



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

# **BLUE WATER FOUNDATION**

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# **NEWSLETTER**

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**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.

*While the contract with the District is fully executed so as to have these happen, the famous interior workings of the District delay implementation of their own contract. Sad stuff, but likely sails will finally commence in late November or December. Stay tuned...we are in our twenty sixth year of this program and it is common for the District to be slow in getting the year started. Captains Ben and Tim will 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.*

**Those interested in forming this team contact Ben at [510-414-3181](tel:510-414-3181). THE GOAL IS PERHAPS TEN TO TWELVE PEOPLE WHO TRADE OFF ON MANNING THE THURSDAY SAILS...JUST AS WE DO THE TUESDAY SAILS AND THE OTHER PROGRAMS.**

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

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL MARINERS PROGRAM:**

These Tuesday weekly sails will begin concurrent with the Exploration Sails above. These are the same Middle School students who come back weekly for classes on Bear and become excellent sailors. While one school is now signed up, we await word on the other school.

Contact Marc at [marcgounard@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

A second Edgewood School sail is now set for **October 22** at 1130 on Bear, Captains Les, Ben, Rick, with David and Lynn helping crew. Could use a few more.

Next scheduled is GREENAGERS sail on Saturday, **November 21** with Captain Les and Ben and they need more crew. Noon. Go to Volunteer Spot to sign on.

And in the far distance we have Project Avery for **May 21, 2016**. These are students with incarcerated parents, one of our favorite group of kids.

Go to Volunteer Spot to get on board.

**GLEAMING OCEAN SAILS:** These are the high school mentor-mentee ten week courses where students are taught the ropes by a permanent mentor on a cruising vessel in the Bay and ultimately, if they graduate and are interested, out the Gate for ocean voyages.

Captain Bill and Sonya now have scheduled the sails for this year's class and the first class begins almost immediately:

**OCTOBER 17; OCTOBER 24; NOVEMBER 7; NOVEMBER 21; NOVEMBER 21; DECEMBER 12 (NIGHT SAIL)' JANUARY 9-10 (ANCHOR OUT OVER A SATURDAY NIGHT.) and possibly one more.** Bill and Sonya have fully staffed all the sails but welcome people interested in observing and earning certification. Contact Bill to get on board.

Contact Bill at [bill@bluewaterfoundation.org](mailto:bill@bluewaterfoundation.org) if you want to check out these types of courses.



## OCEAN'S GATE PROGRAM

The ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT students from Camp Sweeney make up the kids on these sails. Our first full-fledged multi month class begins in a few weeks and the schedule is as follows:

**OCTOBER 25; NOVEMBER 8; NOVEMBER 22; DECEMBER 6 AND WE WILL HAVE A NIGHT SAIL IN MID DECEMBER (NOT YET SCHEDULED) AND THE FAMILY GRADUATION SAIL IN JANUARY.** Mostly staffed but we can use a few more. The commitment required is at least three of the classes since these students, long used to adults letting them down, need to see the same faces more than once. Meet at Benjamin Walters at 900. The head of the probation department, La Donna, plans to be on board some of the sails and our old friend PO Lozo will be aboard on every sail.

We also have a special sail being set up for the EI Dorado County probation department on **OCTOBER 17**, on Benjamin. Captains Colm and Lee are captains for this sail.

On September 17 BLUE WATER was honored at a dinner-ceremony put on by the Probation Department received a Beyond the Call trophy for our years working with these great people.

*Volunteer Spot or contact Lee at [Istimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:Istimmel@stimmel-law.com).*



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WITH SATEGNA FOUNDATION AND CAMP SWEENEY:

RECALL that Blue Water, working with Camp Sweeney staff, is coordinating and running a vocational scholarship program for three or more students each year, creating a selection process and then mentoring the students through the schools. The mentor subcommittee is still developing its procedures. More scholarships will be awarded annually. This is a subcommittee still finding its way and can use more active and interested participants. Interested in participating in the scholarship committee? Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com)

**EMERYVILLE SAILS:** While Aleta is back in Emeryville and has participated in some community and Ocean Gate sails, the Emeryville Park and Rec. wants to wait until they are better organized in November to start sails, probably on Thursday. Meanwhile, Aleta will continue doing community sails and working in the various other programs.

