



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JULY 9, 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:

Summer is here and the District sails are on hiatus until Fall...meanwhile, the SF Police are getting their Wilderness Youth Program back on track and the plan is to have officers on our school sails come Fall...their staffing crisis is largely past and they consider this Program of key value to the Department and the City's youth. We hear this from both the Chief and Assistant Chiefs...they recognize what these sails mean to the police and the students.

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. 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 a sail on Bear on **July 27**.
3. *City of Berkeley* has a sail on Benjamin Walters on **August 2**.
4. *Silver Springs* high school students come all the way from Grass Valley and 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 and September 21**.
8. *Marin City CDC* has met with Jim Stanton and Lee and after two sails plan to schedule more.
9. *Camp Keff* has a donation sail on **July 15**.
10. *Larkin Street* had a sail on **July 13**.

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



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:

Had their try out sail for their new class on **July 12** and will be scheduling the regular class in the immediate future.

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 next class is on **August 24** at the Berkeley Yacht Club. 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 had a night overboard live practice June 21...and it next certification sail is **September 14**.
4. ALETA certification sail is now scheduled for **September 7**.
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: A leak in the hydraulic ram for the vang requires repair. Bosun Colm has rigged a block and tackle for the baby stay and taken that hydraulic for the vang for now while he repairs the old vang one.

ALETA: Scott just got back the repaired Main, torn in heavy winds, and now is the time to plan a haul out to have the bottom painted and some work on the packing gland. Stay tuned for confirmation of the week that Aleta will be out of the water. ***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: The boat's drive has excessive vibration and List Marine was unable to fix even after rebuilding the pillow block. The boat may need work on the Maxi prop or cutlass bearing thus is to be hauled at BMC for that work on **July 21**. Probably out of the water for a week. At Owner expense.

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

MAKE AND MEND DAY FOR THE BOATS WILL BE ON **NOVEMBER 2...A DAY WHERE ALL THE BOATS AND ALL OF US COME TO DO MINOR REPAIRS AND CLEAN UP OF THE BOATS...POTLUCK, 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.**



MONEY: \$16,504.00 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!

DONATIONS IN KIND:

The Committee awarded an introductory sailing course to KIMBERLY CLARK, one of our most dedicated volunteers, said course donated by MODERN SAILING ACADEMY, operated by our past president LEIGH HUNT. She is in touch with them to organize her lessons. CONGRATULATIONS, KIMBERLY!

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 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.

So, far, BOSUN OF THE YEAR was awarded to **SCOTT BARNES**, who has made Aleta sing...and PARTNER OF THE YEAR was won by **San Francisco Rec and Park**, who work with Golden Bear in the City and give us free berthing. Volunteer of the Year is in a runoff election and will be announced in a week.



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. 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...) is flying with him there and back. A culture change that can change the life of the student. He is there now, a new world for him.

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. 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.



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

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



ONLY ONE FIRST CAPTAIN ON EACH SAIL!

Several crew members complained about confusion on board when two or more first captains are on the same sail. As we all know, a boat requires a single captain to handle all emergencies and be the final voice on board...a boat is not a republic or a democracy though the wise first captain listens to advice. For that reason, we will only have a single sign on position for first captain for each sail and if by chance two or more are on board and are confused as to who is first captain, they are to discuss this between them and decide...AND ANNOUNCE TO CREW...before the sail.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 12, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.



WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP THIS TRADITION GOING. WORKING WITH OTHERS DOING GOOD...EASY TO BE CYNICAL AND WORRIED NOWADAYS...BUT DOING GOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED AND SAILING AT THE SAME TIME SOUNDS LIKE A PRETTY GOOD DEAL...TAKE THAT CYNICISM AND CHANGE IT TO HELPING OTHERS...JOIN US!!!!