



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES APRIL 10, 2018

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### SCHEDULED SAILS:

#### THE SF SCHOOL DISTRICT THURSDAY SAILS- **SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:**

EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN SF: OUR OLDEST AND MOST WIDELY USED SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF SAN FRANCISCO-Three-hour trips on SF Bay with all the students getting a chance at the wheel. SF police on board most sails as part of their outreach program.

**Thursdays** are continuing, weather permitting. All on Golden Bear, meeting at SF marina, meeting at 1100: NEXT SAILS:

**4/26; 5/3; 5/10; 5/17; 5/24 and a special sail for Mary Michael Watts and her students on 5/9....** Contact Les or go to our website to get on board: [leswaste2000@yahoo.com](mailto:leswaste2000@yahoo.com)



## **COMMUNITY SAILS**

These are sails Blue Water does for diverse community organizations ranging from foundations to help at risk kids to churches in the Black Community. To get on board, volunteer spot or [leswaste2000@yahoo.com](mailto:leswaste2000@yahoo.com). Summer is our big time for community sails as seen below...a LOT of sails.

### **SF PARK AND REC SAILS:**

Summer Sails with SF Park and Rec on Golden Bear, all early afternoon, more than eight planned beginning in June and continuing through the summer. Stay tuned for more details. **First sail June 22, then June 29, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10, August 17 9-15:00**, on Golden Bear, often having lunch on Angel Island. These sails are a good way to check out our organization if you are thinking about getting out on the boats. Contact Les to get on board.

**SILVER SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL:** Another sail with this great high school that comes down all the way from Grass Valley to sail with us. On Golden Bear, 10:00.

### **KOPS FOR KIDS SAIL:**

There will be two sails, May 5 and June 2. Show up at 1030. Aleta.

**LIFE ACADEMY:** May 31 is the date planned for this sail. 930-14:30. Bear.

**FIRST EXPOSURE:** Children photographers. Sails on July 11 and July 14. Golden Bear 10:30.

### **PROJECT AVARY**

These are the kids with incarcerated parents who we take out yearly. Their next sail is May 12. Golden Bear. 10:30

**LIFE ACADEMY:** A triple sail on Golden Bear (short trips and back to pick up next group of students) for this small public school from Oakland that teaches their students about bio sciences. Golden Bear, 9:30-14:30.

**CAMP KEFF:** Double sail on July 17 (and a six hundred dollar donation to our coffers.) 10:00. Bear.

**KIDS CAMP AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB:** We work with Berkeley Yacht Club to thank them for their support by taking out, along with Pegasus, some of their children from their summer camp, on this Wednesday afternoon. 11:30-14:00, on Benjamin Walters.

## **PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS (Ocean Gate Sailing Program)**

For the past six years we have taken incarcerated students from Camp Sweeney, the Alameda County detention facility, and Log Cabin Ranch, the SF County detention facility, as well as a few other probation departments such as El Dorado. The same students on most sails, the sails monthly and developing a mentor relationship with these students who are by far the best sailors we take out. Our most popular program and

one that can change a life. Requires the most commitment given the population and needs...but one deeply rewarding. Check it out. And beginning in July, we will start sailing with CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION as well. Contact Lee if interested. [lsitmmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lsitmmel@stimmel-law.com). For El Dorado sails, contact Steve. [steve.kastner@gmail.com](mailto:steve.kastner@gmail.com).

## **NEXT SAILS:**

**CAMP SWEENEY** (Alameda County) **MAY 20 ON BENJAMIN, MEET AT BERKELEY AT 900.**

**EL DORADO** On Aleta. May 12, 9:00-16:00, Emeryville.

**SAN FRANCISCO PROBATION (LOG CABIN)** May 19. June 23. Benjamin Walters in Berkeley, 9:00,

**CONTRA COSTA PROBATION:** Our first sail with this large probation department. July 15 Benjamin Walters, 9-15:00.

We will also probably be working with 18-21-year-old students from the new Transition Program being started by six probation departments in California...these students will have their felony convictions expunged if they complete a full program of training, education, mentoring...and sailing may become part of that program. More later.

Additional Probation departments want to try out our programs, from Santa Clara to Marin, Sacramento, etc. We are only limited by the number of certified captains and crew to take on these additional departments and serve that population. So...get certified!



**VETERANS ORGANIZATION AT DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE:** We will be taking veterans out who are students at Diablo Valley College and want to consider working with the probation department kids who face many of the same challenges faced by the Vets. Our first sail with them is on Benjamin Walters **on Jun 3, 10-15:30**. No students but we want to show the vets how our programs work so that they can consider becoming certified crew and captains.

