It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults
-Frederick Douglas

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION
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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. UPDATED DAILY. BECOME A FRIEND AND YOU WILL GET UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHANGES TO SCHEDULE AND EVENTS.

CHECK THE MOVIES ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE NEWLY REDESIGNED BY CAPTAIN LOUIS!

EXPLORATION SAILS PROGRAM: THE SF SCHOOL DISTRICT THURSDAY 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 the students getting a chance at
On Thursdays at noon, show up a half hour early, SF Marina. Harbor Master’s Office. Weather, staffing and School District cancellations are causing too many of these to be cancelled and we will have plenty of make-up sails in the Spring. Captains Marc, Dan and Rick are the driving force behind these sails with Captains Ben and Tim doing all they can. Police are showing up on the sails but their interaction with the students may need some improving and Lee is tasked with taking that matter up with the police who is staffing the sails. Next sails: APRIL 14TH (Captains Rick and ?); 4/21; 4/28; 5/5; 5/12; 5/19. Captains Ben and Tim act as coordinators for these sails and are looking to set up regular Thursday sailing crew similar to the regular crews we have with other programs

WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS AND CAPTAINS TO MAKE THIS OLDEST OF OUR PROGRAMS WORK…SEE IF YOU CAN HELP US ON A 25 YEAR OLD PROGRAM SERVING THE STUDENTS OF SF.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MARINERS PROGRAM:

These Tuesday weekly sails remain on hold until staffing at the school is resolved.

COMMUNITY GROUP SAILS:

The Student Conservation Association have begun, the first a great success. These are on Sundays…the next are on April 17 (Bear).

Go to Volunteer Spot to sign on.

And we have Project Avary for May 21, 2016. These are students with incarcerated parents, one of our favorite group of kids. And Honor Jackson, the ex NFL player, will want a sail for some of the kids in his foundation and we will be hoping another ex NFL player, Mike Carter, of Catholic Charities, can join us.

Gateway College in San Francisco works with high school dropouts and want to set up a schedule of sails for a Monday, Wednesday or Friday in May or June and would like two trips if possible. Les is setting this up and reports we worked with them last year and they were great.

Ocean’s Gate Program-Probation Departments Expansion

The Alameda County Probation Department students from Camp Sweeney make up the kids on these sails. Our first full-fledged multi month class has begun:

Our next sail with Camp Sweeney will be MAY 1 and is already fully staffed and is on Benjamin Walters. We will be doing monthly sails until late spring when our next regular class will start
The Girls’ Program at Camp Sweeney had their first sail on Fernweh on April 9 with our specially trained mostly woman team and despite the pouring rain the girls and probation officers said they would be back. Sadly, one girl was intoxicated when the staff collected her and developed attitude problems during the sail and was returned to the dock. The rest of the girls toughed out the rain as did the POs. We used the float coats and rain pants we have for Camp Sweeney but do need to get more foul weather gear for the girls’ program, sized correctly. April and Bill are determined to make this program a success. Stay tuned.

Recall we also are providing sails for El Dorado County probation department. El Dorado probation wants monthly sails…our next sail will be in May on Fernweh, meeting in Richmond, Captains Bill and ?. Volunteer Spot or contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

OTHER PROBATION DEPARTMENTS (Contra Costa, Nevada City, Sonoma, perhaps one or two others) wish to consider working with us and instituting a program such as Ocean Gate with their students. We are arranging a get acquainted sail with the chiefs of the departments to take place on a Friday afternoon in June. Stay tuned.

SAN FRANCISCO PARK AND REC SAILS SCHEDULED:

San Francisco Park and Rec has scheduled three sails on Golden Bear for this summer: July 1; July 22; August 12. These are various student groups that Park and Rec has in summer programs. Golden Bear.
EMERYVILLE SAILS: Now repaired, Aleta will participate in community sails and probation sails and is scheduling more sails with Emeryville Park and Rec. It is likely we will be using them far more on the probation sails described above. We spent ten thousand dollars on the last repair, as more detailed below.

