



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES AUGUST 8, 2023 (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.***



## **SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:**

We sail with every middle and high school in the SF District system...closed for summer, next sails in late September on Golden Bear. Good chance SFPD will once again begin to sail with us on selected sails...Stay tuned for dates.

## **COMMUNITY SAILS:**

Community sails are continuing and expanding:

1. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children have asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails and those will be calendared when school begins again in September.
2. *Epilepsy Foundation* is now scheduling regular sails on Benjamin Walters...now set for **September 9** and **September 23**. We may make this into a regular class once we see how it goes.

3. Recall we are working with blind sailors now and they have participated in several of our sails acting as co mentors of students. They are interested in a racing team being put together by Captain Andy and in participating in our regular programs, such as the probation sails. Stay tuned.

4. Camp Keff sails, Weekend adventures sails and Play Marin sails all are now completed with good success.

5. *Project Rebound* is a departure from our usual population...these are formerly incarcerated adults at connected with SF State and this sail will be a bonding experience for them as they integrate into a college setting. **September 23** on Golden Bear.

6. We are beginning a new program with the APACC (Asian Pacific Islander Committee, a community group for at need Asians and pacific islanders) and this relationship is likely to expand into regular classes similar to the probation sails First sail is October 28 on Benjamin Walters.

7. Kimberly is setting up sails with *Aspire schools* and this may become a regular monthly program...stay tuned.

8. *Larkin Street Youth Center*, a transitional housing program, may also be interested in working with us...stay tuned.

9. We may begin working with immigrant refugees from the *International Rescue Committee* and we will see if we can set up some sails in late September to help this community.



### **PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION YEAR** We have an introductory class on August 18 on Benjamin and will be scheduling our full six class program over the next three months thereafter.

**EI DORADO PROBATION** : Weather has delayed them coming down to SF and Captain Lee will be checking on their current status.



## Training & Certification:

The quickest way to move up the certification ladder...and a lot of fun.

1. **First Aid and CPR** –Our next class will be at the Berkeley Yacht Club on **SEPTEMBER 30**. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. Remember, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE “HANDS ON” PRACTICE. SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE EVENTS PAGE ASAP. Remember, you have to renew your certification every two years.
2. Certification sail on **Aleta and Bear** will be set up in the next week, each boat will have one certification sail each quarter. Check the calendar next week.
3. **Benjamin Walters** has a day certification sail set for **10/8**
4. 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:** We still have to plan to repair the soft spot on the deck and Captain Colm will be doing winch maintenance. The board agreed that some method of “emergency” bathroom should be on board, perhaps a portable potty, for our guests and will be considering how to set that up.

**ALETA:** Captain Scott is now the bosun and has already commenced improvements and some repairs, such as a new life sling cover. He is creating a full list of tasks will be compiled over the next month. The grant for electrification of the motor seems stalled but Captain Paul F will be working with Scott to bring the current engine up to reliable performance. Jennifer is helping Scott with the record keeping and Scott can always use some help in bringing Aleta back to the condition she deserves.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** Varnish work almost done, some spot painting and the dinghy that was mushed at the party has temporary repairs...it will be replaced with a new one in the next year. All at owner expense. Some rigging work in the near future.



## OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, in summer probably...



**MONEY:** \$17,646 in the bank. The big, big expense was insurance which Captain Steve has been working on for months and he was able to lower it from the 24,000 estimate to 16,000...still our biggest expense of the year and we need to make sure funding continues. We may be reevaluating our insurance picture over the next year and will form a subcommittee to consider what makes sense.

Marty filed State and local taxes and Kimberly is helping to qualify again for no taxes on the local level.

*Boats eat money. No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...*



## 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 Stanton is working with Matt Zarem to set up internships at Spaulding Wood Boat Center, dealing with students from Sweeney and connecting also with the San Rafael police department. **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.**



### SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall that **Sategna Foundation**, our longtime partner, working with Jim Stanton and Lee, sent a Hanna Center student to the music festival in a village in Tuscany this summer. The idea was a culture change that would change the life of the student. In the next few months Jim and Lee will begin the selection process for the next 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.

Josue, our scholarship recipient at nursing school is on his last semester, needed another 4500 or so to complete his BS in nursing this year....and that was donated by an anonymous source. Now that he is complete, we will begin the selection process for our next vocational or college scholarship.

While welcome, given the ongoing needs of current recipients, we need additional sources of funding for our scholarships. Sategna and some individual donors made Josue's success economically possible...along with him working full time and taking out some loans. We need more sources of funding. Sailing opens doors...scholarships help students walk through the doors.

MODERN SAILING has offered four to six ASA 101 scholarships to Blue Water to distribute in accordance with our mission...this will be discussed at our next board meeting. A committee will be formed to determine how best to use this generous gift.

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

.A television reporter has contacted Captain Scott to interview one of the volunteers who has made a tremendous difference and Scott is considering which volunteer would be willing and able to work with this reporter...the story has to focus on one volunteer to meet the show's requirements...it was suggested that Jim Stanton and Isaac, the student who went to Italy, might be ideal.



**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)

**NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 600 PM BY ZOOM.**

Thirty two years....over thirty thousand students taken to the water. No payroll, all volunteer and bigger and better than ever because of people like you who come through. Look around....the need has grown even faster than us. Help us help them....