



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 Thursday at noon, show up a half hour early, SF Marina. Harbor Master's Office. The Sails Start! **First sail on December 10, and after the holidays, next sail is January 14. Want on board...call Captain Ben at 510-414-3181.**

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. 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. Due to staffing problems at the school, they ask us to hold off manning the program until January. This frees up the Tuesday crew to help out on the Exploration Sails above.

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.

Next scheduled is GREENAGERS sail on Saturday, **November 21 with Captain Les 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.**

The Board received a presentation from RAVI LAU of the **SCA (Student Conservation Association) which has existed for 75 years getting youth out into the wilderness both to experience that life and to engage in programs improving national parks and the like. They are interested in working with Blue Water on a regular sailing program. Ravi knows of Les, the man who runs our community programs, and is familiar with the Urban Pioneers in which Les was a teacher. The Board heard about this great program and agreed to set up introductory sails over the next several months to see how it goes and perhaps expand it to a regular program, perhaps even a Gleaming Ocean type mentor program. Les will be interacting with Ravi in the near future.**

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.

Next class is **November 21. 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 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 has begun:

The current class is going great and we have the following three sails planned, some of which require more volunteer participation.

1. **NOVEMBER 22**, regular class, Dan Marshall teaching tides, then live MOB practice.
2. **DECEMBER 6** FAMILY POT LUCK AND GRADUATION SAIL: The students invite friends and family and after a pot luck we give out certificates and the kids show their families what they have learned on a short sail. WE NEED TO STAFF TWO BOATS TO GET ALL OF US OUT. Ideally, Aleta will join us. CONTACT LEE, INFO BELOW, TO GET ON BOARD.
3. **DECEMBER 19** NIGHT SAIL Meet at about 500 on Saturday night, show the students what night sailing is like, back by eleven.

We also had a special sail set up for the El Dorado County probation department on **OCTOBER 17**, on Benjamin. Captains Colm and Lee were captains for this sail. It went so well that in December we are asked to meet with various other probation departments to consider expanding Ocean Gate to include numerous other departments. Stay tuned. El Dorado probation wants monthly sails already, beginning in February.

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



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WITH SATEGNA FOUNDATION AND CAMP SWEENEY:

WE HAVE AWARDED THE FIRST TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO TWO SAILORS FROM THE OCEAN GATE PROGRAM. Thanks to Mariette and Paul for their remarkable work making this happen and to the SATEGNA FOUNDATION for funding it. One student plans to enroll in hair cutting school, one in auto body work. One is still in Camp Sweeney but is allowed to attend school and one released now working in a moving company but had volunteered as a mentor for Ocean Gate before he knew a scholarship was possible. Both working hard to remake their lives. What we are all about.



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

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!*

MONEY? We have about \$16,800.00 in the bank at this writing. \$1000 donation still due us for Benjamin Walters being in a movie shoot and we have billed the District \$4500 for the first half of the District sails. We also received 250.00 from Police Credit Union since one of Lauranne's pictures was used in their calendar.

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.

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 and it is now live and on line. Go check out this great new design. www.bluewaterfoundation.org. Be sure to check out the movies on the site.



BOAT CONDITION

- 1. Bear:** Ben reported that when the battery switch is not left on “both” only one battery charges. This will have to be repaired but for now, keep them on both when leaving the boat. The floor boards need painting and Captain Marc is looking for volunteers to help with that.
- 2. Aleta:** Ken contacting repair people to discuss fixing the head. Stay tuned.
- 3. Benjamin Walters:** Various minor repairs at Owner’s expense. Canvas work.
- 4. Fernweh:** Captain Bill’s 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch, is almost done with rerig and mast repair, only tuning left.

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 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.

LAT 38 contacted us for inclusion in their community sailing calendar and we have provided them a list of our programs. Should be in the next issue.

Lee, April and Bill will be doing a presentation at the Ballena Bay Yacht Club to see if new volunteers are interested...this Thursday night.

CAPTAIN COLM IS SORTING OUT THE ORACLE CLOTHING DONATED TO BLUE WATER THIS SUNDAY AT PIER 40 AT 1400 HOURS AND WOULD LIKE SOME HELP...WE MAY DONATE OR SELL, BUT FIRST STEP IS TO SORT.

KATE HAS RETURNED AND IS EXPLORING BEGINNING A SAILING PROGRAM WITH PINOLE MIDDLE SCHOOL...STAY TUNED.

YAPACOPIA, an insurance brokerage firm, wants to include Blue Water as a charity that receives contributions from them as a named nonprofit...they donate part of their profits to nonprofits. No strings. After discussion, the Board approved.

Lee and April are to develop a certification method for sexual harassment avoidance education and a process for investigating claims. This will be presented to the Board for approval.

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.

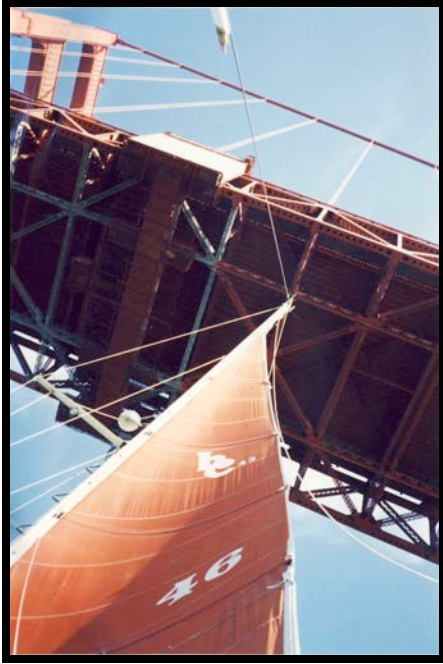
FACE BOOK REPORT: We are now up to 616 Friends and we are in 42 countries.



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. 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 DECEMBER 8, 2015

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.

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...