## **TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:**

1. **Six new certified crew on Benjamin Walters as we practiced MOB in late April. The next Benjamin Walters full day certification set for August 4.**
2. **We will be planning full day certifications for all the other boats as well. The key is to enlarge our certified captains and crew since without that, we cannot expand our programs to the many groups that need us.**
3. Go to our website to sign on.
4. **CPR AND FIRST AID** was taught by Captain Les, last MARCH 10, and was an excellent course. Next one scheduled for the Fall.
5. Probation Sail Training by Log Cabin: In July we will schedule another session of training by Marc Humphries, director of Log Cabin, in interaction and methods for our sails with his students. Will probably be at noon on a Thursday in July. Stay tuned.

6. Program directors who are First Captains are charged to do certification sails on specified weekends over the coming months to build up their certified crew and captains. Stay tuned for dates.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Our latest scholarship is to Alessandro Vannini who will be attending SF State and is already involved in a mentorship program in that school. His ultimate goal is the film industry and he intends to volunteer on Blue Water sails. The next candidate, Josue, plans on nursing school next year. Working with the Sategna Foundation, these scholarships should be life changing...

**MONEY?** Yes, 13,000 but Treasurer Marty reminded us that our insurance alone cost annually \$12,000 each year. We are working with the various bosuns' committees to develop annual and long-term budgets for Bear and Aleta and repowering will probably cost us far more than our entire budget this year. In general, we require, even with no employees or paid staff, about 60,000 a year and need to get going on that...our fund raising committee has taken note and is preparing new efforts to make that budget.

## **TIME TO GET MORE DONATIONS TO KEEP OUR PROGRAMS GOING!**



## **BOAT CONDITION FROM BOSUNS COMMITTEE**

**GOLDEN BEAR:** Major work on the Main and on the engine, continue, using our old captain Travis for rigging, along with Hood and List for engine work. New system and slugs for the Main; new fenders and sail cover. The bosuns are taking their tasks seriously and there is little question that both Bear and Aleta, in six months, will be in better shape than in the past five years.

**ALETA:** Aleta went to List Marine last month for various engine and transmission checking and work...we will have to entirely repower this soon. Again, the bosuns' committee doing remarkable work.

**Benjamin Walters:** A new life raft has been installed with quick release cradle, owner expense. The old life raft will be used for boarding practice this summer for all volunteers interested. Stay tuned. Colm will service the primary winches within a few weeks.

**Fernweh:** Captain Bill continues to bring the boat up to condition at his own expense and at the expense of all free weekends!

NOTE THAT CHECK LISTS FOR BOTH CASTING OFF AND COMING IN ARE BEING CREATED AS WELL AS MAINTENANCE CHECK LISTS FOR EACH BOTH. THANKS TO THE BOSUNS COMMITTEE FOR THEIR ONGOING WORK!!

## TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

David Mischel is perfecting a new dedicated program for scheduling and sharing information for Blue Water to replace the more limited Volunteer Spot program and received input and testing from various members

THE NEW SCHEDULING PROGRAM WENT ON LINE ON **MARCH 31** AND HAS WON UNIVERSAL ACCLAIM. IT IS EASY, EFFECTIVE, AND ALLOWS YOU TO SIGN ON, CANCEL, AND NOTICE IS SENT TO ALL.

We are lucky David retired last year...for now his remarkable programming skills are bringing our web site to the levels it needs for scheduling. He is still debugging...*but go on our website and check it out. YOU WILL BE IMPRESSED. CLICK ON THE "EVENTS" LINK ON THE WEBSITE AND THEN CLICK ON "VOLUNTEER SITE ON THE NEXT PAGE THAT COMES UP. Note there is a help button on the volunteer site page.* [www.bluewaterfoundation.org](http://www.bluewaterfoundation.org).



Here's David:

## BOATER'S CARD

Safety Officer David pointed out last month that a Boaters' Card is now required by the State of California, for anyone who operates a vessel in California waters...starting this year with anyone 16-20 years of age, but the age limit rises each year.

The Board approved that by the end of 2018 each certified volunteer should have a boater's card. One gets one on line by taking a simple on-line exam and listening to an on-line video. Go to <http://californiaboaterscard.com/applynow/>. Directions are on line, it costs ten dollars. Show the card to any first captain as part of your certification by the end of 2018.

Note certain people do not need to get the card: members of various governmental agencies (Coast Guard, police,) and those already holding a Coast Guard license (Masters, six pack, etc.). Further, if you are only taking the wheel under direct supervision of a captain, you do not need the card. **BUT THE COURSE IS GOOD AND USEFUL AND YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY GET IT IF YOU CAN.** Why not? Anything to make you a better sailor...the kids depend on us...it is not an easy course...but if you are a sailor, what's easy ain't fun...

## **BEN'S MEMORIAL SAIL JUNE 9:**

Remember we will have the annual Ben Wengrofsky Memorial Sail with all Blue Water Boats gathering for a celebration of his life on JUNE 9, the boats gathering at the end of the Berkeley pier at 1100. Stay tuned for details.



Captain Ben

**NEXT MEETING MAY 8, 2018** 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT,  
FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY, SF, TWO BLOCKS FROM  
BART



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