



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES

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WILL GET UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHANGES TO SCHEDULE AND EVENTS.*

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### BLUE WATER AWARDS PARTY SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018 AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB. 6:00.

Dinner, entertainment, and awards to not only Blue Water Volunteers of the Year (Ken Janke and Les Schlesinger) and to Ocean Gate Volunteer of the Year (David Mischel) but to those members of the probation departments, police department and School District who have made all this possible. **Frank Lozano of the Alameda County Probation Department; Marc Humphries of the SF County Probation Department; Karl Ma of the San Francisco Police Department; and Marty Michael Watts of the San Francisco School District.** After the awards, dinner and entertainment, dancing. Chief Nance of San Francisco will present the Ocean Gates award.

Lastly, several students of Camp Sweeney and Log Cabin will discuss how they see our efforts making a difference in their lives and how the probation officers come through for them. Some of our boats will be at the dock outside the club for viewing.

These evenings are always remarkable and memorable. Cost: Twenty-five dollars per person for Blue Water volunteers; fifty dollars per person for non-Blue Water people; free for award recipients and the people from probation. Includes dinner. No profit for Blue Water, of course...all goes to food, entertainment...and the boats! ALL WELCOME!!!!!!!



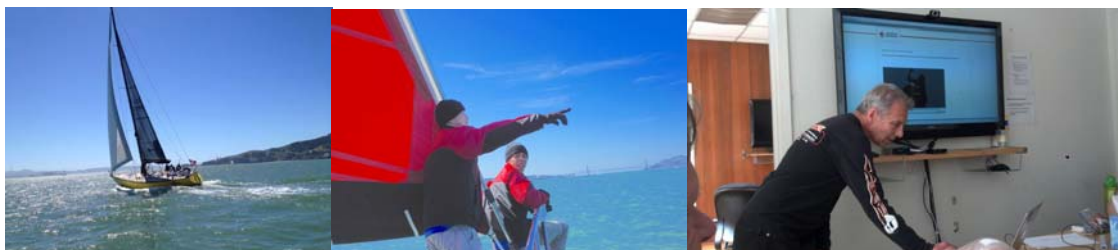
## SCHEDULED SAILS:

### THE SF SCHOOL DISTRICT THURSDAY SAILS- **SCHOOL DISTRICT 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 all the students getting a chance at the wheel. SF police on board most sails as part of their outreach program.

**Thursdays** are continuing, weather permitting. All on Golden Bear, meeting at SF marina, meeting at 1100: NEXT SAILS:

**2/22; 3/1; 3/8; 3/15; 3/22...** and most every other Thursday until school ends...  
Contact volunteer spot or Les to get on board: [leswaste2000@yahoo.com](mailto:leswaste2000@yahoo.com)



### COMMUNITY SAILS

To get on board, volunteer spot or [leswaste2000@yahoo.com](mailto:leswaste2000@yahoo.com)

### SF PARK AND REC SAILS:

Summer Sails with SF Park and Rec on Golden Bear, all early afternoon, more than eight planned beginning in May and continuing through the summer. Stay tuned for more details. These sails are a good way to check out our organization if you are thinking about getting out on the boats. Contact Les to get on board.

### WEST REGIONS ASSOCIATION FOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION SAIL:

Once again, we are providing sails for the annual meeting of this great group. There will be two sails, one at one o'clock, one at three thirty, on Golden Bear. February 25, 2018.

### PROJECT AVERY

These are the kids with incarcerated parents who we take out yearly. Their next sail is May 12.

*And on Fernweh, our ketch, with Captain Bill on board, we have the Edgewood sail on February 24...*

### PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS

For the past six years we have taken incarcerated students from Camp Sweeney, the Alameda County detention facility, and Log Cabin Ranch, the SF County detention facility, as well as a few other probation departments such as El Dorado. The same students on most sails, the sails monthly and developing a mentor relationship with these students who are by far the best sailors we take out. Our most popular program and one that can change a life. Requires the most commitment given the population and needs...but one deeply rewarding. Check it out. Contact Lee if interested. [lsitmmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lsitmmel@stimmel-law.com).  
For El Dorado sails, contact Steve. [steve.kastner@gmail.com](mailto:steve.kastner@gmail.com).

NEXT SAILS: CAMP SWEENEY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>.  
LOG CABIN MARCH 17

All in Berkeley beginning at 900.

EL DORADO (with Sacramento Probation as well) FEBRUARY 24.

