



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES AUGUST 11, 2020 (via ZOOM)

WWW.BLUEWATERFOUNDATION.ORG
AUGUST MEETING WAS BY ZOOM CONFERENCE

www.facebook.com/BlueWaterFoundation

PANDEMIC CANCELLATION OF ALL STUDENT SAILS AT LEAST UNTIL SEPTEMBER. CREW AND CAPTAIN TRAINING CONTINUES WITH COVID PROTOCOL ADOPTED. WE HOPE TO BE OPEN AGAIN WITH ALL OF OUR MANY SAILS AND PROGRAMS IN A FEW MORE MONTHS. MEANWHILE...UP YOUR CERTIFICATION STATUS!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATED DAILY.

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

WANT TO KNOW A DATE FOR AN EVENT OR SAIL AND JOIN? CAN DO ONLINE WITH THE "Get Involved" button on our website. You are on a sail a few clicks away...



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

CANCELLED BY DISTRICT. STAY TUNED FOR WHEN THEY BEGIN AGAIN.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

CANCELLED!!

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

**ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:
CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION: EL DORADO PROBATION:**

ALL CANCELLED FOR NOW. STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATES. All the counties are anxious to begin the sails again but have not yet adopted appropriate procedures. See below for our own protection procedures.

REOPENING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.

DAVID M, SHANNON, COLM AND AMY are the committee created to create a recommended set of policies for the 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:

The protocol:

•Volunteer (certification) only sails

- oWe are in conformity with regulations applied in the Bay Area (all state, area, and county guidelines for opening have been met)
- oAll wear full finger gloves and masks and maintain six-foot distance whenever possible.
 - o No more than three people below decks at a time.
 - o All aboard answer required screening questions and pass the criteria
 - o No live MOB training until pandemic recedes
 - (Possibly) temperature testing for fever

Kids sails

- oAll criteria for Volunteer sails have been met, including temperature and screening questions
- oSports activities involving contact (football, basketball) are allowed for kids by local regulation
- oApproval/agreement of partner organization
- oExecution of our expanded COVID waivers/permissions slips.
- oAll wear full finger gloves and masks if still mandated by State or local authorities





Training & Certification

Since 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 –**October 3, 48 Gold Street, second floor.** Sign up now if you want a space. This is our second program, the first having been completed on August 1 with certification cards already in the hands of the participants. You do an online program first, then some hands on at this course. All explained on our sign-up page on the webpage.

Certification Sails-Training: We have instituted a full protocol for training in these virus days...masks and full fingered glove.

Trainings now scheduled:

1. Golden Bear August 30
2. Golden Bear September 6
3. Benjamin Walters September 19
4. Benjamin Walters night training October 3
5. Aleta will have her own training schedule once she is out of the Yard.

SHORLINE CLEAN UP FOR BLUE WATER MEMBERS!

FROM JOANNE MARTIN:

I would like to propose Shoreline Cleanup on **Saturday August 29th meeting at 11am-1pm.** Everyone needs to wear a mask, heavy duty gloves, and bring their own trash bag (I will have extras).

**Meeting In front of
Tradewinds Sailing School by the rose garden at**

2580 Spinnaker Way
Richmond, CA 94804

Contact Joanne Martin for Questions 408-829-4149 hijoanne123@gmail.com
Sign up at our Get Involved button on our website. Do not need any certification for this...good chance to meet your fellow volunteers...



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: The pulpit remains to be repaired; oil and filter changed, and diver has changed zincs. The smart plug is replaced as is fire extinguishers and CO Alarm. New ring buoy and the fuel hose is being replaced. More and more certification sails and diver now regularly scheduled for bottom.

ALETA: Hauled out at Berkeley Marine Center, bottom painted, cutlass bearing work, hydraulic backstay being repaired, and the small hole in the starboard bow being repaired. New fire extinguishers.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Hauled out, bottom being painted, scratches on side filled and painted, Maxi Prop serviced, port rear shroud rebbed, windlass platform stripped and painted with nonslip. All at owner expense.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION?

Recall that the board of this square rigger berthed in Sausalito has expressed interest in Blue Water sails on this vessel. Once the virus retreats, we will continue to explore this option.

GASLIGHT CONNECTION?

Bay Lights Charters who operate the traditional rigged scow schooner Gas Light and are interested in working with us on student sails, invite us to check out their boat in Richmond on September 10, 2020 at three. Please contact Lee before showing up so we can limit the numbers appropriately. Back by six. lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. They may also offer us fund raising sails.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be winter or spring. 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. In a few months we will be sending out information on method of selection of Volunteers of the Year award as well as awards for our partners in the community. The party committee is now Lee, Mariette and Joanne and will be looking for more volunteers a few months before the party which is to be at BYC or GGYC.

MONEY: \$27,925 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development Committee continues to work with various potential donors and plan an auction at our annual party. Berkeley Marina has given us a free berth for Aleta and will

repay us the approximate 2000 we have already paid in berth fees. The recent haul outs are going to drain our funds so the Development Committee will have to find other sources in very tough times.

Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat...and donations to us are tax deductible. All volunteers, no payroll...but boats need money!

GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB has a youth sailing program using its own dinghies and has interest in some type of joint program for racing with some of our students. The long-term goal...a racing team of probation students! This program is, again, delayed due to the virus but stay tuned. Captains Lee and Andrew will be setting up a meeting with SF Probation to explore this further during this hiatus in our sails.

FINE TUNING OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The board has adopted the mission statement that Ed Cooper and David Mischel created which now directly addresses the issues in these BLM days -check the website for the new wording.

INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Josue' from Camp Sweeney beings his classes soon in the three-year science and nursing program at USF and Sategna Foundation and Blue Water just purchased for his use an appropriate laptop since he will be taking most courses online for now. CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSUE' who is an example of what determination and commitment can achieve.

Our internship program also progresses with several businesses ready once the virus subsides and we can reconnect to the probation departments. So far, we have had two great successes.

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.



And once the virus subsides, expect even more certification sails...we have been approached by many new volunteers during this time and we want to get them certified and on our sails.



ONLINE TRAINING: Hugh, one of our certified crew, is exploring online courses that can help our students learn even when not on board...and help our own certification process.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, almost certainly a Zoom meeting but we will see.

[If in person...](#)

48 GOLD STREET, SECOND FLOOR 6-8 (ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT) FOOD, DRINK, SAIL SCHEDULES, ETC. ETC.

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>



We are in dark times and likely to face economic stress that, bad for us, is catastrophic for the population we serve. You are bored at home? Imagine if you lived in a neighborhood where it is dangerous to go beyond your gang territory and the parks are cement with a few basketball hoops. You see the sky through gaps in the buildings. And you are stuck there or in juvenile hall month after month.

Then imagine seeing the wonder of sailing in the Bay, heeled over in twenty knots of wind, working the boat yourself, feeling the wind and sense of freedom that sailing hard can give, there with people who want to help you see a new world...as foreign to you as the surface of the moon.

Help us help them...they need wind and water now more than ever. Get certified. Help get the scholarships and internships going. Help keep the boats in good repair.

Above all...care for the kids who need our help. Signing petitions is good. Demonstrations are good. But what you can do with us is hands on interaction with children who are in immediate need...and do it by sailing...can't beat that! Join us!

