



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES AUGUST 10, 2022 (via ZOOM)

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ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME... NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP. THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION.

USE OUR WEBSITE EVENTS LINK ("Get Involved" button) TO SIGN UP FOR SAILS OR CONTACT THE SAIL ORGANIZER.



SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAILS WILL BEGIN AFTER THE FALL CLASSES BEGIN. LIKELY EARLY OCTOBER.

MARIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Our first and second sails with the MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT went well and they are scheduling one more for **August 11**...and now our school programs extend to Marin County. We may be working with Gaslight charters for one of the sails. Sign up on our events page.*

PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are expanding with more scheduled for this summer than at any time in the past: we need volunteers to sign up for those sails!!

1. *Huckleberry Program*, we had our first sail with their students on JULY 15. Due to reorganization, they want to schedule the next one in early Fall. Stay tuned.
2. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children have asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails. Their first several sails went well, and you can expect regular sails to be scheduled about once a month. A change in their personnel may cause a delay here.
3. *Urban Adventures* had three double sails out of Berkeley on Aleta and Benjamin, and they went very well. We now conclude those sails but expect that next summer we may be doing those again.
4. Silver Springs High from Grass Valley is coming down for another sail on **9/29.**
5. *Project Avery* (children with incarcerated parents) will be contacted by Captain Les...they are old friends of Blue Water.
6. *Greenagers*, a community group we have worked with for well over a decade, has another sail scheduled for **10/29.**
7. We have a donation sail with *WPO*, an organization of women CEOs, on **10/18.**
8. One of our volunteers has a connecton with a Richmond entity, "My Other Brother" and we will be exploring working with them.
9. We are going to be exploring a new program to be working with the visually impaired who are already excellent sailors and anxious to get out on the water again. Our first sail will be set up in a few months and if interested in joining this effort, contact Mariette at Mariette.Lapiz@comcast.net who will be running the program.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION The graduation sail for the current class is set was on **July 1** and went remarkably well with some very happy students. The beginning of the new class, set for a few weeks later, was delayed due to another breakout of Covid at Camp Sweeney, this time among the counselors. Stay tuned for dates for the next class.

EI DORADO PROBATION August 7 was our first sail, and it went well...they now want to set up monthly sails but before we could select dates, we were contacted by them with...you guessed it...a breakout of Covid at their facility. We will be setting up sails in the next few months as a regular program and they are interested in participating in a possible racing team. These kids come down early all the way from Tahoe...and love it.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION The sails are now scheduled monthly and the next two are on **8/20; 9/17.**

SF COUNTY is still working on the type of program they will want given the current state of confusion as to their own students. We have made contact with the Huckleberry Program at their suggestion as described above.



RACING PROGRAM

Captain Andrew and his Olson 40 remains ready, and we are now discussing our first team with various probation departments and other organizations. Covid keeps interrupting the time schedule on this, but Andrew is determined to make this happen. This could be a life changing experience. If it works for these students, we may expand the program to include more racing teams from the probation departments and community groups. Stay tuned.



MAKE AND MEND DAYS -NOW GOLDEN BEAR AND AN ACCIDENT OR TWO ON THE BOAT...

Captain Colm has arranged extensive Make and Mend, working on winches, etc. and due to an accident in which a St Francis boat hit Bear while Bear was at her dock, we will need some hull work also done. An emergency repair to keep the boat safe was done by some of our captains and we are using her on sails until a full job can be done to put her back looking good. Bear also hit the power post at her dock and is thus moved to another dock and we await word from SF Marina as to when and how much this will cost to repair. The hit was mild...so mild the boat had no damage...but enough to tip over the power tower...stay tuned.



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 Golden Gate Yacht Club on **OCTOBER 15, 2022**. 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. WE WILL SET UP ANOTHER CLASS IN SEVERAL MORE MONTHS.



2. Benjamin Walters has a night certification sail set including live overboard night practice for **SEPTEMBER 10**. Our most advanced training: do not sign up unless you have already completed a day live overboard practice.
3. Certification Sails on Bear are scheduled for 9/16 and 10/8. Both will have live overboard drill.
3. Aleta certification will be planned in the next few months. She just completed one on August 13.
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.

We have several new certified captains, including first captains, as well as new certified crew. Given our expanding programs, this is great news.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Lee is charged with creating a synopsis and plan for further consideration. Want to participate? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, in late summer probably...Depending on status of Covid.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: Captain Colm created a long list of tasks which he and other bosuns and captains are hard at work completing. More major projects...deck work and hull work...awaits negotiations as to compensation from St Francis for a minor collision while Bear was at the dock. She is sailing yet...

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Dodger and cover to be replaced in Fall. Bilge pumps being replaced or updated. New flares, smoke, and dyes. Repair of broken teak in cockpit. Filters on engine changed. All at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: Captain Andrew reports all is well on board, and she is ready to race.

Recall that a binder with safety protocols is being developed for Aleta and we hope to have it on board in the next month.

INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

We have insurance at tremendous cost...over 15,000...and it is in place. Oddly, the insurance company wants their (and our) surveyor, Chris, to inspect the three boats on September 7, after the insurance is already in place...we are hoping Aleta and Bear may go up in status...though with the latest hits, Bear may not.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

It looks now as the venue will be the Berkeley Yacht Club and it will be in December. At the party we will have our awards for Volunteers of the Year, Bosun's award, and Partner of the Year. Due to the Virus, this will have to be a two-year Volunteer of the Year award, etc. Entertainment, food, and a chance to see the large number of new members who have joined us over the past two years. These have always been a highlight for our organization as we get to see all the volunteers and the partner organizations we work with and realize the power of what we do. Want to help set all this up? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com

MONEY: \$14,160 in the bank after our massive payments for insurance despite no claims in 32 years!

Remember, we need about \$50,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... And insurance costs have just about doubled to 16,000 annually...Boats eat money. No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...so all you can do to raise money is welcome. You can contribute online at our website and since we are a nonprofit, all donations are tax deductible....



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. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students. Once the pandemic is fully over, we shall begin the process of matching probation kids with businesses wanting to give them a door to our world. **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.**



SCHOLARSHIPS: the new Italian Program:

In terms of scholarships, **Sategna Foundation**, has developed a new form of grant for our Sweeney students. The founder owns a home in a village in Tuscany in which community is all. The concept is to send one or two students there for two weeks where they will live with the founder and be exposed to an entirely different world, one in which values, connection and culture is remarkably different. IF combined with an internship or scholarship upon his return, may be the type of thing to change a life.

This program is being developed with help from various probation departments and will begin next. Lee and Jim are putting together the Italian program and invite others to help.

Also recall that Sategna Foundation has agreed to fund an additional Sweeney student once our selection process is completed. While welcome, given the ongoing needs of current recipients, we need additional sources of funding for our scholarships.

Josue' finishes his BS in nursing next year and still gets nearly all straight As while working full time to help pay the costs...a true hero. And an example of what can be done to change lives...

Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

April reports good progress and hopes to have it for us in the next month or three.



ZOOM...

We have a new zoom link...the old one expired....so 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 SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, BY ZOOM.