### **Certification Trainings and Newly Scheduled:**

1. **FIRST AID/CPR** will be taught again by Les in April or May. Stay tuned.
2. Captain Ben is running various certification sails on Bear to help develop more Thursday crews and stay tuned for his next dates.
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!
4. Captains Rick and Lynn and Ken are planning a certification sail on Bear on **NOVEMBER 5 at 1100.** Volunteer spot to get on board and you can get fully certified in a single great day on the Bay. .

### **MONEY: FUND RAISING EFFORTS:**

Captain Bill arranged a donation of \$3000 from his company and we thanked them with a two boat sail on FERNWEH AND BENJAMIN WALTERS on SEPTEMBER 27. Great fun including rafting up for lunch at Angel.

A Movie Producer is donating \$1000 to the Foundation and we are thanking him by letting him use Benjamin Walters for a movie shoot off of San Francisco this coming week. Benjamin will be famous. If you want an autograph, they will be for sale.

And another company is planning a four thousand dollar donation and we would gift them four boats all going out at the same time on November 14. Not quite final but quite likely. Stay tuned.

We have \$16,889.00 in the bank at this writing.

**MEDIA COMMITTEE** THE MEDIA COMMITTEE continues to work under the direction of April to create cloud sharing space with photos, videos and access to all forms of community sharing. Already she has set up drop box for access to videos and photos. She hopes to get a full proposal to the board...with a description in detail...within six to eight weeks.

**MOVIES FOR BLUE WATER?** We have tremendous talent to draw on, from people in the business (April) to professors in film making (Zaki.) Zaki would like to create a professional short feature on Camp Sweeney and Blue Water and perhaps an introduction to Blue Water for our website. He will be submitting a budget for equipment needed...and will be looking for volunteers to help him in the process. Want some samples? Go to the home page of our website and check out some of the videos there. [www.bluewaterfoundation.org](http://www.bluewaterfoundation.org).

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

Captain Louis who makes his living designing websites has, gratis, developed a new website for Blue Water which he is submitting for comment to our board and members.

Go to <http://live-bwf.pantheon.io> and check out his new design. He demonstrated it to the Board at the meeting, received comments, compliments and thanks. He asked for additional comments and after reviewing it if you have any, use <http://live-bwf.pantheon.io/feedback>.

It is this “DO IT” spirit that makes an all-volunteer organization like Blue Water work. Somehow we simply have a larger and larger group of people who keep volunteering expertise and labor to make this organization so unique. Check out the website for confirmation of that fact. Figure we go live in a month or so. Our current website, which is still up and worth looking at, is [www.bluewaterfoundation.org](http://www.bluewaterfoundation.org).



## **BOAT CONDITION**

**1. Bear:** Captain Ben commented on the great job the scouts did on the interior painting. Colm emphasized the need to make sure the bilge pump float switch is not jammed when leaving the boat.

**2. Aleta:** Ken will be contacting repair people to discuss fixing the head. Stay tuned.

**3. Benjamin Walters:** Two new kayaks purchased and on the dock for our anchor outs, etc. All at owner expense

**4. Fernweh:** Captain Bill’s 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch, will have its sticks hauled in November and he is having the Main recut. All at owner expense. He continues to certify captains and crew to enlarge who can use this vessel and its first “big” use comes with the Gleaming Ocean class now starting.

**VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE:** This is our welcoming committee for people interested in joining as volunteers, made up of Les, Kate, Ben and Rick. They are now integrating some new volunteers and Rick reports the committee is working well.

**PR COMMITTEE FORMED:** This new committee will develop ways to get our message out better, including introductory materials, interaction with other entities, etc. etc. It is made up of Rick, Marty, Sarah, Andreas and Louis. Want to help? Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

## 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 609 Friends and we are in 42 countries.**



### CAPTAIN AND CREW PINS AND HATS FOR CERTIFIED CREW:

Pins for Captains have been created at a donor's expense and 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.

And that same donor has now ordered 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](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com). ALL CERTIFIED CREW SHOULD WEAR THEM WHEN ON BOARD. More Blue Water hats have been ordered and will be available for volunteers at our next board meeting.



## NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2015

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

More programs all the time: FOUR boats in service. Working with kids from all over the Bay Area and now in the foothills of the Sierra, kids from dozens of agencies and schools...all need your help, all need you showing them the wind and the wonder. You can't do everything...but you can change the world. Reach out...

