



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

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION

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COMMUNITY SAILS ON GOLDEN BEAR



SF DISTRICT SAILS ON GOLDEN BEAR

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

the wheel. Thursday sails on **Thursdays at noon**, show up a half hour early, SF Marina. Harbor Master's Office.

SUMMER THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED AND WE CAN EXPECT THE SAILS TO RENEW ON THURSDAYS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER. Tim Weeg will be contacting the District in the next few weeks to begin to work on the schedule.

COMMUNITY GROUP SAILS: Blue Water finishes up an active summer in which Captain Les arranged many sails with various community groups, at times several a week. Our last sail is August 27 with GREENAGERS leaving SF Marina and a few crew are still needed. Go to Volunteer Spot or contact Les to get on board. has many of sails for various community groups and sails during the summer...check it out!

During The Fall and winter we will still have community sails from time to time...just not the large number that Captain Les arranged during this summer.

NOTE THAT GOLDEN BEAR WILL BE MOVING TO ANOTHER SLIP IN THE SAME MARINA IN THE NEXT TEN DAYS AND BLUE WATER WILL BE PREPARING AND SIGNING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MARINA AS TO BERTHING. THE BERTH IS STILL GRATIS TO BLUE WATER FOUNDATION DUE TO OUR LONG SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN OF SAN FRANCISCO.



COMMUNITY SAILS ON GOLDEN BEAR

OCEAN'S GATE PROGRAM-PROBATION DEPARTMENTS EXPANSION

These programs for students on probation or incarcerated is now enlarging beyond Alameda County to four or five additional counties and three or four more have expressed real interest. There will be a retreat at Berkeley Yacht Club on a Thursday night in the next month to discuss among the participants in the program how to organize to meet the growing demands and how to enlarge our training so that these students, whose needs can be quite different than the average student, can be met.

So far, **San Francisco, El Dorado, Amador County, San Mateo** are all committed to explore sails and **Marin, Santa Clara, Sacramento** and several others are interested in a try out sail. Our try out sail with the chiefs of San Francisco, El Dorado, Amador, San Mateo and Police Chief of Nevada City went wonderfully in high wind that the Chiefs loved.

Our night double sail for **Camp Sweeney (Alameda County)** went beautifully and one of the POs commented that our mentor system is working wonderfully...one student who had resisted all lessons or interaction blossomed on the boat and was enthusiastic and laughing...Paul was the mentor. The PO commented that he had never seen a program have such good results. **OUR NEXT SAIL WITH CAMP SWEENEY IS IN SEPTEMBER.**

The first **City and County of San Francisco Juvenile Probation** sail is August 13 and the following one will be October 1, possibly on Golden Bear. Volunteer Spot.

The Girls' Program Alameda County Probation has had two sails now and the POs running that program are suggesting we make that Co Ed for boys out on probation. This will be tried...next sail likely in October, stay tuned for details.

Recall we also are providing sails for **El Dorado County** probation department. El Dorado probation wants monthly sails...our next sail will be in September, stay tuned for details, on Fernweh, meeting in Richmond.



NIGHT SAIL WITH OCEAN GATE STUDENTS IN HIGH WIND

MONEY?

We have about \$18,000 on hand, receiving a grant from the Meyer Foundation.

APRIL, STEVE K, FERMIN, LOUIS AND OTHERS CONTINUE TO WORK ON OUR WEBSITE TO ALLOW EASIER DONATIONS AND TO EXPLORE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS. They pledge to provide a written report to the Board at the next meeting.



GOLDEN BEAR ON NIGHT SAIL WITH OCEAN GATE

COORDINATION OF PROBATION SAILS: RETREAT AT BYC.

WITH MORE AND MORE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS INDICATING AN INTEREST IN WORKING WITH BLUE WATER, WE ARE CONSIDERING DIVIDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS INTO SUB COMMITTEES...MUCH AS LES RUNS COMMUNITY AND LEE RUNS CAMP SWEENEY AND BILL RUNS THE GIRLS PROGRAM IN PROBATION, WE WOULD HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL PROBATION DEPARTMENTS ASSIGNED TO A VOLUNTEER WHO WOULD COORDINATE IT.

We also will need to consider special training for those of us working the probation sails...and creating methods of measuring results. This and more needs to be integrated into our programs which we have now been doing for over three years with Alameda County.

THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT A **RETREAT** FOR OCEAN GATE VOLUNTEERS AND POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS ON A THURSDAY NIGHT RETREAT AT THE BERKELEY YACHT CLUB, BEER PROVIDED, YOU BRING YOUR DINNER, **SEPTEMBER 22, 2016** AT SIX O'CLOCK, MAIN ROOM BERKELEY YACHT CLUB. RSVP TO LEE AT Istimmel@stimmel-law.com.



BEAR



PROBATION DEPARTMENT CHIEF'S SAIL

Certification Trainings:

1. **MOB PRACTICE.** To be scheduled in the next few weeks. Captain Ken will be doing such a training in October on Aleta.
2. **FULL DAY CERTIFICATION ON ALETA TAUGHT BY CAPTAIN DAVID:** The goal is to have new crew and captains certified after a full day on board with no students, simply learning the boat and being certified by their smart phones by the time they leave the boat. **THE TWO FULL DAY CERTIFICATIONS ARE SEPTEMBER 17 AND SEPTEMBER 25.** Sign up for either or both on volunteer spot and also e mail Lee at Istimmel@stimmel-law.com to get on board...limited to fifteen students per boat...they are already half booked...and note some probation officers are signed on so they can be captains and crew for their own students!! Captains Bill and Ken plan more such full day certifications in the future.
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.**

4. **CPR AND FIRST AID** will again be taught by Captain Les, gratis to Blue Water volunteers, on August 13 at Laguna Honda in San Francisco.

