



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2023 (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.

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



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

The sails are now scheduled for the high schools and middle schools and occur on Thursdays. This is our oldest program....began in 1990. These are now on our calendar for sign up for the next several months. Sign up on line and good chance police officers will be assigned by Spring.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing and expanding:

1. *Visually Impaired sails with Light House* continue with our blind sailors learning the boats, protocols being set up for certification, overboard drills being planned and the racing team still in planning stage. Covid has set this back a bit in planning but stay tuned. Light House came on a sail and is extremely interested in becoming involved with Blue Water and making this happen.
2. *Epileptic Sails* are being scheduled, the next on **December 16** with Type 1 Life vests being used to assure safety for the students.

3. *Silver Springs High School*, which comes all the way from Grass Valley, may be planning one more...will see.
4. *Project Rebound*, adults who are working to integrate back into society, had their first sail, one to schedule more, and some will be there for the graduation sail on **November 3** for Camp Sweeney.
5. *APACC* has their next sail on **October 28** on Benjamin Walters.
6. *RAMS* has their next sail on **November 4** on Benjamin Walters.
7. *International Rescue Project* had a great sail on Bear and will be setting up another sail soon.
8. *Larkin Street Youth Program* also had a remarkable sail on Bear and will be setting up more soon.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

[ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION YEAR CONTINUES](#) The classes are going well with overboard live practice and night sail concluded. Aleta sail is next followed by GRADUATION on **November 3**...all are invited, kayaks, both boats going out, inflatable rides, potluck. Sign up.

[EI DORADO PROBATION](#) : Weather has delayed them coming down to SF but Chief Brian says some students are ready to come down again and will be scheduling them soon.

[MARIN COUNTY PROBATION](#) may be joining us for their kids...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 **January 27**.. 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.

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3. Certification sail on Aleta will be set up in the next week or so. Check the website.
4. Benjamin Walters has a night overboard practice day certification sail set for **2/16**. Only sign up if you have completed a day overboard practice already.
5. Golden Bear certification sail on **11/5**
6. 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.

MOVE UP THE CERTIFICATION LADDER SO WE CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTH.



LIGHTED BOAT PARADE WITH GOLDEN BEAR. We take Bear out for the annual lighted boat parade put on by SF Marina...sign up and note we need to bring lights and decorations to the boat ahead of the sail. Great fun...

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Drafts of the curriculum are now being exchanged, including ideas for power point demonstrations, visual and hands on tools, etc. Figure we will have a full program in the next month or two. Want to participate? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: We finally received reimbursement from St Francis' collision with a berthed Bear and will now plan on work on Bear to get hull and deck repaired. We still have to ponder the soft spot in the deck, ensure dock lines are in good condition. Stay tuned.

ALETA: The new bosun, Captain Scott, with help from Captain Jill and Jennifer, has painted topsides and she looks beautiful; he is also created a checklist, refreshing the lifesling, some wiring and working on packing gland. Planning to repair the onboard toilet is in the works. She is ready to take kids out now.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: New line clutches for staysail and boom vang; new life sling; whisker pole work begun. All at owner expense.



OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, in late Spring probably...



INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Insurance remains in place but there will be a board meeting to discuss cost benefit of the various policies we now own...at 16,000 a year, and never a single claim in 33 years, there is a suggestion we consider alternatives. Stay tuned.

MONEY: \$12,714 in the bank. Another 8900 will come from the St Francis settlement. A possible tax refund of \$1000.00 .And most of our money still goes for insurance... *Boats eat money. No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...*

PRESIDENT'S PARTY:

Our president is arranging a cocktail fund raising party at the Elks Club in San Francisco, 7-9 on a Saturday evening, **February 3**, in the City, 75.00 entry and ideally a way to raise some money for boat maintenance with fun...Think about attending...how else can you help our programs and socialize at the same time?! Kimberly, Judy and Shannon are on the committee making this happen and are looking for some help...

We also hope to raise some money on Giving Tuesday which is coming up.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT ON BOARD PROTOCOLS:

A common thing we hear from new volunteers is that Blue Water sails never seem to have the shouting that is all too common on sail boats...that people treat each other with trust and respect. We have never put it into writing and Lee and Shannon will be creating a protocol of interaction when sailing to present to the board.

DONATIONS IN KIND: We have received donations in kind...ranging from sailing gear to lessons at Modern Sailing...and we have to develop a method to determine how and when to distribute same and establish a committee to do that. Lee is charged with the first draft of protocols here.

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

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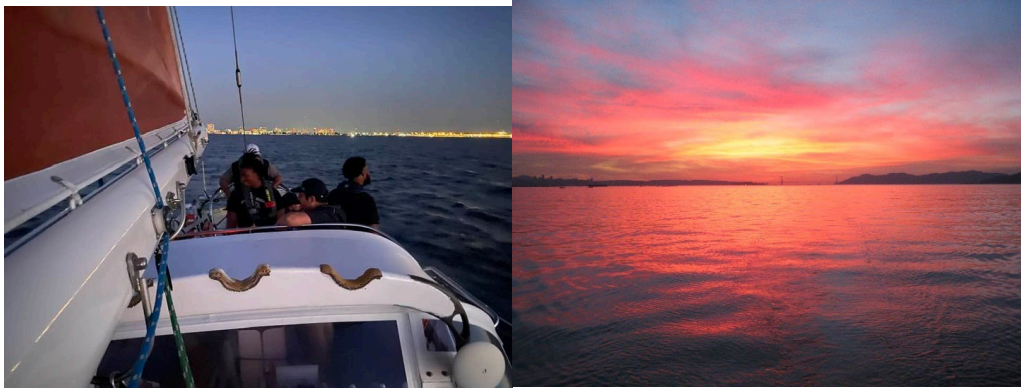
Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them. Jim Stanton is working with Matt Zarem to set up internships at Spaulding Wood Boat Center, dealing with students from Sweeney. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students. This is life changing for the students, a key to a world outside the streets... **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.**

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Jim Stanton has joined the Advisory Committee for Sategna Foundation to help facilitate future scholarships, both students to Italy and for vocational and school. Our last recipient, Josue,' has now graduated with a BS in nursing! Time to look for the next candidates!

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





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... David Mischel dmischel@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

We have expanded our mission in the last year...to half a dozen more community groups, to adults who are in groups that need connection, from blind or epileptic sailors to Project Rebound ex inmates enrolled in college and working their way back to society. The need is overwhelming...and the effect of the sea on these people is remarkable.

Upset at the way the world is going? Want to make a difference? What matters is not sailing skill...what matters is ability to connect with people who need you...JOIN US. All of us are volunteers who wanted to do more than complain...we want you....