



It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults
-Frederick Douglas

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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CHECK THE MOVIES ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE NEWLY REDESIGNED BY CAPTAIN LOUIS!



EXPLORATION SAILS PROGRAM: THE SF SCHOOL DISTRICT THURSDAY SAILS-EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN SF: OUR OLDEST AND MOST WIDELY USED SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF SAN FRANCISCO-Three hour trips on SF Bay with the students getting a chance at the wheel. On Thursday at noon, show up a half hour early, SF Marina. Harbor Master's Office. The Sails Start! **Next sail on January 14 (fully staffed), February 4 and February 18. Want on board? Call Captain Ben at 510-414-3181.**

Captains Ben and Tim I act as coordinators for these sails and are looking to set up regular Thursday sailing crew similar to the regular crews we have with other programs. Lynn will be on the regular crew along with Ben.

POLICE OFFICERS NOW ATTENDING MOST SAILS AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MARINERS PROGRAM:

These Tuesday weekly sails will begin in Spring. These are the same Middle School students who come back weekly for classes on Bear and become excellent sailors.

Contact Marc at marcgounard@yahoo.com should you want to be on board or, again, go to Volunteer Spot on our webpage.

COMMUNITY GROUP SAILS:

Captain Les is in charge and always looking for captains and crew. These are often on weekends and will usually be on Bear leaving from SF.

The Student Conservation Association have three sails, all on Sundays; They are **February 7 (Aleta); February 21 (Bear) and April 24 (Bear)**. Captain Les will be on board and needs crew and captains. 10:30-2:00 for these sails.

Go to Volunteer Spot to sign on.

And in the far distance we have **Project Avary** for **May 21, 2016**. These are students with incarcerated parents, one of our favorite group of kids. And **Honor Jackson**, the ex NFL player, will want a sail for some of the kids in his foundation and we will be seeing if another ex NFL player, **Mike Carter**, of Catholic Charities, can join us. Mike is already helping us on the vocational scholarship committee, with the Sategna Foundation and recall we have now awarded two scholarships to Camp Sweeney students thanks to the efforts of Paul Featherston and Mariette Lapiz and their committee.



OCEAN'S GATE PROGRAM-PROBATION DEPARTMENTS EXPANSION

The **ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT** students from Camp Sweeney make up the kids on these sails. Our first full-fledged multi month class has begun:

Our next sail with Camp Sweeney will be **FEBRUARY 7** on **BENJAMIN WALTERS** and is already staffed! We will be doing monthly sails until late Spring when our next regular class will start

Recall we also are providing sails for **El Dorado County** probation department El Dorado probation wants monthly sails **beginning in February**. Stay tuned.



Volunteer Spot or contact Lee at Istimmel@stimmel-law.com

OTHER PROBATION DEPARTMENTS (Contra Costa, Nevada City, Sonoma, perhaps one or two others) wish to consider working with us and instituting a program such as Ocean Gate with their students. It is already understood that Alameda County has priority on our resources but with Gleaming Ocean suspended for now, there is great interest in bringing in other probation departments.

A MEETING-SAIL IS SET UP FOR FEBRUARY 6 WITH THE DEPARTMENTS INTERESTED AT WHICH WE WILL EXPLORE EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS WITH INCARCERATED YOUTH. Lee, Debbie, Jim, Ben and Bill are planning to attend that sail and one or two more are welcome. Short easy sail and much discussion as to what we can offer and what they want. **STAY TUNED.**

April and Bill are meeting on **January 26** with Alameda County Probation to discuss creating a program for incarcerated girls similar to the Camp Sweeney program and Bill is training many women to work his vessel so that if the program begins we will have a mostly female crew on his vessel to train the girls. The girls' facility is still being built so we have time to make this work. Stay tuned. Bill plans another all woman MOB practice coming soon and that will be announced.



PARK AND REC SAILS SCHEDULED:

San Francisco Park and Rec has scheduled three sails on Golden Bear for this summer: July 1; July 22; August 12. Always great people to work with.



EMERYVILLE SAILS: Aleta will participate in the community sails mentioned above, plus will participate in the Ocean Gate and probation sails and is scheduling more sails with Emeryville Park and Rec. It is likely we will be using them far more on the probation sails described above. SHE NOW HAS A WORKING HEAD...a requirement of Probation Officer Lozo for his students!

