



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JUNE 11, 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 SF District sails ended well with a total of 233 students enjoying our sails on the Bay. Only one school did not show, and the police were present on most of the sails. Every Middle and High School but one made it out on Golden Bear.
2. We have almost a dozen community sails scheduled over the next three months of summer, a challenge given the extensive work being done on both Bear and Aleta, detailed below. Many of the sails are weekend sails. We have two GREENAGERS sails on July 13 and 20th; a Camp Keff on July 16; First Exposure on July 25 and 27; Urban Adventures on August 9; TLC on August 23 and City of

Dreams on November 2. More are likely to be scheduled but Captain Les is making sure our community groups get a chance on the water.

3. El Dorado Probation being scheduled now.
4. SF Probation had their first graduation class party, described below.
5. Contra Costa is having monthly sails, with Steve taking the lead as first captain.
6. Alameda County continues their monthly sails.
7. CERTIFICATION SAILS for each of the boats are being scheduled: SIGN UP TO GET CERTIFIED IN A SINGLE FUN DAY! Go to get involved link on our website and you can sign up right now. See below.



## **MAKE AND MEND DAY**

*On September 14 we will have our annual Make and Mend day and picnic in which all three boats meet and all of us volunteers clean, check gear, make minor repairs, drink beer, eat food and lie to each other about sailing experiences. Great fun and a good chance to meet the hundred people or so who now make up the Blue Water community. And this year we may get some probation students to come out and help us as well. SET ASIDE THE DATE AND FIGURE WE MEET AROUND NINE AND FINISH AROUND THREE...AND NEED TO BRING ALL THE BOATS TO BERKELEY FOR OUR EVENT!*

## **TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:**

**ALL THREE BOATS STILL HAVE 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).

On **August 10** there will be a MOB and certification sail on ALETA; On **September 22** on BENJAMIN WALTERS and on **October 19** on GOLDEN BEAR. There may be an Aleta certification in the next few weeks...check the calendar as above.

The CPR and FIRST AID COURSE- Captain Les, will again teach in the next few months.... stay tuned.

## **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. We now have apparently an excellent student who will use up our remaining funds and shall be seeking another grant from Sategna. Stay tuned!

Recall we are also hoping to implement some internships, including possible ones at Joanne's and Eric's shop.

**MONEY?** Yes, 11,818. Recall we are undergoing major repairs on both Aleta and Golden Bear which makes the estimated annual budget for the foundation of thirty to fifty a year (depending on amount of repair) clearly accurate. Even with not a single person on staff, we still need to keep the vessels in top condition. David discussed a possible fund-raising newsletter which will go out regularly since his research indicates that an organization such as hours raises most of its money "close to home," e.g. with individual donations. In the next month they will present their proposed initial newsletter.



## BOSUN'S REPORT

**Bear:** Recall our project for Bear is the spongy deck and that project is completed. However, the hydraulics were leaking, and it turns out we had to send the unit to San Diego to get replacement parts for the ancient system. This has delayed return of the vessel by several more weeks.

**ALETA:** Aleta's transmission has now been replaced (thanks to Paul M and Tom P for heroic efforts here) and the boat is in the best condition motor wise since we first obtained it. Certification sails are now planned so we can expand its list of captains and certified crew. We will move it to San Francisco to take over many of Bear's sails until she returns. Then back to Emeryville and eventually, hopefully, to Berkeley

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** Motor maintenance, new zincs, more clothing for our student sailors, etc. etc. All at owner's expenses.

**EMERYVILLE MARINA ISSUES:** Recall this private marina now states they will start charging us for Aleta's berth, but our President talked to them and so far, we can keep her there for free in another berth...and if we are trying to get into Berkeley. Shannon continues to work on this

## 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 FOUR MONTHS HAS SEEN TEN NEW CERTIFIED SAILORS, WILL SEE ANOTHER NEW FIRST CAPTAIN AND TWO NEW SECOND CAPTAINS... AND INCREASE OF CERTIFICATION OF MANY EXISTING SAILORS! The certification sails are working as is our increasing sails for probation and community groups. We have just about doubled our size in the last year.

Keep in mind that many nonsailing activities are available for new volunteers...from scholarship and fund-raising efforts, to outreach and training. Sailing is our tool...helping children the actual task at hand.

**Video Conferences:** David has purchased, after budget approval, Zoom for Video Conferencing for our committees. If your committee needs it and David has not already briefed you, get in touch with him.



**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...

## **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**. 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 fund. Put it in your calendar.



**NEXT MEETING JULY 9, 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#.



**BLUE WATER SAIL 2010**



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