



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

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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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. The Sails Start! Next sails on February 18 (Rick and Dan captains) and February 25 (Marc and Ben captains.)

Captains Ben and Tim I act as coordinators for these sails and are looking to set up regular Thursday sailing crew similar to the regular crews we have with other programs. Lynn will be on the regular crew along with Ben.

POLICE OFFICERS NOW ATTENDING MOST SAILS AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM. CONTACT BEN TO GET ON BOARD OR GO TO VOLUNTEER SPOT.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MARINERS PROGRAM:

These Tuesday weekly sails remain on hold until staffing at the school is resolved.

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.

The Student Conservation Association have begun, the first a great success. These are on Sundays...the next are on **February 21 (Bear) and April 24 (Bear)**. Captain Les will be on board and needs crew and Ken captains on February 21 and we need another captain and crew for April 24.

Go to Volunteer Spot to sign on.

And in the far distance we have **Project Avary** for **May 21, 2016**. These are students with incarcerated parents, one of our favorite group of kids. And **Honor Jackson**, the ex NFL player, will want a sail for some of the kids in his foundation and we will be seeing if another ex NFL player, **Mike Carter**, of Catholic Charities, can join us.



OCEAN'S GATE PROGRAM-PROBATION DEPARTMENTS EXPANSION

The **ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT** students from Camp Sweeney make up the kids on these sails. Our first full-fledged multi month class has begun:

Our next sail with Camp Sweeney will be **FEBRUARY 21** on BENJAMIN WALTERS and is already staffed! We will be doing monthly sails until late spring when our next regular class will start

The Girls' Program at Camp Sweeney was approached by April and Captain Bill and they are also interested in participating in a sailing program. Their very first sail is scheduled on Fernweh for **MARCH 19** and Bill has already trained a largely woman crew to work these sails.

Recall we also are providing sails for El Dorado County probation department. El Dorado probation wants monthly sails...our next sail is **March 5, 2016**, on Fernweh, meeting in Richmond, Captains Bill and Lee. Volunteer Spot or contact Lee at Istimmel@stimmel-law.com.



OTHER PROBATION DEPARTMENTS (Contra Costa, Nevada City, Sonoma, perhaps one or two others) wish to consider working with us and instituting a program such as Ocean Gate with their students. It is already understood that Alameda County has priority on our resources but with Gleaming Ocean suspended for now, there is great interest in bringing in other probation departments.



SAN FRANCISCO PARK AND REC SAILS SCHEDULED:

San Francisco Park and Rec has scheduled three sails on Golden Bear for this summer: July 1; July 22; August 12. Always great people to work with.



EMERYVILLE SAILS: Once repaired, Aleta will participate in community sails and probation sails and is scheduling more sails with Emeryville Park and Rec. It is likely we will be using them far more on the probation sails described above. SHE NOW HAS A WORKING HEAD...a requirement of Probation Officer Lozo for his students! She also has some bottom issues and will be out of action for perhaps a month. See below.

Certification Trainings:

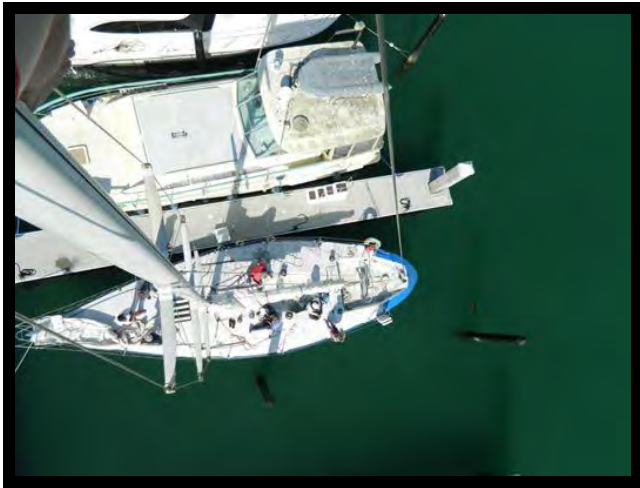
1. **FIRST AID/CPR** will be taught again by Les **FEBRUARY 20** (FOR THOSE VOLUNTEERS NOW UNCERTIFIED) AND **MARCH 12** (FOR THOSE RENEWING.) LAGUNA HONDA HOSPITAL...free for volunteers.
2. **NIGHT MOB PRACTICE.** THE OCEAN GATE PROGRAM...OR WHO WANT TO BE (since we take those students out at night.) **APRIL 23, FIVE AT BENJAMIN WALTERS.** Contact Lee to get on board (lstimmel@stimmel-law.com) and space will be limited so do the reservation now.
3. 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 \$20,000 in the bank at this writing. We have paid for the head on Aleta, have some insurance to buy, and some major expenses connected to the boats discussed below.

