



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES AUGUST 13, 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.

OUR VOLUNTEER PARTY IS AUGUST 24 AT THE BERKELEY YACHT CLUB...FOOD, AWARDS TO VOLUNTEERS, ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING AND SOME OF OUR BOATS AT THE DOCK....6-10....COME!!



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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

AUG 24, 2024
6PM - 10 PM

BERKELEY YACHT CLUB
1 SEAWALL DR, BERKELEY

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE: 

Bring your Dancing Shoes and Sailor's A-Game.
We're going to have a BLAST!!!

GAMES & CASH BAR



REMEMBER AT OUR VOLUNTEER PARTY WE GIVE OUT OUR ANNUAL AWARDS. 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 **LES SCHLESINGER** who won it five years ago and runs the school and community group programs.



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

School has begun again and Captain Les will be arranging our usual program of taking every high school and middle school sailing on Golden Bear so the students get an introduction as to what sailing the Bay is like. The students work the boat under the guidance of our volunteers. 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.

The sails should begin in September. Check the events page on our website.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

After a very active summer program, some community sails are continuing, and we have many new exciting programs:

1. *Marin City*. Les is reaching out to them to set up more sails.
2. *SF Casa* is next set for **September 21**.
3. *Marín City CDC* has met with Jim Stanton and Lee and after two sails plan to schedule more.
4. *International Rescue Project* will be contacted by Shannon for more sails.

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



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:

The next class has already begun and this program, lasting months and teaching the students the basics of sailing, is now set after the first sail for 8/30;9/13 (overboard practice);9/27 (on Aleta); 10/11 (on Aleta);10/25 (night sail);11/1 GRADUATION SAIL, both boats going out, potluck and handing out certificates.

EI DORADO PROBATION: Chief Brian came down for a Sweeney sail and we will be scheduling these soon.

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. **NEXT CLASS AFTER THIS ONE IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 23.**
2. **Certification sail on Bear** Next certification sail on **September 21.**
3. **Benjamin Walters** had a **night** overboard live practice June 21...and 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 and the unit is now out for service. 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 one.

ALETA: Aleta was hauled at KKMI which gave us a bit of a discount. Bottom painted, hull polished, packing gland replaced, Bosun Scott working with some volunteers to do much of the work. Main and Jib both now back and serviced and the boat is better than it has been for years. ***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 entire drive train has been repaired, the new Maxi Prop painted with special paint, bottom painted, hull buffed, all at Owner expense. Was being worked on for close to two months! Back in the water and just did the first Sweeney sail.

Devine Wind: Two new halyards at 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. BOSUNS ARE ASKED TO DEVELOP A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR THAT DAY.



MONEY: **\$17,057.53** 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! At Marty's request, Richard Pons is coming on as co treasurer to help take some of the load off of Marty who has health issues to worry about.

DONATIONS IN KIND:

The Committee still has some gear to give away or sell and another introductory sailing course to award to a deserving volunteer, said course donated by MODERN SAILING ACADEMY, operated by our past president LEIGH HUNT. If you have ideas as to a likely recipient, please contact Lee. And, if you wish to donate some gear or assets, contact Lee. We are fully tax deductible. Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



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.**



Woman's Sailing Seminar

Blue Water has been asked to provide a boat and crew for this long existing Woman's sailing seminar and will be working with them on Aleta on 9/27, 9/28 and 9/29. This is a first for us and many of our women captains and crew are delighted to be on this project.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall that **Sategna Foundation**, working with Blue Water, sends a talented music student to a festival and lessons in Tuscany. **Luke**, a brilliant violinist from Oakland has just returned, loved the experience and has been invited back. One of the Sategna Board Members (who has come out on several sails, Angie...a singer...) flew with him there and back. She and her family showed him around and he was awestruck by the students he met, the teachers who worked with him, and the new friends he has made. 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. 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 are making good progress, working on a U tube channel, Instagram as well as our already existing Facebook. 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 SEPTEMBER 10, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.



WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP THIS TRADITION GOING. WE BEGAN IN 1990....CLOSE TO 40,000 CHILDREN TAKEN TO SEA, WORKING WITH SCHOOL KIDS, KIDS IN NEED, ADULTS IN NEED AND KIDS ON PROBATION AND INCARCERATED. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...LOOK AT THE FACES...DO YOU NEED TO KNOW MORE? JOIN US!!