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!

ON SEPTEMBER 21, 5-7, THE SAN FRANCISCO MARINA WHERE WE BERTH GOLDEN BEAR IS HAVING AN EVENT AND ASKED BLUE WATER TO ATTEND. THE BOARD VOTED TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION AND MAN A BOOTH...GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS AND PERHAPS GET SOME MORE VOLUNTEERS. COLM AND APRIL HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO MAN THE BOOTH AND WOULD LIKE SOME MORE TO HELP.



ALETA ON A NIGHT SAIL WITH OCEAN GATE

BOAT CONDITION

- 1. Bear:** Compass needs a new light and more oil; Colm will try to fix. Leonard was authorized to hire a diver to check out the bottom in light of various scrapings along the bottom due to shoaling at the SF Marina. She has a new VHF (handheld) donated and Colm will check out her winches.
- 2. Aleta:** Boom vang may have to be pressurized and Colm will check it out. LEONARD AND BILL have created a check list for routine maintenance for the vessel.
- 3. Benjamin Walters:** Jib cover repaired at owner expense. Still plans major haul out next Fall at owner expense for all new electronics, rigging, etc. More dry pants and float coats for all programs donated...we now have twenty float coats and thirty dry pants plus gloves enough for twenty-five students. These are available for all probation sails for all boats.
- 4. Fernweh:** The Board voted to pay \$841.00 for insurance for Fernweh since she is now used in several of our programs, including the girls' probation sails. New jib at owner expense.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: Hunter, the Camp Sweeney boy attending barber school, has asked for the next installment and is half way done with the school. Nicole is recommending another boy for Paramedic school at Sacramento State. The committee interviewed him and decided to provide a scholarship if he passed the test to move from his current status as EMT to enter the paramedic school at Sacramento State. Sadly, his first try ended with him on the wait list...but we are told that this is common and he has an excellent chance to make the next entry in six months. The committee intends to fund his effort at that time.

REID NEUBERT:

Recall that one of our longstanding volunteers Reid has passed away. His wife wrote:

“Reid would come back from a sail happy and content. He would tell me wonderful stories about the kids that were on the sail that day. He absolutely loved the experience! It broke his heart the day the orthopedic oncologist told him that he wouldn't be able to sail”

Captain Rick organized a memorial sail, shown below and we also presented to his widow a memorial framed picture celebrating his efforts. A last toast to Reid out the Gate on Golden Bear. He is missed.



REID a few years ago

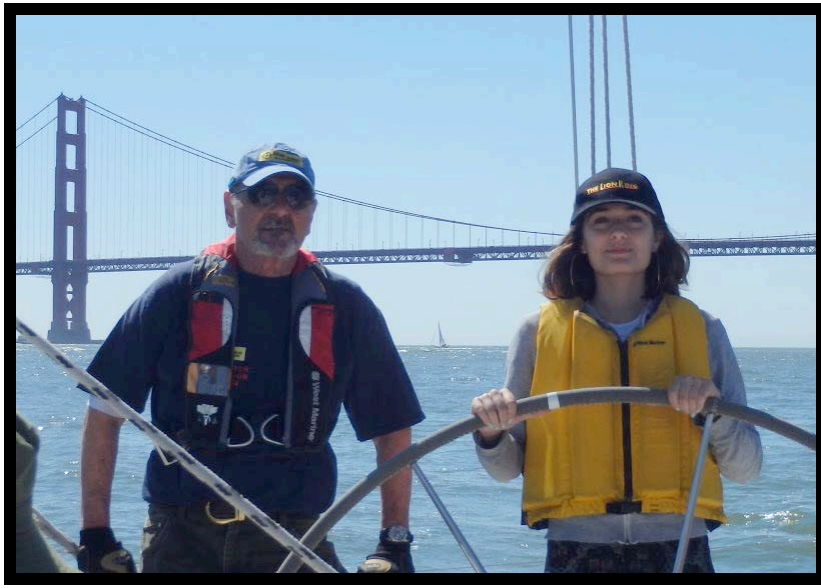
A last toast to a great crew mate.

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.

TIME TO DO OUR **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS** AT THE OCTOBER MEETING...CONSIDER WHO SHOULD BE THE OFFICERS AND ON THE BOARD...AND PLAN ON SHOWING UP AND VOTING IN OCTOBER.



CAPTAIN BEN ON A COMMUNITY SAIL

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.

OUR NEWEST FIRST CAPTAINS.... CAPTAINS RICK AND COLM ARE NOW OUR NEWEST FIRST CAPTAINS...CONGRATS TO BOTH OF THEM...



CAPTAIN COLM



CAPTAIN RICK

NEXT MEETING September 13, 2016

6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12TH FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY, SF, TWO BLOCKS FROM BART. ALL WELCOME...ESPECIALLY STUDENTS.

You can't do everything...but you can change the world. You got something better to do in the next month?

