



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES APRIL 13, 2021 (via ZOOM)

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APRIL MEETING WAS BY ZOOM CONFERENCE

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



ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME...THIRTY PLUS YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION.

SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

It will be Fall before the sails can begin again given that the District is just now opening the schools for in person learning in a limited manner. Fall we do it again!

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails ARE beginning again.

1. Our students from Silver Springs School in Grass Valley will be sailing in May 20 (a Thursday)
2. We have two Weekend Adventure sails (kids from the Tenderloin, middle school age) July 10 and July 17.
3. Two Greenager sails scheduled, one for August 7, one for August 21.

All these should be on Golden Bear leaving from SF...check the website for details.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION BEGINS AGAIN BUT WAS DELAYED A MONTH.

The new dates are still on Friday afternoons and evenings aside from the graduation ceremony on a Sunday. They are **5/21; 6/4; Night sail for 5/7; 56/18; 7/9 and the graduation sail on 8/21.** Mentor mentee method, same students, and those who graduate show their families what they have learned and receive a certificate. We had an introductory sail on March 28 with two of the students and it went remarkably well.... this is going to be a great class.

EI DORADO PROBATION is setting their own schedule to bring their students down for sails. Stay tuned for the actual dates. This will likely begin in June.

CONTRA COSTA is checking their own schedule and indicates a tentative start date in June or July.

SF COUNTY REMAINS CANCELLED FOR NOW. STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATES.

All the counties are anxious to begin the sails again, but some have not yet created their schedules.

Marin Juvenile Probation has also contacted Blue Water and we plan to begin sails with them once the pandemic recedes.



All volunteers should keep the following protocol in mind which was adopted by the Board some months ago:

COVID PROTOCOL ON BOARD:

The Board adopted the following protocol for when the sails with students begin again as well as for our own training to be supplemented by the various programs, we serve but altered the past protocol in that no longer are full fingered gloves required given the latest evidence that surfaces are not a major factor in spreading COVID:

The protocol:

•Volunteer (certification) only sails

- o We are in conformity with regulations applied in the Bay Area (all state, area, and county guidelines for opening have been met)
- o No more than three people below decks at a time.
- o All aboard answer required screening questions and pass the criteria.
- o Live COB training with the new protocol

Kids sails.

- o All criteria for Volunteer sails have been met, including temperature and screening questions

- o Sports activities involving contact (football, basketball) are allowed for kids by local regulation
- o Approval/agreement of partner organization
- o Execution of our expanded COVID waivers/permissions slips.
- O All wear masks if still mandated by State or local authorities.



Training & Certification

Since many of our student sails are delayed, we are concentrating on certifying and increasing the level of certification of our many new volunteers. These full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. We have developed pandemic safe protocol for the training as described above. We are also scheduling more CPR-First Aid Red Cross certified training since that is also a prerequisite to full certification.

First Aid and CPR –FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND THE CLASS AT THE GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB WILL BE ON JUNE 6.

You must complete the online portion before the class which has “HANDS ON” practice. Sign up on the webpage events page.

Les has checked the records and your name below indicates when you must renew.

Until 12/2020

Jim Biggs
Daniel Sisson
Jim Waterwash
John Pimlott
Arnie Thompson
Paul Fetherston
Paul Virk
Kevin Cangemi
Suzanne Andrews

Until 2/2021

Jill Barnes

Until 4/2021

Michael Kastner

Until 5/2021

Bridget Hickey
Lynn M
Aleko
Deborah Hall
Amy Oates
Jim Stanton
Emilio Medrano
Gabriel Chang
Mariette Lapiz

Until 10/2021

Steve K
Jay Conners
Elisha Wood-Charlson
David Doering
Elena Joy Pelen
Tim Hadlock
Matilda Dagberg

Until 8/2022

Sam Gebb
Alex Jones
Lorraine Masi
David Mischel
Mari Murayama
Darya Pilram
Hugh Shinn
Lee Stimmel
Robert Tseng
Judith Zimmermann

Until 10/2022

Louis Benainous
Robin Collin
Eric Downing
Dan Jones
Shannon Kastner
Leonard Lee
Joanne Martin
Aquinnah Todd
Matt Zarem

We have many new volunteers who should sign up as well. Recall all of us must be certified in First Aid and CPR to be certified crew and captains and, of course, many have taken courses outside of Blue Water...

Certification Sails-Training:

Trainings now scheduled:

1. Night sail Certification sail on Benjamin Walters, APRIL 30.
2. Certification sail on Aleta with overboard drill to be set up soon.
SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS PAGE.

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, but the pandemic must recede...Perhaps in July...Stay tuned.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

All the boats have been surveyed again for insurance purposes and minor corrective work is being performed.