CAPTAINS BEN AND BOB AWARD PARTY: FEBRUARY 13, BERKELEY YACHT CLUB, 630-1100. \$25.00 at door, half price for kids and students, luau dinner, Hawaiian dancing, a few speeches and celebration of these two great sailors and volunteers who have put decades into the program.

This will be the beginning of an annual celebration of long serving volunteers for Blue Water with a perpetual plaque, good food, and great stories shared about the decades of working with these sailors. Benjamin Walters will be at the Yacht Club dock so people can check her out.

A CELEBRATION OF WHAT COMRADSHIP IS CREATED BY DOING GOOD TOGETHER!! ALL WELCOME.



BOAT CONDITION

1. Bear: Rewiring of the bilge pump directly to the battery and work on the sail cover still being considered by Captain Marc.

2. Aleta: Major issues were discovered on haul out. Apparently there was an underwater collision with an unknown object some months ago which was hard enough to push the keel into the hull and cause a crack...this has been already sealed...and impact on the rudder...rudder being repaired gratis by BERKELEY MARINE CENTER since they repaired it some years ago and feel it should have withstood that impact. Equally concerning is corrosion found on shaft which may require a new shaft. Cost of all this being sent to Captain Ken as we speak.

3. Benjamin Walters: Planning its own haul out for major rigging and electronics in fall, all at Owner's expense. Much new safety gear, all at owner expense. Captain Ken replaced a winch handle a student dropped in the water at Foundation expense.

4. Fernweh: Captain Bill's 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch, is hauled out for rigging, sails, cutlass bearing, checking all through holes, back in the water in the next week or so. He reports hull and bottom in better shape than he previously thought. All at owner expense.

TO ALL CAPTAINS AND CREW: YOU MUST REPORT ANY ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT INVOLVING OUR VESSELS TO THE OTHER CAPTAINS AND BOSUN EVEN IF IT SEEMS MINOR SO THAT WE MAY INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF VESSEL AND ASSURE THE SAFE USE BY OUR STUDENTS, CAPTAINS AND CREW. IT IS PART OF THE OBLIGATION EACH OF US HAVE TO MAINTAIN SAFE AND APPROPRIATE VESSELS. ANY OF US CAN MAKE A MISTAKE AND HIT SOMETHING, OFTEN A DOCK...ALL OF US HAVE DONE THAT IN THE PAST AND IT'S PART OF SAILING...BUT THEN OUR DUTY IS TO MAKE SURE THE FOUNDATION KNOWS AND CAN TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION.



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE: This is our welcoming committee for people interested in joining as volunteers, made up of Les, Kate, Ben and Rick. If you have someone interested or are interested yourself, these volunteers will integrate you into the sails.

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 Bill or David and they 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.

NEW BOAT DONATION??: We received a generous offer from Steve Gold to donate his family's Triton 28.5 foot Triton classic sail boat, "Gold Bug," and to pay for all maintenance, repair, upkeep and berthing should we wish to take it into our program. It would be leased to our Foundation with the understanding that we would return the vessel if not used sufficiently. The boat has been in his family for many years and he would be willing to manage the repairs and maintenance of Gold Bug so that it conforms to Blue Water Foundation's standards for safety and would like to be active in a program for the boat that we create.

There followed a long discussion as to how this relatively small vessel could be utilized effectively. The consensus was that we do not take the boat unless we have a core of volunteers willing to devise, implement and run a program that is centered on that vessel. Given its size, only two or three students could be taken out at a time. Thus, this would be a good vessel to further train students already versed in some basic sailing to enlarge their skill set. Captain Jimmy was interested in considering what type of program might make sense and we are blasting this message out to our captains and volunteers to see if there are others interested in developing a program...such as an advanced part of Ocean's Gate? El Dorado Probation? Revitalized Gleaming Ocean? Give it some thought and if interested in developing a good use for the boat, advise Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com and we will explore it further. It was also agreed that by the next meeting we either have a proposed program in the planning stages or we advise Steve that we aren't the right program for his goals.

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.



CAPTAIN BOB



CAPTAIN BEN

NEXT MEETING MARCH 8, 2016

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. YOU GOT SOMETHING BETTER TO DO IN THE NEXT MONTH?