



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 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:

Our oldest program, taking every middle and high school in San Francisco District sailing, continues...all sails now booked through May. This program began in 1990...33 years ago! The holidays with school out normally have a month-long hiatus in sails...and then it is weekly until end of the school year.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing and expanding:

1. *Visually Impaired sails with Light House* is moving along with special training requirements and gear still being planned and some of our blind volunteers regularly showing up on other sails. The racing team is still high on Captain Andrew's agenda.
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, and is setting up their college program to regularly volunteer with Blue Water in the coming year. Kimberly is working with them to make this happen in the next few months.
5. *APACC* has their next sail is being scheduled, the last one was a great success.
6. *RAMS* has their next sail being scheduled 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. Kimberly will reach out to schedule.
9. *Marin City* will be contacted by Captain Les for scheduling after the holidays.
10. *Music Schools* being approached by Captain Jim for the scholarship to Italy have asked if we can also take some of their students sailing and we will be setting that up.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION YEAR CONTINUES A new class is about to begin, a formal graduation of the old class is on the calendar, and they are setting up a night sail (to see the lighted boat parade) the same day as their brunch December 15, to check out the lights in the City. All on our calendar page for you to join should you wish...The formal graduation ceremony for the last class is January 5...potluck and two boats going out.

A. Gaslight charters, with their big boat, will be doing one of the sails for the new class and it is planned various probation administrators will also attend.

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 Captain Scott is checking out whether this program will at least begin...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.

1. Certification sail on Aleta will be **December 17**.
2. Benjamin Walters has a night overboard practice certification sail set for **2/16**. Only sign up if you have completed a day overboard practice already.
3. Golden Bear certification sail will be set up soon...check the website.
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.

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. December 15....sign up, there are ten spots... 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. Captain Andrew has received a bid for the deck work, bottom job and the like and it looks like the Bear will be at the yard for perhaps a month during the school out hiatus in

December...Aleta will take on any sails that are needed in the City.

ALETA: Traveler painted along with top sides, running back stay replaced, CO monitor being checked out. Regular bottom cleaning being scheduled.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Whisker pole being repaired, and all lifelines being replaced, owner expense.



DIVINE WIND: Ready to race!



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: \$20,867 in the bank. And most of that will go for Golden Bear repairs and improvements. *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. A grant from Sares Regis Foundation is now submitted.

STANDARD OF CONDUCT ON BOARD PROTOCOLS:

A proposed set of protocols for conduct on board is now being circulated among the executive board and captains for proposal to the board at the next board meeting. Stay tuned.

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. Protocols on distribution of donations in kind are now being distributed to be voted on at the next board meeting.

In that regard, a Taswell 49 may be offered to Blue Water and the board and captains are considering if the vessel can be used and maintained as required...more in the next month's minutes.

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. 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! And we are celebrating this on December 16 in San Anselmo....and now it is time to look for the next candidates!

Meanwhile Jim has begun the search for the next Italian music scholarship and is interviewing various music schools in the Bay Area. The last very successful trip to Italy by Isaac has convinced Jim (and Sategna) that this is a great program.

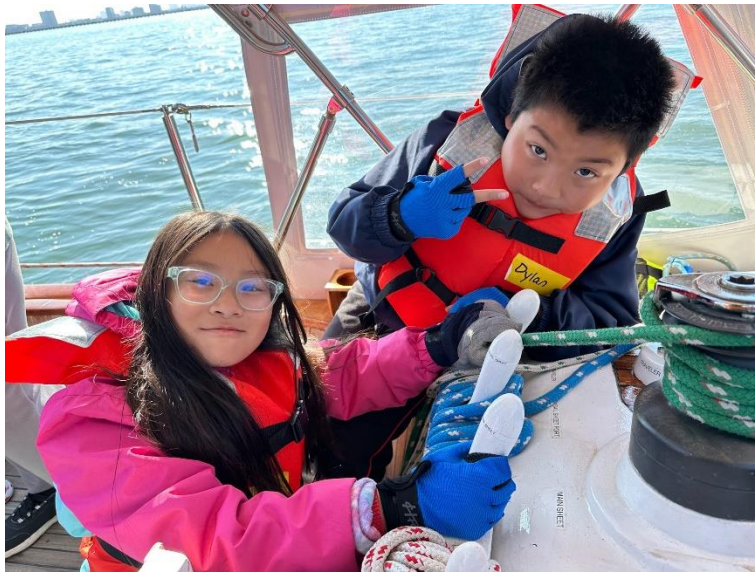
Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



CAPTAIN SCOTT HAS OBTAINED ACCESS TO BOTH T SHIRTS AND HOODIES WITH BLUE WATER LOGO, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FOR SEVERAL MORE WEEKS. INTERESTED? GO TO OUR EVENTS PAGE AND IT SHOWS HOW TO ORDER THESE!

OUR COVID POLICY (AND LACK OF POLICY ON BOOSTERS) WILL BE DISCUSSED AT OUR NEXT MEETING AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE CONSENSUS WILL BE TO REMOVE THIS REQUIREMENT AFTER THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2023, VIA ZOOM. LINK ON OUR WEBSITE....



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

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....NOW, THIRTY-THREE YEARS AFTER STARTING, WE ARE EXPANDING MORE THAN EVER. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...