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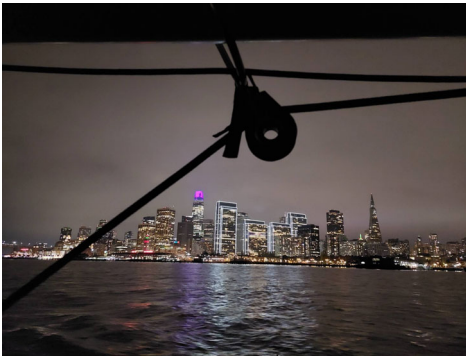
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MEETINGS ARE ALL ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME...THIRTY PLUS YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION. NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP.

USE OUR WEBSITE EVENTS LINK ("Get Involved" button) TO SIGN UP FOR SAILS OR CONTACT THE SAIL ORGANIZER.



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAILS BEGIN AGAIN!! JANUARY 13, JANUARY 20, JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 10, FEBRUARY 17, are our first set of sails scheduled (and there are more going to the end of the school year) since the District put them on hold due to the virus. Sign up! Note the District requires proof of vaccination to participate on these sails and David has altered our website certification page so that it is easily uploaded.

This thirty plus year tradition of taking every public Middle and High School in SF sailing, often with police onboard, will now continue and captains and crew are needed to sign on as well as for the numerous new community sails described below.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing and expanding:

1. Hanna Center for Boys, a residential treatment center, JANUARY 6 on Bear
2. CP Mentorship Sail on Bear JANUARY 16
3. Youth Alive, an Oakland nonprofit providing services to that community is interested in setting up sails. Stay tuned.
4. Huckleberry Program, another long-standing entity serving youth is interested in setting up sails. Stay tuned.
5. In February or March, the student council sail for our first Marin School District sail will occur: stay tuned for precise dates. This will be a Tuesday sail on Bear.

Captain Hugh is still checking out possible additional sails with Alameda schools.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION SECOND CLASS OF YEAR CONTINUES. We have had several great classes including a live MOB drill in which our students picked the swimmer up in less than six minutes. We have one more double sail with Aleta set and then the graduation potluck double family/friend sail for our students. Sign up on the website.

EI DORADO PROBATION will be beginning soon and may bring down students from other probation departments in the rural area of the Sierras.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION Now doing monthly sails, leaving from Berkeley. These are regularly scheduled for the next several months.

SF COUNTY is still working on the type of program they will want given the current state of confusion as to their own students. They have suggested we make contact with the Huckleberry Program above in the meantime and one of our members has family on the Board of that organization, so these sails are likely to begin soon.

MARIN JUVENILE PROBATION has also contacted Blue Water and we plan to begin sails with them probably in the Spring. Recall one of their people joined us on the first Alameda Probation sail to see how we work and was excited to expand this to Marin County.

RACING PROGRAM

Camp Sweeney has now signed onto our first Probation Department racing program and Captain Andrew will take out selected students on his Olson 40 to show them what a race looks like and gauge enthusiasm. This will happen in January...and then the real planning for the racing team will begin.



MAKE AND MEND DAYS

Our final MAKE AND MEND will be on Golden Bear in the City, in Spring, once the rain recedes...stay tuned for details. Make and Mend on Benjamin and Aleta occurred some months ago.

MAKE AND MEND is a good chance for non-sailors to learn a lot about the vessels...and to meet the hundred or so volunteers that make this organization work!

Training & Certification:

The quickest way to move up the certification ladder...and a lot of fun.

1. First Aid and CPR –Our next class will be at Golden Gate Yacht Club in Spring... FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. Remember, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE "HANDS ON" PRACTICE.



2. Certification sail on Aleta now scheduled for **January 15**, including MOB drill.
3. Golden Bear scheduled for **January 21**.
4. Benjamin Walters has a day certification sail set for **January 23**
5. And recall if come on a sail as a guest or crew, make sure the captain checks out your skills and you can move along the certification list.

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS PAGE.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Since we are now teaching many probation departments, we have decided to formalize our curriculum of the classes and the teaching aids we will be needing. Luckily, we have many current and former teachers in Blue Water and the current math teacher at Sweeney will also be on the committee. We are now exchanging outlines and plans. Stay tuned for our various proposals and if interested in joining, contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, in Spring probably...Depending on status of Covid.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: Colm will be checking the tightness of the forward hatch just installed. Captains David and Andrew are planning an elastic system to hold back the running backstays is being designed. Lazy jacks blocks are being removed to save the sails and an analysis of the cost benefit for repair of the soft spot under one stanchion

ALETA: The aluminum stringers are being further checked for possible repair. An Engine service may be due, and Captain Andrew will see if he can handle that. Spare gas and a top up were purchased by Captain Eric. We now have spare fuel cannisters on Aleta.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: New windlass still being installed, should be finished at last in another week. New main halyard winch purchased and installed. All at owner expense.