Certification Trainings:

1. NIGHT MOB PRACTICE. THE OCEAN GATE PROGRAM...OR WHO WANT TO BE (since we take those students out at night.) APRIL 23, FIVE THIRTY AT BENJAMIN WALTERS. Contact Lee to get on board (lstimmel@stimmel-law.com) and space will be limited so do the reservation now.
2. FERNWEH MOB DAY PRACTICE. Was on APRIL 2 in Richmond, and went well with five new crew certified in that area.
3. And certification is available to new volunteers who attend our regular program sails and work the boat. Contact the captain to make sure the sail is staffed correctly for such certification.

Remember, your certification level and updating is done on line, including mobile devices so you can add to your completed matters as you go including while on board!

MONEY? We received about five thousand five hundred from the people Nathan was able to round up which is just in times since we just spent $10,000 for Aleta's yard work. Our finance committee (Steve, Leigh, April, Rick) is now working hard... Marty wrote a five thousand dollar grant proposal for the Mary Norris Preyer Foundation, a past donor and we have a good chance to get that; we invoiced the SFUSD for the final $4900 for the school sails. We spent about 1500 on insurance as well as the Aleta bill.

BENJAMIN WALTERS WILL DO A THANK YOU SAIL FOR A DONOR ON APRIL 16 WITH CAPTAINS BEN, LEE, LOUIS AND DAVID AT THE HELM... THESE THANK YOU SAILS HAVE RAISED WELL OVER THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS! ALL OF OUR MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HELP IN THESE EFFORTS... IN GENERAL, WE NEED ABOUT 30,000 A YEAR TO KEEP OUR EQUIPMENT IN GOOD SHAPE.

BOAT CONDITION
1. **Bear**: Baby stay hydraulics still need work; Colm will be checking that out. Mainsail tear was repaired by Hood for about $170.00; Float switch on bilge pump still needs repair.

2. **Aleta**: Cost us $10,000 for the entire project and she is back in her berth in the best condition in twenty years. Note the radar unit for the boat is still in the box on board and the Board indited that a decision as to what to do with it will be required at the next Board meeting. Captain Ken did a great job bringing the boat through this long time in the yard.

3. **Benjamin Walters**: Still plans major haul out next Fall at owner expense for all new electronics, rigging, etc. Good shape right now.

4. **Fernweh**: Captain Bill's 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch, is back from the yard and he continues to improve this cruiser...and she just finished the Camp Sweeney girl sails and is certifying his new crew. He's working on it all the time...

**TO ALL CAPTAINS AND CREW**: You must report any accident or incident involving our vessels to the other captains and bosun even if it seems minor so that we may investigate condition of vessel and assure the safe use by our students, captains and crew. It is part of the obligation each of us have to maintain safe and appropriate vessels. Any of us can make a mistake and hit something, often a dock...all of us have done that in the past and it's part of sailing...but then our duty is to make sure the foundation knows and can take corrective action.

**VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE**: This is our welcoming committee for people interested in joining as volunteers, made up of Les, Kate, Ben and Rick. If you have someone interested or are interested yourself, these volunteers will integrate you into the sails.

**CERTIFICATION INFORMATION ON LINE**

Certification for each person is now all digitized and on line. You can update your certification status from a mobile device. This great system lets you use the internet...including mobile devices...to update your certification status and see what is left to do. Want to figure it out? Contact Bill or David and they will walk you through it, but it is easy, fast and smart. It also allows captains to check what you have listed as completed on line and certify you directly on line.
CAPTAIN AND CREW PINS AND HATS FOR CERTIFIED CREW:

Pins for Captains have been handed out to captains. If you are a captain without one, see Lee. These should be worn while on board so that the captain responsible for the boat is clearly known by all on board. Each captain gets two of them to wear. Certified Crew Pins to be worn as well...they are delivered and to be handed out at Board Meetings...or contact Lee if you want one sent to you. lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. ALL CERTIFIED CREW SHOULD WEAR THEM WHEN ON BOARD.

SOME OF OUR CAPTAINS....
NEXT MEETING MAY 10, 2016
You can’t do everything...but you can change the world.
You got something better to do in the next month?