



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

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATED DAILY. BECOME A FRIEND AND YOU WILL GET UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHANGES TO SCHEDULE AND EVENTS.

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 **Thursdays at noon**, show up a half hour early, SF Marina. Harbor Master's Office. Storms are requiring some rescheduling but Captain Ben is purchasing at discount some rain gear for the students so that we can still get out there if it is just rain and not storm.

Next sails on MARCH 17 (Captains Dan and Ben); MARCH 24 (Captains Dan and Ben); APRIL 7 (Captains Dan and Rick); APRIL 14TH (Captains Rick and ?); For your own planning, we will have following sails on 4/21; 4/28; 5/5; 5/12; 5/19.

Captains Ben and Tim 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
POLICE OFFICERS NOW ATTENDING MOST SAILS AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM.
CONTACT BEN TO GET ON BOARD OR GO TO VOLUNTEER SPOT.

WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS AND CAPTAINS TO MAKE THIS OLDEST OF OUR PROGRAMS WORK...SEE IF YOU CAN HELP US ON A 25 YEAR OLD PROGRAM SERVING THE STUDENTS OF SF.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MARINERS PROGRAM:

These Tuesday weekly sails remain on hold until staffing at the school is resolved.

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 begun, the first a great success. These are on Sundays...the next are on April 17 (Bear).
Go to Volunteer Spot to sign on.

And 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 hoping another ex NFL player, **Mike Carter**, of Catholic Charities, can join us.



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 end of March...precise date to be announced and on BENJAMIN WALTERS. We will be doing monthly sails until late spring when our next regular class will start

The Girls' Program at Camp Sweeney was approached by April and Captain Bill and they are also interested in participating in a sailing program. Their very first sail is scheduled on Fernweh for **APRIL 9** and Bill has already trained a largely woman crew to work these sails.

Recall we also are providing sails for El Dorado County probation department. El Dorado probation wants monthly sails...our next sail will be in April, stay tuned, on Fernweh, meeting in Richmond, Captains Bill and Lee. 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. We will be arranging a meeting with the various probation department heads in the next month... there is great interest in bringing in other probation departments.



SAN FRANCISCO 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. These are various student groups that Park and Rec has in summer programs. Golden Bear.

EMERYVILLE SAILS: Once repaired, Aleta will participate in community sails 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 also has some bottom issues and will be out of action for perhaps another half month. See below.



Certification Trainings:

1. **FIRST AID/CPR** will be taught again on **MARCH 12** (FOR THOSE RENEWING.) LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL...free for volunteers.
2. **NIGHT MOB PRACTICE. THE OCEAN GATE PROGRAM...OR WHO WANT TO BE** (since we take those students out at night.) **APRIL 23, 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. **FERNWEH MOB DAY PRACTICE.** **APRIL 2** in Richmond, contact Captain Bill.
4. 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 \$13,000 in the bank at this writing. We have paid for the head on Aleta, have some insurance to buy, and some major expenses connected to the boats discussed below. **IT IS TIME TO START LOOKING FOR MORE MONEY...AND WE ARE FORMING A COMMITTEE TO BEGIN THAT PROCESS.** Leigh, April and ??? will head that committee. The need to spend over 30,000 on Bear's mast and now, 10,000 on Aleta's rudder and shaft has made our coffers very low....

BENJAMIN WALTERS WILL DO A THANK YOU SAIL FOR A DONOR ON APRIL 16 WITH CAPTAINS BEN, LEE AND DAVID AT THE HELM...THESE THANK YOU SAILS HAVE RAISED WELL OVER THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS!

CAPTAINS BEN AND BOB AWARD PARTY: was a great success with Hawaiian dancing, music, participation by the Camp Sweeney students, and a feeling in Blue Water that we need more of these celebrations not just to honor our truly great captains Ben and Bob, but to have a time and place where the dozens of volunteers just get to hang out. We will do the award ceremony and party annually. **THANKS TO THE PARTY COMMITTEE...ESPECIALLY MARIETTE AND DEBBIE...WHO DID SO MUCH TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.**

Captain Bob and Captain Ben are now on the award plaque where we have our board meetings...and two more will be selected annually.

A CELEBRATION OF WHAT COMRADSHIP IS CREATED BY DOING GOOD TOGETHER!



BOAT CONDITION

1. Bear: Bilge pump float switch being worked on by Captains Colm and Travis.

2. Aleta: Major issues were discovered on haul out. That underwater collision with an unknown object some months ago which was hard enough to push the keel into the hull and cause a crack...this has been already sealed...and impact on the rudder...rudder being repaired gratis by BERKELEY MARINE CENTER since they repaired it some years ago and feel it should have withstood that impact. Equally concerning is corrosion found on shaft which required a new shaft. Captain Ken hoping to cut the cost a bit but looks like about \$10,000 for the entire project. Boat will be back in the water by the next newsletter. The board approved the expense and thanked Ken for his efforts.

3. Benjamin Walters: Planning its own haul out for major rigging and electronics in fall, all at Owner's expense. New water pump, new flare strobe, much new safety gear, all at owner expense.

4. Fernweh: Captain Bill's 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch, has returned from the yard with new mizzen, rigging, etc. etc. all at owner expense. Major work. Ready to handle the probation sails as needed.

TO ALL CAPTAINS AND CREW: YOU MUST REPORT ANY ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT INVOLVING OUR VESSELS TO THE OTHER CAPTAINS AND BOSUN EVEN IF IT SEEMS MINOR SO THAT WE MAY INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF VESSEL AND ASSURE THE SAFE USE BY OUR STUDENTS, CAPTAINS AND CREW. IT IS PART OF THE OBLIGATION EACH OF US HAVE TO MAINTAIN SAFE AND APPROPRIATE VESSELS. ANY OF US CAN MAKE A MISTAKE AND HIT SOMETHING, OFTEN A DOCK...ALL OF US HAVE DONE THAT IN THE PAST AND IT'S PART OF SAILING...BUT THEN OUR DUTY IS TO MAKE SURE THE FOUNDATION KNOWS AND CAN TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION.



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.

NEW BOAT DONATION??: Recall we received a generous offer from Steve Gold to donate his family's Triton 28.5 foot Triton classic sail boat, "Gold Bug," and to pay for all maintenance, repair, upkeep and berthing should we wish to take it into our program. It would be leased to our Foundation with the understanding that we would return the vessel if not used sufficiently. The boat has been in his family for many years and he would be willing to manage the repairs and maintenance of Gold Bug so that it conforms to Blue Water Foundation's standards for safety and would like to be active in a program for the boat that we create.

After a month's worth of considering, it was decided the vessel was just a bit too small for the type of programs we have. However, Brian, head of the El Dorado Probation Department indicated an interest in perhaps integrating that into his various programs and Captain Ben will be getting him in touch with Steve Gold.



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. Istimmel@stimmel-law.com. ALL CERTIFIED CREW SHOULD WEAR THEM WHEN ON BOARD.

Sf sail expo: On April 7, 8, 9, and 10th the sail boat show will be in Richmond and our President, Leigh, asked if Blue Water wanted to man the booth as we did last year. There was general discussion as to how useful it was and an agreement we should keep track of the volunteers (or money) generated from the event. Leigh told those interested in manning the booths to contact him.

SOME OF OUR CAPTAINS....



CAPTAIN BOB



CAPTAIN RICK



CAPTAIN BEN



CAPTAINS KEN AND LEIGH



CAPTAIN COLM



CAPTAIN BILL

NEXT MEETING APRIL 12, 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. YOU GOT SOMETHING BETTER TO DO IN THE NEXT MONTH?