



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JUNE 11, 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 have finished up this year's District sails with over twenty sails accomplished. Next sails will be in the next school year and Captain Les will set those up...and at long last the police are staffing the Wilderness Program again and police are likely to be assigned to the sails in Fall.**

## **COMMUNITY SAILS:**

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

- 1. Our program for visually impaired sailors needs additional work to organize and a meeting of the committee working on this will be set up in the next several weeks. So far, Kimberly, Andrew, Mariette, Ben and Judy are planning to participate. You? Anyone interested in participating in this should contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto: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. *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 when their school begins again in the Fall.

3. *PACT sails*. The sails went well and more will be scheduled soon.

4. *Silver Springs* high school students come all the way from Grass Valley and had scheduled a sail for **May 21**. Another will be scheduled once school begins again.

5. *APACC (Asian Pacific Islanders American students)* have personnel changes and will be rescheduling soon.

6. *Marin City*. Les is reaching out to them to set up more sails.

7. *SF Casa* is next set for **July 20**.

8. *Marin City CDC* has met with Jim Stanton and Lee and has had their first sail on **June 15** and plans a second sail on **June 22**

9. *Dream Team Double Sail* was on Aleta and Bear, **June 1**. Note Aleta crew took Aleta to San Francisco for this sail.

10. *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:

June 28 is our try out for the next class for Camp Sweeney on Benjamin. Project Rebound interns have been helping us as well...we will be expanding the curriculum for the next year, working with the Sea Scout Troop at Camp Sweeney.

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

MARIN PROBATION: Christina Junker of Marin City CDC 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**. Our next classes at the same locale are **August 24** and **November 23**. 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** Live MOB practice occurred on June 15. Another to be scheduled soon.

3. **Benjamin Walters** has 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 to be scheduled soon.

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:** Bosun Colm has repaired the jib bag and is working on the boom vang with Andrew and we need to repair the main sail cover.

**ALETA:** Scott is having the Main, torn in heavy winds, repaired since the sail maker says plenty of life left in the sail. Scott has also repaired some cracks in the floor of the cockpit and has painted the new repaired cockpit.

*All captains are to be reminded to be gentle on the leech when lowering Aleta's main...we are aging that sail too fast.*

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** Whisker pole is now ready to mount, newly plumbed holding tank at Owner expense.

**Devine Wind:** Two new halyards as Owner expense and ready to race.

**MAKE AND MEND DAY FOR THE BOATS WILL BE IN **NOVEMBER 2**...A DAY WHERE ALL THE BOATS AND 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. WILL BE AT BERKELEY MARINA. BOSUNS WILL MAKE A LIST OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.**

### **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: \$17,391.00** 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! Colm has also donated five hundred dollars he obtained by selling an old furler.

**DONATIONS IN KIND:**

The donation in kind protocol was adopted by the Board and now that committee has met and will determine how to distribute sailing gear we have and sailing lessons offered by MODERN SAILING. We had our first meeting and invite *those who know of a volunteer or student who would be appropriate for receiving gear or lessons, contact Lee.* If you wish to donate some gear or assets, contact Lee. We are fully tax deductible. Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

**The Volunteer Appreciation Party** will be on **August 24** this year, venue at Berkeley Yacht Club, Aleta and Benjamin at their dock. \$45.00 per person if you can afford it. Save the date. Volunteer of the Year, Bosun of the Year and Partner of the Year awards will be handed out.

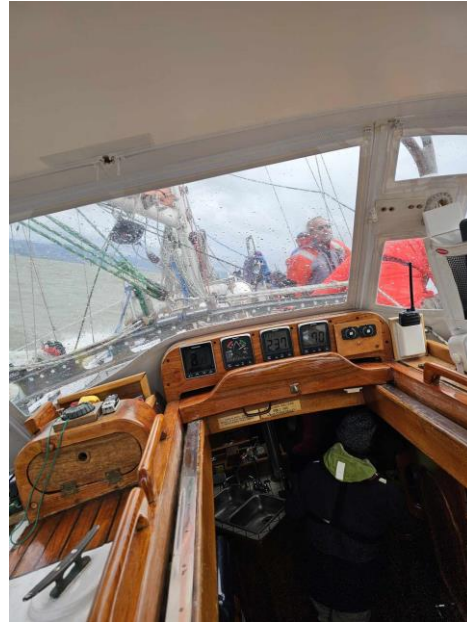
**SUMMER MEMORIAL SAIL AND RAFT UP FOR OCTOBER.** This coming **October 19**, a Saturday, we will have a memorial dropping of leis in the water to remember Captains Bob, Ben and Jim and then raft up to celebrate their lives...A chance to meet all the Blue Water people in the sun, all the boats attending, probably anchoring at Angel Island or China Camp. Or...bring your own boat. Pot luck. 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](mailto: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 international music festival in a village in Tuscany this last summer. Captain Jim Stanton has set up our next student going to the music festival in Italy and **Luke**, a brilliant violinist from Oakland is already selected. One of the Board Members (who has come out on several sails, Angie...a singer...) will fly with him there and back. A culture change that can change the life of the student.

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. The selection committee is now Jim Stanton, Mariette, 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. He has been at Sweeney since he was 14, will get his BS next year and wants help to get an MA so he can do his dream...as a counselor, work with incarcerated youth to follow in his footsteps out of the system. The committee is determining how best to make this happen....AND he is great helmsman. Note that our committee now includes a former Sweeney student which gives us a wider breath of understanding.

***Sailing opens doors...scholarships help students walk through the doors.***

Want to help? E mail Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto: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](mailto:dmischel@gmail.com)

## **MEDIA COMMITTEE**

We still need to expand our reach into video, Utube and Instagram and we have now developed a committee to make this happen, 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 20<sup>th</sup> Century...Shannon Kastner <[shannon@bluewaterfoundation.org](mailto:shannon@bluewaterfoundation.org)

**NEXT MEETING JULY 9, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.**



***WHEN WE FIRST STARTED IN 1990 WE WERE TOLD THAT WE HAD TO HAVE PAID STAFF...NO WAY A BOAT OWNING FOUNDATION COULD EXIST AND DO ALL THE WORK NECESSARY WITHOUT FULL TIME PEOPLE ON STAFF.***

***THIRTY FOUR YEARS LATER, NEVER HAVING SUCH STAFF, IT IS CLEAR THAT ONE CAN DO THE TASKS IF YOU HAVE DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS WHO STEP UP WHEN NEEDED. PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY ARE SAILORS, A GROUP THAT NORMALLY DOES WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WITHOUT HESITATION...OR PERHAPS BECAUSE PAID STAFF DOES NOT CREATE THE COMMITMENT ON VOLUNTEERS THAT KNOWING IF YOU DON'T DO IT...IT DOESN'T GET DONE.***

***WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP THIS TRADITION GOING. WORKING WITH OTHERS DOING GOOD...WELL, THAT IS A FEELING HARD TO GET NOWADAYS. JOIN US!!!!***