



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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***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 and the one after that is January 21.** 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.**

**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. These sails are scheduled to begin in January or February, weather permitting.

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.

Next scheduled is EDGEWOOD SCHOOL with a sail on January 7, 1030-2:00 on Bear;

The Student Conservation Association who met with us last meeting have asked for three sails, all on Sundays; They are February 7; February 21 and April 24. The February 7<sup>th</sup> sail is on Aleta, the other sails on Bear. Captain Les will be on board and needs crew and captains.

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.

**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.

It was decided to suspend the Program for now and put the resources into various projects with various youth probation departments as more fully discussed below.



## 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:

The current class is going great and we just finished the Graduation sail in which certificates were handed out to the students and they showed family and friends what they have learned. The final sail for this class is **DECEMBER 19 NIGHT SAIL** Meet at about 500 on Saturday night, show the students what night sailing is like, back by eleven. Contact Lee to get on board...space limited. Thereafter, we will do monthly sails for a few months before we begin our next class.

Recall 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 [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@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 IS SET UP FOR FEBRUARY 6 WITH THE DEPARTMENTS INTERESTED AT WHICH WE WILL EXPLORE EXPANDING OUR EFFORTS WITH INCARCERATED YOUTH. STAY TUNED.**





### **SAFETY:**

It was noted by the Board that safety of students requires any trip up the mast for fun to have a knot (not a shackle) on the bosun's chair and a safety line attached. Safety, safety, safety. Adventure need not be dangerous...

**HARRASSMENT POLICY ADOPTED:** The board reviewed the proposed harassment policy that had been created by April and Lee added some clarifications, adopted it both as the policy of Blue Water and also to be part of our certification process in that all volunteers must read the three page document and agree to its terms before being certified. The policy shall be on our website, volunteer page, in the next week. *Note that anyone having questions or a complaint can approach either Bill Mania and/or April Bell to voice their complaint and an investigation will ensue.*

### **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 participated in the Ocean Gate graduation sail 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.

## Certification Trainings and Newly Scheduled:

1. FIRST AID/CPR will be taught again by Les in March. Stay tuned.
2. Captain Bill is running various certification sails on Fernweh (his Morgan 46) Bear to help develop more crew...next certification is **DECEMBER 12**, this Sunday. Volunteer Spot to get on board
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 \$21,000 in the bank at this writing. We also received a commitment from volunteer Nathan Chen to contribute ten thousand dollars and to attempt to contribute another twenty thousand over the next year. He is confident he can do that since he is actively starting a major new nonprofit effort (described below) and his goal is to fund the basic budget of Blue Water on an annual basis assuming all goes well. For now, we are delighted at the prospect of ten thousand being received in the immediate future. Stay tuned. We also received 4900 from the School District.

**BLOOD HOUND NON PROFIT**: The Board instructed Marty and Lee to enter into agreement with Nathan's new foundation until it receives its 501C3 status to hold the money for them, assuming such status is achieved by mid-year. A written agreement will have to be created and the money held in trust for them. Nathan has received as a donation a 100 foot plus replica of a 1880s American's Cup Racer (Bloodhound) which is active in the LA area and which he hopes to use to establish a major sailing program for youth, veterans and others. He has invited Blue Water people to visit his vessel at its Marina Del Rey slip and plans to share voyages with Blue Water, sending some of his students to the Bay Area to use our boats and vice versa with our kids to LA. Exciting concepts here and the Board immediately fell in love with the beautiful classic Blood Hound. More on this in the coming newsletters.

**MEDIA COMMITTEE** APRIL'S NEW INTRODUCTORY VIDEO ABOUT BLUE WATER IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL TO USE TO INTEREST NEW VOLUNTEERS OR FUNDERS...AND IS ALSO ON LINE ON OUR HOME PAGE. CHECK IT OUT. [WWW.BLUEWATERFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.BLUEWATERFOUNDATION.ORG).

**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...)

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](http://www.bluewaterfoundation.org). Be sure to check out the movies on the site.

Louie also has a calendar of his sailing photos being sold on Amazon as we write.



## **BOAT CONDITION**

**1. Bear:** The baby stay hydraulics are not working and Marc is discussing with Jim perhaps replacing them with a standard baby stay.

**2. Aleta:** Waiting on a part to finish fixing the head. Stay tuned.

**3. Benjamin Walters:** New hot water heater, blocks, safety gear, all at Owner's expense. Canvas work.

**4. Fernweh:** Captain Bill's 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch, is mounting a new mizzen, he has almost entirely replaced all standing rigging with some help from some of the volunteers and he is certifying new crew regularly...including this Sunday at ten. Bottom cleaned, new roller furling. All at owner expense. And...a bath tub.

**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. We have three new experienced volunteers deriving from our presentation at a yacht club in Alameda.

**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](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 624 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 JANUARY 12, 2016

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.

**You can't do everything...but you can change the world.  
Reach out...**