



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES APRIL 12, 2022 (via ZOOM)

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MEETINGS ARE ALL ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME... NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP. THIRTY-THREE YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND 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.



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAILS CONTINUE, SAILS WEEKLY TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, ALMOST ALWAYS ON THURSDAYS ON GOLDEN BEAR OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO. Our oldest program, begun in 1990. Sign up!

These are three-to-four-hour sails on the Bay with children who have often never been on a sailboat before...they take the wheel and work the lines under our supervision. A chance to see a child's first reaction to the world we love.

We now have sails set for 4/21; 4/28; 5/5 and thereafter.

Our first sail with the MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT on 2/15 went well and we expect more. Stay tuned. A try out sail with PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT on 4/8 and went very well and we expect them to ask for more.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing and expanding:

1. *Youth Alive*, an Oakland nonprofit providing services to that community is interested in setting up sails and making concrete plans. Stay tuned.
2. *Huckleberry Program*, another long-standing entity serving youth is interested in setting up sails and we had our first introductory sail with staff on 3/30. They were excited and we expect regular sails to be set up over the next month. Huckleberry has taken over many of the functions once performed by SF Probation.
3. *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.
4. *Urban Adventures* wishes to set up regular sails with them and these will be double sails out of Berkeley on Aleta and Benjamin on 6/28; 7/26 and 8/9, all 10-2 with donations to Blue Water to follow.
5. *Project Avery* (children with incarcerated parents) will be contacted by Captain Les...they are old friends of Blue Water.
6. *Silver Springs High* comes down all the way from Grass Valley and have scheduled a sail for 5/17.
7. Captain Hugh is still checking out possible additional sails with Alameda schools.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION Our classes continue and will occur twice a month on Fridays, with night sail as well and last until graduation celebration and potluck in June. Note we will have live overboard practice, a night sail, and sails in wind, rain and calm. Several sails will be double sails on Aleta and working with Gaslight. **WE NEED MORE CAPTAINS AND CREW TO CREW ALETA ON THESE SAILS.** The sails are posted on our calendar site.

EI DORADO PROBATION PO Chief Brian indicates that personnel issues are still an issue up there, but he hopes to begin the program in the next several months.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION The sails continue and are going well, usually on Benjamin Walters. Need some more crew to staff the sails and these are on weekends for those of you who cannot make weekday probation sails. These are regularly scheduled for the next several months.

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 is ready for our first racing program for Camp Sweeney or another organization on his Olson 40. 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

Our final MAKE AND MEND will be on Golden Bear in the City, in Summer, and we await input from the surveyor before setting the date. See below.

MAKE AND MEND is a good chance for non-sailors to learn a lot about the vessels...and to meet the hundred or so volunteers that make this organization work!



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. Certification sail on Aleta went well with live MOB drill and more and more crew and captains getting certified. We need more volunteers for this boat both for east bay community organizations and for double sails with Benjamin Walters for probation sails. More for Aleta as well as Golden Bear will be scheduled soon. Check the website events page.

3. Benjamin Walters has a day certification sail set including live overboard practice for **June 19**.

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.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Drafts of the curriculum are now being exchanged, including ideas for power point demonstrations, visual and hands on tools, etc. A meeting is being set up at Berkeley Yacht Club to move this along, for **May 20 at 230** in the afternoon. 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 Spring probably...Depending on status of Covid.

MEMORIAL SAIL FOR CAPTAINS BOB, BEN and JIM:

On May 14 at 1000 all three boats will go out for a memorial service and celebration of our now deceased captains, Bob, Ben and Jim. All boats rendezvous at the end of the Berkeley Pier at 1100, throw leis in the water, then raft up at Angel for lunch and stories about these great sailors...then sail the afternoon away as they would have loved. Their families are joining us. Sign up on Events Page. We need more captains and crew and to organize the potluck...have a recipe you want to share?



This will be an annual event assuming Covid allows it...

BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: We are replacing the strap on the boom; lifelines behind wheel to be serviced; the coffee grinder needs greasing; and we still have to ponder the soft spots in the deck. Dock lines have to be lengthened.

ALETA: The aluminum stringers are being further checked for possible repair. An engine service now being done. A new dehumidifier has been installed; the running lights are being repaired by Jim Waterwash. Soft spots on deck?

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Replacing some running rigging, some repairs to fender hooks, perhaps ordering new dodger; Repair of dutchman rig. 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:

Captain Steve is moving our improvements along and plans to have the surveyor return to examine our work in June. The bosuns are all working with him, and we hope to have the scouts work with us to improve the cosmetics of Aleta's interior as part of their own project. Steve reports that our budget for repairs and preventative maintenance is about 36,000 a year for the two boats.... plus, insurance costs which could be as high as 20,000! We may be able to reduce it if the boats are put in better condition. Stay tuned.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION

The sail for Camp Sweeney with Gaslight is now scheduled and the Marin City connection may be appropriate for Mathew Turner. Stay tuned. Gaslight has offered their vessel for a fund-raising event and President Shannon will be working with them on that.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED AGAIN.

It looks now as the venue will be either South Beach or the Berkeley Yacht Club and it will be in November. 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 high light 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 Istimmel@stimmel-law.com



MONEY: \$37,662.30 in the bank. While it looks good now, we need major work on decks and the usual day to day maintenance on the boats. *Marty and April are connecting to approach REI, West Marine, and Matt possibly St Francis* to see if we can get some donations and, of course, it is individuals who have kept us going for the three decades we have existed. Gaslight has offered their boat for a President's cocktail party and Marty is trying to put together a donation sail set for corporate America. Lee is doing a donor sail on October 18 on Benjamin Walters to thank donors who are women CEOs. Captain Marc has some donations on the way due to some sails and we have put applications into the Mary Norris foundation and will reconnect with the St Francis Sailing Foundation.

Remember, we need about \$36,000 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...

Treasurer Marty continues to deal with some success with the county taxes (we should be exempt) and filling in the endless forms that Alameda County seems to require...a thankless but vital task.

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 will begin in summer. 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.

Lee presented to the Board a methodology for scholarship donations via Blue Water to worthy students and it will be homed in time for our next board meeting. Stay tuned. Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

April reports on the StoryCatcher for Blue Water Foundation App:

The APP is now being tested by selected people and we will report soon...recall this is a two-minute video about what we are to educate anyone who may be a volunteer or donor. There is also a request for a Blue Water App in addition to the website and April and Jim Waterwash will be exploring that.



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

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NEXT MEETING MAY 10, 2022, BY ZOOM.

*Attitude
is the
difference
between an
ordeal and an
adventure.*



Their neighborhoods and schools are more dangerous than ever before. In a world in which we bemoan the war zones of the Ukraine and Syria, we ignore the war zones of Oakland and the Canal area. What we are about is showing these children that there are adults who do not need to be paid to care for them and show them adventure, nature, and a world of challenge and beauty. Who are we? Why have we been doing this for 32 years...?

We are like you.... we want to make a difference. Join us and do it....