



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2022 (via ZOOM)

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THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

The sails are now scheduled for the rest of the year with a waiting list. Captain Les can always use more captains and crew, and this program...our first...is doing well after thirty-two years of taking kids out. On Golden Bear in the City. We are talking to the police about attending the sails again so they can interact with kids in a non-adversarial setting...the shortage of officers has caused us to have an hiatus of that for the past few years. We hope to start it again...

MARIN COUNTY

The Huckleberry youth program operates in Marin and expressed interest in working with Blue Water. We had a conference call to plan the Marin program and anticipate sails very early next year. Our first regular program in Marin County!

PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Piedmont School District had their second sail, and all had a great time. They donated to Blue Water to make sure we can keep this going. Expect more sails.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are expanding with more scheduled for this year than at any time in the past: we need volunteers to sign up for those sails!!

1. *Huckleberry Program San Francisco* have indicated they want a program with Blue Water for the At Risk and other challenged students and possibly to have some of their students mentor our other students. They will contact us in January, and we will begin to schedule this new program....recall they are taking over many of the responsibilities once performed by SF Juvenile Probation.
2. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children have now scheduled sails for January 24 and February 28 and intend to continue once a month sails. On Golden Bear.
3. *Project Avery* (children with incarcerated parents) will be contacted by Captain Les...they are old friends of Blue Water.
4. *Greenagers*, a community group we have worked with for well over a decade, plans on sails later this year.
5. We had our second sail with the visually impaired who are already excellent sailors and anxious to get out on the water again and commence various programs, including a racing program and a program in which they mentor some of our probation students. We are having a meeting this week to formulate the initial programs. If interested in joining this effort, contact Mariette at Mariette.Lapiz@comcast.net who will be running the program.
6. On January 26 Bear will be taking out the SF District LGBTQ service group.
7. PACT, a program dealing with adoption of children of color, would like to have sails with us and Captain Les is setting that up. These may be double sails and they will be out of Berkeley.
8. The TI sailing program may be asking if our larger Blue Water boats can work with their students, long used to smaller boats. We will be discussing this further with them over the coming months.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION We just finished the Xmas lights sail and the Xmas breakfast party if this Friday. Classes will then continue every two weeks or so. Both Benjamin and Aleta are now working with this class.

EI DORADO PROBATION We will set up again in a month or so. These kids come down early all the way from Tahoe...and love it.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION The sails are now on hiatus with reorganization in the department...likely will again sail but under a different format. Stay tuned.

SF COUNTY is still working on the type of program they will want given the current state of confusion as to their own students. Huckleberry Program is handling most of their students and we expect regular sails to be set up in February, both a regular class type program (Life Skills Program, six classes) and perhaps another variation. This may mirror the program being set up for Marin County. Again, possible racing team here.





RACING PROGRAM

Captain Andrew and his Olson 40 remains ready, and we are now discussing our first team with various probation departments and other organizations. This could be a life changing experience. If it works for these students, we may expand the program to include more racing teams from the probation departments and community groups. The new program involving visually impaired may also have a racing component. Stay tuned.



MAKE AND MEND DAYS – and Damage to Golden Bear

Recall a St Francis boat hit Bear while Bear was at her dock, and we will need some hull work also done. An emergency repair to keep the boat safe was done by some of our captains and we are using her on sails until a full job can be done to put her back looking good. We are still dealing with St Francis, who admit fault, to arrange for the repair but their insurance company is not offering what we consider appropriate compensation. This may lead to litigation. Captain Andrew is taking the lead on the negotiations.

In Spring we will schedule another full day Make and Mend Day for all three boats where minor work is done, potluck, and a lot of fun. We will set the precise date in a few months.



Training & Certification:

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

1. First Aid and CPR –Our last class was at Golden Gate Yacht Club on NOVEMBER 12, 2022. Another one will be scheduled in the next few months. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. We will be scheduling them regularly just as we do with certification sails.



2. Benjamin Walters had a gale certification sail and another day certification already scheduled for 2/17.

3. Aleta next certification sail is January 14.

4. Golden Bear has her next certification sail on February 4, with live overboard drill.

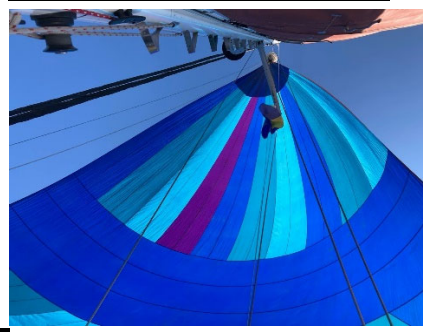
5. And recall if come on a sail as a guest or crew, make sure the captain checks out your skills and you can move along the certification list.

6. Boaters Cards are now required by the State for most Californians and we have made it a requirement for certification. The class is entirely on line, easily taken and useful to refresh your knowledge.

We have many new certified captains, including first captains, as well as new certified crew. Given our expanding programs, this is great news.

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. Should start in late Spring.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: We still need repair due to accident with St Francis, but she is capable of sailing and is out more than once a week. The soft part on the deck near a stanchion needs work and the lifelines may need replacing soon. New dock lines are installed and we may put cleats on her. A porta potty is likely to be installed.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Deck work rebedding some of the plugs on the teak decks. All at owner expense.

DIVINE WIND: Captain Andrew reports all is well on board, and she is ready to race.

ALETA: Now out the yard with a new strut and shaft and in better shape than in years. Engine mounts adjusted, new shaft, new three blade prop, new dripless gland, deck lights resealed. The prop will not stop turning when the engine is off and slips out of gear at times. Paul will be discussing this issue with Berkeley Marine Center since they just did the work on her prop.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR SPRING

It looks now as the venue will be the Berkeley Yacht Club and it will be in 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 highlight 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. Want to help set all this up? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com

And, depending on Covid, we may set up a picnic before then. The Crab Cove at Alameda is being considered.

MONEY: \$13,022.00 in the bank after our massive payments for Aleta repair. We are still hassling with Alameda County over tax exemption for berth in Berkeley (the boat is already exempt.) We received over 4000.00 in donations, much of it from Giving Tuesday.

Remember, we need over \$50,000 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.... No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...so all you can do to raise money is welcome. You can contribute online at our website and since we are a nonprofit, all donations are tax deductible....

President Shannon is planning a fund-raising party on Gaslight in the Spring and Benjamin Walters has received sums for taking groups out. She is also putting in our application to the St Francis Sailing Foundation now that Covid is lowered to the point where our sails have begun again.



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

INTERNSHIPS:

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: the new Italian Program:

Josue, the former Sweeney student, is going into his last year of a BS in nursing and we received a dedicated donation of five thousand dollars to help him make it through the last expensive year. Think...from incarcerated at Sweeney to the top of the nursing profession...while working full time and getting all A's. An inspiration to the rest of us.

In terms of scholarships, **Sategna Foundation**, has developed 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. IF combined with an internship or scholarship upon his return, may be the type of thing to change a life.

This program is being developed with help from various probation departments and will begin next year. Lee and Jim are putting together the Italian program and invite others to help.

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.



ZOOM...

We have a new zoom link....the old one expired....so 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

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NEXT MEETING JANUARY 10, 2022, BY ZOOM.

33 years of doing this....35,000 students taken to sea...the first kids we took out may have grandkids now!
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