NEWSLETTER and MINUTES
JULY 9, 2019

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.

1. The SF District sail will begin for the next School year in September. Check our calendar on the Get Involved link; every high school and middle school in San Francisco is given the opportunity for a sail on Golden Bear, our boat at SF Marina. Police were present on most of the sails as part of their community outreach.

2. We have had almost a dozen community sails scheduled over the summer both on Aleta and Bear and still have a few more to finish up our summer season. 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 and will have monthly sails beginning in October.
4. SF Probation have their second class already scheduled which begins in September. Mentor Mentee method.  
5. Contra Costa is having monthly sails, with Steve taking the lead as first captain.  
6. Alameda County have three sails set for their classes beginning at the end of this month.  
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.

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! Meet at Berkeley at ten…which means need to meet at Bear and Aleta at nine to bring over. POTLUCK, CLEANING SUPPLIES AND MUSCLE NEEDED....

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!!!!  

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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 on October 12 in the City.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS:

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. So far, we have half a dozen companies interested in sponsoring internships…know any? Get in touch with Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

MONEY? Yes, 11,538. But we need to pay for the V drive on Aleta, some pressing bills on Bear and insurance coming up. Luckily, we have some donations coming in, about $5000, and some others…so we slog along. We filed
our Federal and State tax returns and are still fighting with Alameda County to get our property taxes back which we, as a nonprofit, are entitled to.

**BOSUN’S REPORT**

**Bear:** Bear back this month with all repairs accomplished, from deck repaired to new hydraulic panel repair. Back in SF Marina again.

**ALETA:** Aleta back with new V drive and now in Emeryville. THANKS TO OUR BOSUNS AND TO TOM PARFITT FOR REMARKABLE WORK ON THIS PROJECT.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** Cosmetic work and head rebuild, engine maintenance. All at owner’s expenses.

**EMERYVILLE MARINA ISSUES:** We have a new berth in Emeryville while we continue to negotiate to move Aleta to Berkeley. Shannon continues to work on getting a free berth in Berkeley.

**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/internships 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...

SF MARINA HARBOR FEST ON JULY 31, 3-700 and Blue water is asked to man a booth and seek new volunteers.

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. Our three boats 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. Pot luck so bring some food and drink to share and sign up on our Get Involved list on our website, www.bluewaterfoundation.org.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 13, 2019 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 2TH 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 can make a difference if you want to. Up to you. Join us.
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