



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES AUGUST 14, 2018

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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!*



## **CAPTAIN DAVID'S VOLUNTEER AND EVENT SITE FINISHED...CHECK IT OUT.**

It is easy to join, remove oneself, and check out all our sails...and to know who else is on board, who is certified, who is a guest. User friendly and fast. If you have not done so, check it out...go to our website, check a sail listed, and click on the volunteer high light and see how easy it all is. You can also subscribe to the Events List and receive e mail notice of all sails and events. A remarkable system created by our in-house volunteer expert programmers.

SINCE ALL OF OUR SAILS AND EVENTS ARE NOW FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE HOME PAGE, THIS NEWSLETTER WILL NO LONGER LIST ALL THE SAILS: BUT WE ARE DOING ANYWHERE FROM THREE TO FIVE A WEEK NOW, SO SIGN UP AND CHECK OUT THE ACTION. Go to [www.bluewaterfoundation.org](http://www.bluewaterfoundation.org) and click on the events to get all the details you need.

## **SF DISTRICT SAILS TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND CONTINUE UNTIL MAY OF NEXT YEAR.**

**Every Thursday (with some rain dates built in during winter) we will be taking out students from SF District, every Middle and High School in the City. Our oldest program, three hours on the Bay, on Golden Bear. This began in 1990 and continues as strong as ever.**

## **SF PROBATION SAIL ALTERATIONS**

With Log Cabin closed, SF Probation wishes Blue Water to consider a program with students out of lockup on probation, perhaps sailing with their families. This is in the formative stages of planning, but the idea is to provide various incentives to the students in terms of their own probation progress. Stay tuned for a more formal plan.



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## **OAKLAND MENTAL HEALTH REHAB FACILITY POSSIBLE PROGRAM**

Katy presented a possible new program with Oakland Mental Health, a facility that has 18-25 year olds in a locked mental health facility that they feel would find much value in a program similar to that developed for the probation departments. The idea is sails similar to those we already have with incarcerated kids. The first step would be a sail with some of the administrators of the program to check us out some time in the next two months.

## **PRESAIL, SAIL AND POST SAIL CHECKLISTS DEVELOPED FOR GOLDEN BEAR**

**We now have the checklist for Bear and it will be shared with Aleta to adapt. These are laminated and marking pens can be used to mark them for each sail. Benjamin Walter's will be upgraded to include various changes to its systems.**

## **CERTIFICATION SAILS**

We continue with our dedicated certification sails so that more volunteers can become certified and our programs can expand. Check the events page on our website for the next certification sails you can join.



## **PROBATION RACING TEAM PLANNING DELAYED:**

Our plan for a racing team with SF Probation will be delayed since the future of Log Cabin is in question. Note that many other probation departments expressed an interest, so we shall continue to explore these possibilities.



## **TRAINING AND MAKE AND MEND AND CERTIFICATION:**

1. **Life Raft Practice and MAKE AND MEND DAY COMBINED SEPTEMBER 16, DOCK O, BERKELEY MARINA.** Think you know how to enter a life raft from the water? It's much, much harder than you think. Lee's condemned life raft will be used for live practice on this Sunday practice. Bring a change of clothes and towels...and whatever you think you will jump in the water in if your boat is sinking. Tea and coffee handy for the intrepid. And we will use that same date to do our second MAKE AND MEND DAY to clean and check out Bear and Aleta at the docks next to Benjamin. Pot luck, a good chance to meet your fellow volunteers while making sure the boats are in top condition. SIGN UP ON OUR VOLUNTEER SITE. So, you can jump into a life raft, eat pot luck, and clean a 46-foot racing boat or two...sound like fun??

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** A scholarship was granted to one of the Log Cabin students for SF State and we are integrating with a mentorship program at SF State that assists in working with such students as they transition from incarceration to the student life. Joanne and Eric are working with the student, keeping in contact to determine how things are going.

We have now funded Vannini at SF State for five thousand dollars and will be funding Josue for next year.

This should become an annual event for our scholarship committee and our goal is two or more scholarships granted each year.

**MONEY?** We now have \$12,675 in our bank account after significant expenditures for insurance and to make repairs and improvements on Golden Bear. We continue to work on an annual budget so that we can prepare for fund raising with hard figures.



## **BOAT CONDITION FROM BOSUNS COMMITTEE**

**GOLDEN BEAR:** Rig work and engine work finished, and she is in the best shape she has been in in years.

**ALETA:** Aleta still will be needing work on power and rigging, but that will wait for a bit more funding.

**Benjamin Walters:** Regular trips out the Gate are continuing to give that experience to various Blue Water volunteers. Rigging now tuned with changes to the staysail fitting, new electric outboard for the dingy, and much engine work...all at owner expense.

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

## **BOATER'S CARD**

Safety Officer David pointed out 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...

## **SF MARINA COMMUNITY GATHERING**

On September 26 we will have a booth at the SF Marina along with other community groups and berthers to show what we do and perhaps get volunteers. Our President, Shannon is organizing our involvement and the event is on our events page for sign up. Good way to meet other volunteers and check out the SF Marina community.

## **VETERANS CLUB**

A Veterans organization has approached us to become involved in interacting with kids and perhaps having a program of their own. Again, first step is to arrange a sail and that will be on our events page

**NEXT MEETING September 11, 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**



**BLUE WATER SAIL 2016**



**BLUE WATER SAIL 2018**

**Consider: We have been taking at risk students out since 1990. Nearly thirty years. Never a single person on payroll. No regular funding...just volunteers putting time and their own money into a program whose first children sailors are now...in their forties!!!**

**Join us.**

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