



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2020 (via ZOOM)

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PANDEMIC CANCELLATION OF ALL STUDENT SAILS AT LEAST UNTIL FEBRUARY. CREW AND CAPTAIN TRAINING CONTINUES WITH COVID PROTOCOL ADOPTED. WE HOPE TO BE OPEN AGAIN WITH ALL OF OUR MANY SAILS AND PROGRAMS IN A FEW MORE MONTHS. MEANWHILE...UP YOUR CERTIFICATION STATUS!

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

ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME...THIRTY YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION.



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

CANCELLED BY DISTRICT. STAY TUNED FOR WHEN THEY BEGIN AGAIN.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

CANCELLED!!

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION: EL DORADO PROBATION AND NOW ALAMEDA COUNTY: ALL CANCELLED FOR NOW. STAY TUNED

FOR NEW DATES. All the counties are anxious to begin the sails again but have not yet adopted appropriate procedures. See below for our own protection procedures.

Marin Juvenile Probation has also contacted Blue Water and we plan to begin sails with them once the pandemic recedes.

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: Our last sail was a night sail, both Benjamin Walters and Aleta leaving Berkeley and in the zero-wind motoring down the city front and even looping out the Gate on a beautiful night of magic. One of the Pos contacted us two weeks afterwards and said the students were still talking about it.

We will begin the same class in a few months but have review sessions since it is so long since their last “hands on” sail. Stay tuned for new dates.



REOPENING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.

DAVID M, SHANNON, COLM, AND AMY are the committee created to create a recommended set of policies for the Board as we move to further programs reopening. All volunteers should keep the following protocol in mind which was adopted by the Board some months ago:

COVID PROTOCOL ON BOARD:

The Board adopted the following protocol for when the sails with students begin again as well as for our own training to be supplemented by the various programs, we serve but altered the past protocol in that no longer are full fingered gloves required given the latest evidence that surfaces are not a major factor in spreading COVID:

The protocol:

•Volunteer (certification) only sails

- oWe are in conformity with regulations applied in the Bay Area (all state, area, and county guidelines for opening have been met)
- oNo more than three people below decks at a time.
- o All aboard answer required screening questions and pass the criteria
- oLive MOB training with the new protocol
 - (Possibly) temperature testing for fever

Kids sails

- oAll criteria for Volunteer sails have been met, including temperature and screening questions
- oSports activities involving contact (football, basketball) are allowed for kids by local regulation

- oApproval/agreement of partner organization
- oExecution of our expanded COVID waivers/permissions slips.
- oAll wear masks if still mandated by State or local authorities

A committee of Captains David, Steve and Aleko have now developed a Covid MOB procedure which will allow us to begin that training again...essentially, returning to the old Life Sling method of running the haul up line back to a winch so a single person can crank the person in the water up. We now have several MOB drills set for January through March and a dozen crew and captains who await that final skill to be fully certified are signing up.



Training & Certification

Since our student sails are delayed, we are concentrating on certifying and increasing the level of certification of our many new volunteers. These full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. We have developed pandemic safe protocol for the training as described above. We are also scheduling more CPR-First Aid Red Cross certified training since that is also a prerequisite to full certification.

First Aid and CPR –JANUARY 30, 2021, 48 Gold Street, second floor. This is free to volunteers and includes both First Aid Training and CPR. Due to COVID, you do an online program first, then some hands on at this course. All explained on our sign-up page on the webpage.

Many volunteers have done a dozen or more of these over the years, but they need to be renewed. Les has checked the records and your name below indicates when you must renew.

Until 12/2020

Jim Biggs
 Daniel Sisson
 Jim Waterwash
 John Pimlott
 Arnie Thompson
 Paul Fetherston
 Paul Virk
 Kevin Cangemi
 Suzanne Andrews

Until 2/2021

Jill Barnes

Until 4/2021

Michael Kastner

Until 5/2021

Bridget Hickey
 Lynn M
 Aleko

Deborah Hall
Amy Oates
Jim Stanton
Emilio Medrano
Gabriel Chang
Mariette Lapiz

Until 10/2021

Steve K
Jay Conners
Elisha Wood-Charlson
David Doering
Elena Joy Pelen
Tim Hadlock
Matilda Dagberg

Until 8/2022

Sam Gebb
Alex Jones
Lorraine Masi
David Mischel
Mari Murayama
Darya Pilram
Hugh Shinn
Lee Stimmel
Robert Tseng
Judith Zimmermann

Until 10/2022

Louis Benainous
Robin Collin
Eric Downing
Dan Jones
Shannon Kastner
Leonard Lee
Joanne Martin
Aquinnah Todd
Matt Zarem

Recall all of us must be certified in First Aid and CPR to be certified crew and captains and, of course, many have taken courses outside of Blue Water...

Certification Sails-Training: We have instituted a full protocol for training in these virus days...masks required.

Trainings now scheduled:

1. Night certification sail on Benjamin Walters January 15
2. Day certification sail on Benjamin Walters February 6
3. Overboard live practice Benjamin Walters January 17
4. Aleta will have her own training schedule set up and she is now in Berkeley.