Certification Trainings:

1. **FIRST AID/CPR** will be taught again by Les **FEBRUARY 20 (FOR THOSE VOLUNTEERS NOW UNCERTIFIED) AND MARCH 12 (FOR THOSE RENEWING.)** Location to be announced. Free to volunteers.
2. **NIGHT MOB DRILL (LIVE PERSON IN THE WATER) FOR THOSE IN THE OCEAN GATE PROGRAM...OR WHO WANT TO BE** (since we take those students out at night.) **APRIL 9, FIVE AT BENJAMIN WALTERS.** Contact Lee to get on board (Istimmel@stimmel-law.com) and space will be limited so do the reservation now.
3. And certification is available to new volunteers who attend our regular program sails and work the boat. Contact the captain to make sure the sail is staffed correctly for such certification. Remember, your certification level and updating is done on line, including mobile devices so you can add to your completed matters as you go including while on board!

MONEY? We have about \$21,800 in the bank at this writing. We have paid for the head on Aleta, have some insurance to buy, and some various expenses connected to the boats discussed below.

CAMP SWEENEY BANQUET FOR ITS ATHELETES: On January 20 at Lake Chabot Golf Course, there will be a banquet for some of the athletes of Camp Sweeney and Bob Ladouceur (the De La Salle Spartan coach made famous in the movie Standing Tall) and LaDonna Harris, Chief Probation Officer of Alameda County will attend. 600 PM. Blue Water is invited...those who can make it must reserve a place by calling Lee at 415-392-2018. We have to let them know who is coming in a few days...so call or miss it!

CAPTAINS BEN AND BOB AWARD PARTY: FEBRUARY 13, BERKELEY YACHT CLUB, 630-1100. \$25.00 at door, luau dinner, Hawaiian dancing, a few speeches and celebration of these two great sailors and volunteers who have put decades into the program.

This will be the beginning of an annual celebration of long serving volunteers for Blue Water with a perpetual plaque, good food, and great stories shared about the decades of working with these sailors. Several of our boats will be at the Yacht Club dock so people can check them out. A CELEBRATION OF WHAT COMRADSHIP IS CREATED BY DOING GOOD TOGETHER!! ALL WELCOME.

WEB MAKEOVER BY CAPTAIN LOUIS (WITH HELP FROM OTHERS...)

If you have not yet checked out our new website design created by Captain Louis who makes his living designing websites, go check out this great new design. www.bluewaterfoundation.org. Be sure to check out the movies on the site.



BOAT CONDITION

1. Bear: Rewiring of the bilge pump directly to the battery and work on the sail cover will be considered by Captain Marc.

2. Aleta: HEAD FIXED! And haul out for bottom job now set for January 20 at Berkeley Marine Center. Go there to check out what she looks like below the waterline.

3. Benjamin Walters: Planning its own haul out for major rigging and electronics in summer, all at Owner's expense.

4. Fernweh: Captain Bill's 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch, is to be hauled out for rigging, sails, new prop, checking all through holes, probably in the next month or two. He is also building and replacing his own electronics...he's a scientist, what can you expect? All at owner expense.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE: This is our welcoming committee for people interested in joining as volunteers, made up of Les, Kate, Ben and Rick. If you have someone interested or are interested yourself, these volunteers will integrate you into the sails.

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION ON LINE

Certification for each person is now all digitized and on line. You can update your certification status from a mobile device. This great system lets you use the internet...including mobile devices...to update your certification status and see what is left to do. Want to figure it out? Contact Bill or David and they will walk you through it, but it is easy, fast and smart. It also allows captains to check what you have listed as completed on line and certify you directly on line.

FACE BOOK REPORT: We are now up to 629 Friends and we are in 42 countries.

CAPTAIN AND CREW PINS AND HATS FOR CERTIFIED CREW:

Pins for Captains have been handed out to captains. If you are a captain without one, see Lee. These should be worn while on board so that the captain responsible for the boat is clearly known by all on board. Each captain gets two of them to wear.

Certified Crew Pins to be worn as well...they are delivered and to be handed out at Board Meetings...or contact Lee if you want one sent to you. lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. ALL CERTIFIED CREW SHOULD WEAR THEM WHEN ON BOARD.



NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2016

6pm to 8 pm...And ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12TH FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY, SF, TWO BLOCKS FROM BART. ALL WELCOME...ESPECIALLY STUDENTS.

You can't do everything...but you can change the world. Do it now...