



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

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION

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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.

Next sails on January 11, February 4 and January 18, January 25, February 8. Want on board? Sign up on volunteer spot or call 415-392-2018 and we will explain how to sign up. Police on board most sails so the students and police can interact off the streets and on the water.

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. These sails will begin in earnest in May with sails on May 5, May 12, June 2...stay tuned.



OCEAN'S GATE PROGRAM-PROBATION DEPARTMENTS

The ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT students from Camp Sweeney have sails scheduled on **January 14** and **February 11**.

SAN FRANCISCO PROBATION has sails scheduled for **January 20** and **February 17**.

Weekend sails in both cases and these incarcerated students make up the best sailors we take out.

Recall we also are providing sails for El Dorado County probation department El Dorado probation wants a sail in **February**. Stay tuned.



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

OTHER PROBATION DEPARTMENTS (Contra Costa, Nevada City, Santa Clara, Marin and perhaps one or two others) wish to consider working with us and instituting a program such as Ocean Gate with their students. **The Chiefs of Probation state wide also awarded Blue Water Foundation their highest award for community service!**



PARK AND REC SAILS SCHEDULED:

San Francisco Park and Rec has scheduled six sails on Golden Bear for this summer: June 22, June 29, July 13, July 20, July 27, August 3, August 10 and August 17. Always great people to work with.



EMERYVILLE CELEBRATION! On **March 24**, in the afternoon, the City of Emeryville will have a marina celebration and has invited Blue Water to man a booth at which the proceeds will go to Blue Water. Our President Shannon is coordinating it and if you want to help, contact her.

AWARDS CELEBRATION: And Recall our Annual **AWARDS PARTY** at the Berkeley Yacht Club is the **evening of March 24**. Dinner, dancing, and celebration of the volunteers of the year and Ocean Gate award winner as well as community awards to those in various community and governmental organizations who have helped Blue Water beyond the call...

Certification Trainings:

1. **FIRST AID/CPR** will be taught again by Les **MARCH 10 AT 930 AT LOCALE TO BE ANNOUNCED** (Free to volunteers.)
2. 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 \$13,000 in the bank at this writing. Could use more and we have some volunteers who have agreed to see if additional money can be raised for repair and maintenance of the boats. Could use some help if you are interested.



BOAT CONDITION

1. Bear: John G. has worked to make sure all of our boats are fully documented with appropriate signage and documents on board. This includes Bear and Aleta. John G is also checking the fire extinguishers to make sure we have fully functioning units.

2. Aleta: Her last sail demonstrated our level of maintenance needs to be improved with insufficient lubricant in the transmission. At our next meeting, we will consider expanding the committee working to maintain and improve Aleta and Golden Bea, including checklist before going out and upon arriving at dock and maintenance logs.

3. Benjamin Walters: Will be getting new life raft in the next month and has spent at owner's expense over ten thousand in electrical work over the past few months.

4. Fernweh: Captain Bill's 1979 Morgan 46-foot ketch, continues to be improved, all at owner expense.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE: This is our welcoming committee for people interested in joining as volunteers, made up of Les, Lee and Debbie. Could use some more...

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 David and he 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.

DIABLO MAGAZINE AWARD: The Threads of Hope Award of Diablo Magazine was awarded to Blue Water and its founder for work with at risk children and the interview/video of Lee is on our website now. This also resulted in a magazine spread and a letter from a State Senator.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR: THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR TO RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS ON MARCH 24 ARE **KEN JANKE** AND **LES SCHLESINGER!** THE OCEAN GATE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR IS **DAVID MISCHER!** CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THEM! SEE THEM GET THEIR AWARDS ON MARCH 24...

COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS have also been awarded to **FRANK LOZANO, MARC HUMPHRIES AND MARY MICHAEL WATTS** who have all worked within their

respective agencies to make these programs succeed. Awards to be given out on March 24 at our party at the Berkeley Yacht Club.

CAPTAIN AND CREW PINS AND HATS FOR CERTIFIED CREW:

Pins for Captains 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.

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.



Scholarship Committee Report:

Eric and Joanne and their committee are now working closely with Sategna Foundation and a new program being begun in Alameda County to try to help 18-21-year-old felons who have their record cleared if they complete the program...and have housing and support and mentors to help them on their way. Stay tuned.

OYSTER POINT YACHT CLUB CONNECTION: And Captain Leonard is working with Oyster Point to see how we can blend efforts to help youth in the south Bay. He will report his progress at the next meeting and we plan a presentation at that club in the next few months.

OUR TECH EXPERT CAPTAIN DAVID CONTINUES TO WORK ON A SCHEDULING VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM TO INSTALL THIS COMING YEAR AND REPORTS GOOD PROGRESS.

JOANNE HAS ORDERED NEW STRONGER FLAGS FOR BLUE WATER TO FLY ON OUR BOATS. WILL ARRIVE SOON.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 9, 2018

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.

You can't do everything...but you can change the world. Do it now...