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS PAGE.

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, but the pandemic must recede, and the vessel is being repowered in February so it will be out of commission for a month. Stay tuned.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR:

Recall we have:

1. Repainted bottom, one coat -- (one coat, Petit Trinidad Blue antifouling paint)
2. Sail Drive - inspect; anticipating corrosion on intake due to electrolysis incident (electrolysis has been resolved).
3. Fuel Line, tank to/from engine - line has been installed to be in compliance with insurance inspection.
4. Knot Meter - add sensor and head unit
5. Depth Gauge - install transponder, and head unit
6. Unused Seacock (Starboard, aft) – filled.
7. Backstay hydraulic back stay repaired (had a leak) (be sure to keep some pressure on it all the time.)

ALETA: Back in slip after haul-out at Berkeley Marine Center, bottom painted, cutlass bearing work, hydraulic backstay repaired, and the small hole in the starboard bow repaired. New fire extinguishers. Needs some hose clamps and time for engine service. She also needs steaming light repaired.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: In February List Marine will replace the current 40-year-old Isuzu with a new Yanmar 57. The vessel will be unavailable for about a month. All at owner expense. Meanwhile, the current engine is fine for Bay sailing and training in compliance with our Pandemic guidelines.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION? GASLIGHT CONNECTION?

Both the Mathew Turner and Bay Lights Charters who operate traditional schooners would like to have some probation sails in conjunction with Blue Water Foundation. Planning continues and our goal is to have the boats have one or two classes on board, with Blue Water mentors also present, so that our probation students get additional experience and instruction on these magnificent vessels. Alameda County is on board but all sails for all vessels are on hold until the pandemic lifts. Stay tuned for dates.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be spring or summer. Stay tuned for a date. At the party we will have our awards for Volunteers of the Year, Bosun's award, and Partner of the Year. In a few months we will be sending out information on method of selection of Volunteers of the Year award as well as awards for our partners in the community. The party committee is now Lee, Mariette and Joanne and will be looking for more volunteers a few months before the party which is to be at BYC or GGYC.

ANOTHER BEACH/BAY CLEANUP? Joanne will be setting up another clean up for volunteers similar to what we have already done twice during this pandemic. She hopes for January and will advise. Keep checking Events Page.

MONEY: \$26,316 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development Committee continues to work with various potential donors and plan an auction at our annual party. The recent haul outs have drained our coffers to some extent, and we have large insurance bills due soon so our funds so the Development Committee will have to find other sources in very tough times.

Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... Boats eat money.

OUR MONEY GOES TO PROGRAMS AND THE BOATS. NO PAYROLL, NO BIG OVERHEAD.

GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB has a youth sailing program using its own dinghies and has interest in some type of joint program for racing with some of our students. The long-term goal...a racing team of probation students! This program is, again, delayed due to the virus but stay tuned. Captains Lee and Andrew will be setting up a meeting with SF Probation to explore this further during this hiatus in our sails.

AVON AND HIS FUNERAL EXPENSE

One of our best students in the Ocean Gate Program died a month ago, drowning when he fell off a pier. His grandma asked for donations for his funeral and many Blue Water people donated significant amounts. Avon came to SF Probation to try to convince potential students as to how he loved it, despite having to be woken up early by his grandma on weekends to get there. A few months ago, one of our volunteers, taking Muni, heard some kids in the back arguing about sailing dynamics and turned in his seat and to his surprise saw three kids that looked like they came from the hood in heated debate about best ways to sail. One of them was Avon who looked up in surprise, grinned, and waved.

A great loss....

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

Eric G. Lee and Joanne are working on the description of the Internship Program that we will be presenting to probation departments and businesses and we hope to get this off the ground in the next several months when the economy opens again...So far, we have had two great successes.

We have submitted a grant request to the Sategna Foundation for more funding for our scholarships and our current recipient, Josue' continues to do well in his nursing BA degree course. We have now spent the grant from Sategna on him and need additional sources. We also need to link up with businesses for creation of internships. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students.

All these programs are truly lifechanging for the students...even if you do not sail, we need volunteers to help on the scholarships and internships and if interested, contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. This changes lives...this is you lighting a match to push back the darkness. Join us!



ONLINE TRAINING: Hugh, one of our certified crew, is continuing to explore online courses that can help our students learn even when not on board...and help our own certification process.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 12, 2021 a Zoom meeting

ZOOM:

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...and we will send out on our e mail list some days before the meeting as well. David Mischel dmischel@gmail.com



One of the POs on the Night Sail sighed and commented to Captain Lee that we had no idea just how many of our past probation sailors are now dead. "More than you can imagine," he said.

Now is the time to step up. Black Lives Matter is a great phrase...but it is time for action, and we need your help to show these students that Their Lives Matter. Help us help them...Sail with them, mentor them, show them that someone outside the gangs cares; help get them job training or a scholarship. Volunteer your time and energy or contribute...the time is now.