



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2018

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USE OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP FOR SAILS OR CONTACT THE SAIL ORGANIZER TO GET ON BOARD. CLICK ON "GET INVOLVED" AND ALL OF OUR SAILS ARE LISTED, AND YOU CAN SIGN UP ON LINE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATED DAILY. BECOME A FRIEND AND YOU WILL GET UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHANGES TO SCHEDULE AND EVENTS.



SCHEDULE OF SAILS: Go to our website and click on the **Get Involved** link to see our coming sails and events for many months of the future and you can join the sail by following the links and signing up as a volunteer or guest. We have several sails each week now and are looking for those to work the boats both weekends and weekdays. You can make a big difference. www.bluewaterfoundation.org.

Several new programs are currently being considered:

1. Sails with SF Probation with students not incarcerated but on probation. We will take the probation officers and some juvenile court judges sailing next month so they can see what the experience is like. The judges will have to "sentence" the kids to community work and this program may be part of that...thus we need to educate the judges as to what we are all about.
2. Sails with patients at a mental health facility. (Gladman) Our first sail will be with their staff, so they can check out the experience. Check the Get Involved link. January 25.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

ALL THREE BOATS NOW HAVE AT LEAST FOUR CERTIFICATION SAILS SET UP FOR THE COMING YEAR. THESE SAILS HAVE NO KIDS ON BOARD, SIMPLY A FULL DAY OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION, INCLUDING LIVE MOB DRILLS ON MANY OF THE SAILS. A GOOD WAY TO BUILD UP TO NEW CERTIFICATION IN A SINGLE DAY OF HARD AND FUN SAILING. AND LIVE MOB. CHECK THE GET INVOLVED LINK AND SIGN UP!!!! Note you can also be certified simply by attending sails and asking the captain to check off your skills.

The next CPR and FIRST AID COURSE will again be taught by Captain Les, since the last one was maxed out. We will schedule another one in a few months. Required for full certification, free to volunteers.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall we have scholarships for selected students from the Sategna Foundation and our scholarship committee continues to monitor past recipients and plan for the next round of grants. We still have money to provide for vocational or college scholarships. Could use some volunteers to help. Interested? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

More EVENTS:

1. **ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY APRIL 27 AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB.** Food, drink, boats at dock, entertainment, and awards to those volunteers and community helpers who make this work. Stay tuned for more details.
2. **NEW COMMUNITY GROUP FOR SAILING.** TLC which is a housing entity that provides housing for young adults who have "aged" out of the Foster Care system is coming down all the way from Santa Rosa for a sail on August 23 (Delayed due to air quality during fires)...sign up and show them what the sea can offer.
3. **CEREMONY TO PUT JIM RUMER'S MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON GOLDEN BEAR.**



JIM RUMER WITH BEN WENGROFSKY

Recall we are placing a memorial plaque in honor of Jim Rumer, the now deceased volunteer who did so much to keep Bear (and our other boats) up and running, with his wife and children there to see the event. We are also having a new annual award for the bosun or volunteer who showed the most skill and enthusiasm for keeping the boats up and it will be the **Jim Rumer Award**. Lee and Joanne are getting the plaque arranged. **THE PLAQUE WILL BE PLACED ON GOLDEN BEAR AT OUR AWARDS PARTY ON APRIL 27 ALONG WITH THE FIRST PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD BY JIM'S FAMILY TO THE PROUD RECIPIENT!**

MONEY? Yes, 12,124.41. David reported on fund-raising efforts and a general discussion ensued as to creating an annual budget for submission for various grants. David said he would work on that with help from his committee and Shannon. Marty reported that we raised about \$9000.00 via Go Fund Me and Face Book and he hopes for year end donations to help more.

Hours Sailed Report Available: David reported that he continues to improve our website for volunteers and now it is possible to have a record of your total hours on the water and volunteering-this can be useful for some of our student volunteers.



BOAT CONDITION

1. Bear's deck and stanchions need some work and we are arranging for this ten-day effort to occur between sails in the next two months. This will require professional fiberglass work.
2. Aleta needs her packing gland serviced and discussion continues as to repower her or more engine work.
3. Benjamin, at owner's expense, has finished installing all new running rigging and has purchased six new rain pants for the Gleaming Ocean students, again at owner expense.



BOATER'S CARD

Safety Officer David again pointed out that a Boaters' Card is now required by the State of California, for anyone who operates a vessel in California waters...starting this year with anyone 16-20 years of age, but the age limit rises each year.

The Board approved that by the end of 2018 each certified volunteer should have a boater's card. One gets one on line by taking a simple on-line exam and listening to an on-line video. Go to <http://californiaboaterscard.com/applynow/>. Directions are on line, it costs ten dollars. Show the card to any first captain as part of your certification by the end of 2018.

Note certain people do not need to get the card: members of various governmental agencies (Coast Guard, police,) and those already holding a Coast Guard license (Masters, six pack, etc.). Further, if you are only taking the wheel under direct supervision of a captain, you do not need the card. BUT THE COURSE IS GOOD AND USEFUL, AND YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY GET IT IF YOU CAN. Why not? Anything to make you a better sailor...the kids depend on us...

PRIVACY POLICY FOR OUR WEBSITE: David has pointed out that we should establish a reasonable privacy policy for the information we have for certification and on our website and he and Louis will develop one for consideration by the Board.

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 8, 2018 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 2TH FLOOR, 48 GOLD STREET, SF, FIVE BLOCKS FROM BART, IN JACKSON SQUARE



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