BROCHURE FOR HANDING OUT

At the request of SF Harbor Master, we have revamped our brochure so it fits more easily in racks and that will be delivered by Marty in the next few weeks. Marty has more to give to those volunteers who ask and what to hand them to interested people.

INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Captain Steve is working with the various bosuns to create a short term and long-term maintenance budget both to ideally reduce the insurance cost and maintain the boats and develop an appropriate budget. Stay tuned.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION

The sail for Camp Sweeney with Gaslight was postponed due to covid at the Camp. We will be setting up a new date soon and once Marin County is on board with sails, will be discussing work with Mathew Turner. Let's hope the virus stays docile enough so that these two great partners can work with us.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED AGAIN.

Due to Covid, we are delaying...again... our "annual party" which was already put off last year due to the virus. It looks now as the venue will be either South Beach or the Golden Gate Yacht Club and it will be in late Spring. At the party we will have our awards for Volunteers of the Year, Bosun's award, and Partner of the Year. Due to the Virus, this will

have to be a two-year Volunteer of the Year award, etc. Entertainment, food and a chance to see the large number of new members who have joined us over the past two years. These have always been a high light for our organization as we get to see all the volunteers and the partner organizations we work with and realize the power of what we do. Most likely March or April will be our “coming out from Covid” party.

WEB SITE DEVELOPMENTS

Our web gurus have now allowed pictures to be downloaded for each volunteer which will help captains and other volunteers get to know all of us. [Go to the site and get your picture on your certification page.](#)

MONEY: \$21,776 in the bank.

Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... And insurance costs have just about doubled to 16,000 annually...Boats eat money. No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...

President Shannon is planning a President's Party with Gaslight and will be working with setting up Giving Tuesday on our website. Check it out.

Thank you sails for donors was discussed and, in most cases, we can do a half day thank you for \$750.00 minimum already donated and full day thank you for \$1500.00 minimum already donated. We cannot sell sails...these are to thank our donors only. More of course welcome...but that should be the donation to make it worth while for crew and boat time. Marty is developing the concept of a corporate training event that might be worthwhile...stay tuned.



INTERSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: A PROGRAM YOU CAN JOIN AND HELP EVEN IF YOU STAY ON LAND:

INTERSHIPS:

Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students. Once the pandemic is fully over, we shall begin the process of matching probation kids with businesses wanting to give them a door to our world. Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

In terms of scholarships, Sategna Foundation, our long time partner, is developing a new form of grant for our Sweeney students. The founder owns a home in a village in Tuscany in which community is all. The concept is to send one or two students there for two weeks where they will live with the founder and be exposed to an entirely different world, one in which values, connection and culture is remarkably different. This shock exposure worked for the founder with a German student a decade or two ago and it might work to show these students where differences can exist in the world...and IF combined with an internship or scholarship upon his return, may be the type of thing to change a life. This program will begin in late Spring. Also recall that Sategna Foundation has agreed to fund an

additional Sweeney student once our selection process is completed. While welcome, given the ongoing needs of current recipients, we need additional sources of funding for our scholarships. Josue' from Camp Sweeney continues to excel in the nursing program, straight As. Josue' is working full time, taking loans and we are helping him make this happen.

We will now contribute to his schooling an additional three thousand dollars along with the \$2500 from Sategna and the next year begins for this deserving student.

We want to enlarge the program to more students. Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

Recall that April, who creates videos of family history is developing an application for iPhones that allows people to make and edit short videos on the phone...something that can be kept on the phone and used to memorialize our sails and show possible volunteers and funders precisely what we do and shared with other volunteers for outreach. April reports that the program is nearly done, and she will be sending out Beta to various selected persons to test out in the next month.

April also indicated that she wants to attend sails as the “media person “rather than captain or crew and that concept was welcomed by the Board.

Zoom...if you are not already on the registered list, go to our Get Involved link on our website and register to receive the Zoom invitation. Contact Captain David if necessary and he will give you a link... David Mischel dmischel@gmail.com



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS THAT CAN HELP MAKE THIS THREE DECADES OLD ORGANIZATION CONTINUE TO EXPAND...WHETHER SAILOR OR NOT, WE NEED YOU...MORE, THE CHILDREN NEED YOU...

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 11, 2022, BY ZOOM.

Be in the business of doing
something besides making
money.

— Laura Roberts