GOLDEN BEAR: At a cost of over five thousand dollars, the pulpits are now refabricated and are being installed. Colm is working on replacing the forward hatch which still leaks a bit. And soon we will have a discussion as to putting some type of head on board.

ALETA: Steaming light being repaired, and high-water alarm installed. Rest of work now done.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Has passed all surveys. Putting in new decking just forward of dodger, new insulation in the engine compartment, new lifelines since the old ones are getting...old. All at owner expense. Ready to rock and roll and is already doing student sails.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION

Still await end of pandemic so we can further explore the Mathew Turner and Bay Lights Charters connection. The Wilderness Foundation may also arrange police-student sails. Stay tuned for dates...both programs are awakening from the long pandemic sleep.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be summer or later. Stay tuned for a date. 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.

ANOTHER BEACH/BAY CLEANUP Joanne has arranged another beach cleanup which will be on **June 19, 10-12**, Crab Cover in Alameda. These are great fun, do a lot of good, and end up impromptu picnics with friends on a newly clean beach. Sign up on the Events Page for details.

INSURANCE SEARCH:

Recall that our prior insurance carrier is withdrawing from the California marketplace. We are searching for a replacement carrier and now have Benjamin Walters fully insured after two surveys and a rigging survey. Golden Bear and Aleta are still seeking insurance but it will be expensive since they used to be racing boats which makes insurance companies needlessly nervous. Stay tuned. Our single largest expense is becoming...insurance...despite not a single claim for three decades!!

MONEY: \$30,168 in the bank. We hope to receive \$5000 again from the Mary Norris Foundation. Also, Blue Water member Bill Mania has arranged for 1000.00 to be donated from his company and we will be taking some of his coworkers for a sail on Benjamin MAY 13 to thank them.

We have major expenses soon...significantly increased insurance costs, boat maintenance described above, and the many surveys required for insurance were many thousands of dollars...so we are OK for now, but we will need to replenish soon. Think of ways we can do this...!!

Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... Boats eat money. OUR MONEY GOES TO PROGRAMS AND THE BOATS. NO PAYROLL, NO BIG OVERHEAD.

HISTORY OF BLUE WATER?

We began in 1990...31 years ago. With no boats owned, only volunteered by members and the police on every sail since we were working only with the Wilderness Foundation. Now we have two 46-foot open ocean racers, volunteer

boats from time to time, five probation departments, community sails, the SF District...and police on the District sails from time to time.

There is interest in creating a somewhat detailed account of our history and events and Captain Lee is charged with the first rough draft...it will eventually go on our website.



INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

A PROGRAM YOU CAN JOIN AND HELP EVEN IF YOU STAY ON LAND:

INTERNSHIPS: The Way Out...

Eric G, Lee, Andrew, and Joanne are on the committee seeking to establish and expand our internship program. Once completed, a full description of the Internship Program will be presented to probation departments, donors and businesses and we hope to get this off the ground in the next several months when the economy opens again...So far, we have had two great successes. Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them. Lee is charged with creating a talking point outline to be reviewed by Joanne and Eric and to be part of our outreach. Lee is to get a draft out by next meeting. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

In terms of scholarships, 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. Sategna should not carry the entire burden here. Josue' from Camp Sweeney continues to excel in the nursing program, straight As!

All these programs are truly lifechanging for the students...even if you do not sail, we need volunteers to help on the scholarships and internships and if interested, contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. This changes lives...this is you lighting a match to push back the darkness. Join us!



The **KNARR fleet** at St Francis is interested in exploring having some probation students under our auspices participate in their very active program. Andrew and Lee will meet with Graham Green next month or so to explore possibilities here.

STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

Recall that April, who creates videos of family history is developing an application for iPhones that allows people to make and edit short videos on the phone...something that can be kept on the phone and used to memorialize our sails and show possible volunteers and funders precisely what we do and shared with other volunteers for outreach. April continues to work on the program and hopes to have a test program for us in the next month.

NEW VOLUNTEERS AND NEW CERTIFIED CREW AND CAPTAINS: While we have missed our sails with students, one great result of this hiatus is an entire new generation of expert certified captains and crew who are ready, willing and able to staff the coming flood of sails. Blue Water has never had so many volunteers...which is good since the need keeps growing. **WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW CERTIFIED CREW AND CAPTAINS!!!**

Check our events page for coming certification sails and training and the sails being scheduled now...

NEXT MEETING: MAY 11, 2021 a Zoom meeting

ZOOM:

ZOOM...if you are not already on the registered list, 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...and we will send out on our e mail list some days before the meeting as well. David Mischel dmischel@gmail.com



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