



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 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...First sail with Mission High now set for **October 5**....likely will again have officers on the sails.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing and we have many new exciting programs:

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...our safety officer, David M, has researched the unique needs of this community and wants Type I life vests on each participant since they may be unconscious in the water. More methods for

recovery and practice of same will be developed. Expect more sails in October. We may make this into a regular class once we see how it goes.

3. *Blind Sailors*. Recall we are working with blind sailors now and they have participated in many 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. Captain Andy is hoping to set up midwinter sails with them for racing. Meanwhile, Mariette is working to integrate additional training for us working with blind people who are not already sailors, meeting with people experienced in the field and we have one such sail on **October 1**. Expect regular sails to be set up soon thereafter.

4. *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** was our first sail and it went well. We will be doing these regularly from now on. Check the events page.

5. *APAAC sails*. 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.

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

7. *Larkin Street Youth Center*, a transitional housing program, has a sail on **October 10**.

8. *RAMS sails*. This is a community group from the Richmond District offering comprehensive services for at need populations, specializing in Pacific Islander, Asian and Russian communities. They have a sail on **September 30**.

9. *International Rescue Project*. Their sail is **September 29** on Bear.

Such people as Captain Jim and Kimberly are reaching out to even more community groups and that is one reason we have so many of these sails on the schedule. Check out which groups you would like to work with...!



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION YEAR The class goes well with live MOB already accomplished well by the students and night sail coming up soon.

EI DORADO PROBATION : and Captain Lee will be checking on their current status.



SF MARINA FLEET WEEK FAIR (OCTOBER 8)

SF Marina wants Blue Water to man a booth at the fair they are putting on for Fleet Week...good chance to meet people and get some volunteers...while watching the events. October 6 from 10-1600. Sign up on our events page.

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 Bear 11/5

3. Benjamin Walters has a day certification sail set for 10/8.

4. ALETA to be set up, check the events page.

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: 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. The jib bag, in bad shape, is being repaired.

ALETA: Captain Scott is now the bosun and has already commenced improvements and some repairs, such as now painting the topsides. Jennifer is helping Scott with the record keeping and Scott can always use some help in bringing Aleta back to the condition she deserves. She still needs more packing in the packing gland and oil filter was changed. New furling line for jib.

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.

Captain Scott is developing a check list for Aleta for captains to review when taking the boat out and putting it away and will e mail it around so that Bear and Benjamin can do the same.



OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

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



MONEY: \$14,325 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 us get local exemption for the taxes.

We have had several donations in kind...from anchors, to foul weather gear and life jackets....thanks to those who have thought of us.

We are forming a committee to decide what and how to fairly handle donations in kind. Equipment for the boats is easy...but we have been given four scholarships from Modern Sailing and personal gear as well. Those interested in forming the rules contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

The Giving Tuesday campaign will begin in November and we are considering other ways to raise some money...we will be applying for money from the St Francis Foundation and seeing if Aspire can donate some money. Boats eat money. No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...Think about donating, we could sure use it...



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. We will be having a celebration for Josue in mid December.

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.

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

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 10, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

Thirty three years....over thirty five 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....