FIRST AID COURSES are now scheduled for OCTOBER 12, a full day taught by Captain Les, free to volunteers. Required for certification.

## INTERSHIPS:

Joanne and Eric have 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. (Hot Rod Shop) This will be a mentor mentee arrangement with the student being paid to learn a trade. Lozo at Camp Sweeny has a student in mind and will be discussing same with Eric and Joanne when they return from a trip to the Isle of Mann. 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... WAS THE ANNUAL PARTY AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB



We received \$521 in donations at the door and a little over two thousand dollars in ticket sales...and anonymous donations provided the space, the food, the entertainment...and the trophies...THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS WORK AND TO DEBBIE WHO ARRANGED THE DETAILS. NEXT "PARTY" IS IN MEMORY OF CAPTAIN BEN AND IS OUR PICNIC SAIL DESCRIBED IN THIS NEWSLETTER BELOW.

**PLAQUE FOR CAPTAIN JIM RUMER, one of the founders who recently passed.**



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, about 13,000. Clearly, we need to replenish our coffers if we are to maintain the boats as described below. We have a lot of expenses down the road. Our treasurer, Marty, now has Quicken Books on line and available for officers to review.



### **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.

### **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 fenders, lifeline netting, wiring, emergency running lights, repaired lifelines and electric outboard...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. Once Aleta is repaired we need a place for her to be at home so this is now a priority.



## BOATER'S CARD

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. 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.

## DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee reported various concepts to assist in raising funds. A quarterly newsletter to supporters; events just for the supporters; more testimonials from our students, Probation departments, police, teachers, etc. Also an annual fundraising campaign as a run up to our annual party. **THEY ARE LOOKING FOR IDEAS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP**

SO ANYONE WITH AN IDEA E MAIL THE COMMITTEE [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com) and Lee will forward to the committee.



## **BEN WENGROFSKY MEMORIAL SAIL AND PICNIC DAY ON THE BOATS:**

**Our annual meeting of all our boats to celebrate Captain Ben is on AUGUST 11, 2019. 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. Put over from the June date due to both Aleta and Bear being under repair during that month.**



**JOANNE IS CREATING A BLUE WATER PROCEDURES MANUAL AND IS LOOKING FOR HELP IN PUTTING THIS TOGETHER. THIS WILL BE A BASIC DESCRIPTION OF OUR METHODS, GOALS, AND PROCEDURES BOTH IN TERMS OF ADMINISTRATION AND SAILS THAT WILL BE GIVEN OUT TO NEW VOLUNTEERS OR THIRD PARTIES. PART OF THE PACKAGE WE GIVE OUT TO PEOPLE WHO WANT TO KNOW WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE WORK. ANYONE WANT TO HELP HER ON THAT??**

## **Planning for the SF PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS**

The new program for the nonincarcerated students who are on probation finished its first course and the drop out rate for kids on the street was over 60%. Lee, David and others will be meeting with the Probation department before the next class to discuss what procedures to change to make this work better. The students who finished are enthusiastic and looking forward to their graduation...but we need to cut that drop out rate to make this program a success. Stay tuned.

**NEXT MEETING June 11, 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...JOIN US!**



**BLUE WATER SAIL 2019**



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