We will also probably be working with 18-21-year-old students from the new Transition Program being started by six probation departments in California...these students will have their felony convictions expunged if they complete a full program of training, education, mentoring...and sailing may become part of that program. More later.

Additional Probation departments want to try out our programs, from Santa Clara to Marin, Contra Costa, Sacramento, etc. We are only limited by the number of certified captains and crew to take on these additional departments and serve that population. So...get certified!



## TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

1. **Live MOB drill** on Golden Bear to be taught on MARCH 11. We are one of the few entities that practices this vital skill set with a volunteer who leaps overboard and is rescued several times during the sail. Required for full certification. Volunteer Spot to sign on.
2. **CPR AND FIRST AID** taught by Captain Les, 405 Howard Street, MARCH 10, 930. Free to volunteers and, again, required for full certification. Volunteer Spot to sign on.
3. Probation Sail Training by Log Cabin: In March we will schedule another session of training by Marc Humphries, director of Log Cabin, in interaction and methods for our sails with his students. Will probably be at noon on a Thursday in March. Stay tuned.

## SCHOLARSHIPS:

Eric and Joanne are now heading the scholarship committee and reported on recent contacts with a student who wishes a scholarship for paramedical school and in a few months, we will know if he gets in...which will cost us about 12,000 from the 15,000 we now have. Other outreach is ongoing.

During their presentation to the **SATEGNA FOUNDATION** which has funded our program they explained our efforts and goals. The Sategna people granted us another five thousand more dollars and indicated more would be available once we developed the next suitable candidate.

Right now, a former student at Camp Sweeney and another student at Log Cabin are the most likely to receive a scholarship.

## EVENTS:

1. **Annual Awards Party at Berkeley Yacht Club, March 24, 6-midnight, food, drink, entertainment, dancing, and awards to**  
DAVID MISCHER as Ocean Gate Volunteer of the Year;  
KEN JANKE and LES SCHLESINGER as Blue Water Volunteers of the Year.

And for community partners who have been remarkable allies in our efforts:

1. MARC HUMPHRIES, SF PROBATION
2. FRANK LOZANO, ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION
3. MARY-MICHAEL WATTS, SF DISTRICT

#### 4. KARL MA, SF POLICE WILDERNESS PROGRAM.

A great way to spend a Saturday evening. Benjamin Walters will be at the dock for viewing. Note that **Diablo Magazine** is giving us a free ad for the party...

2. **EMERYVILLE MARINA FESTIVAL BLUE WATER BOOTH**; During the afternoon of March 24 we will be manning a booth at the Emeryville marina as part of their festival and selling drinks to a willing population, with profits going to Blue Water. Glen, Shannon, Paul M and Robert C have so far volunteered and we may even move Aleta over so that people can check her out...and will be handing out materials for Blue Water. Think about volunteering to man the booth. Contact President Shannon who is running this effort.

**MONEY?** Yes, 11,650 but Treasurer Marty reminded us that our insurance alone cost annually \$12,000 each year. He is preparing a year-end report as to expenses and, as discussed in the bosuns committee report, we will be getting an annual budget together for the boats soon. One thing is clear: even with no employees or paid staff, we need to raise about 60,000 a year and need to get going on that...our fund raising committee has taken note and is preparing new efforts to make that budget. We have just finished a new brochure describing our history which will be available to educate people as to what we are and what we do. Few entities have survived for thirty years with no major grants and no paid employees...we need to keep that going.



## BOAT CONDITION and NEW BOSUNS COMMITTEE

To refresh everyone's recollection, the minutes of the January meeting provided as follows:

The Board unanimously approved a reorganization of the way Blue Water maintains and improves our vessels. Instead of one or two people acting as bosuns without defined duties, a committee of not less than three nor more than five persons will be assigned to monitor, maintain and supervise repair of each vessel owned by the Foundation. The committees shall not necessarily do the work themselves, but shall arrange for either volunteers or professionals to perform the tasks to keep the vessels in operating and safe condition.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. A bosuns committee of at least three and no more than five is created for each foundation boat now. There is a head bosun to report to the board, but the entire committee is expected to arrange how to maintain the vessel.
2. Aleta and Golden Bear each have their own bosuns' committees.
3. The committees meet no less than once every three months to go through projects. Their initial task to be accomplished in the next month is:
  - a. Analyze the boat's condition now. All systems.
  - b. Create maintenance schedule and appoint a member to keep it up and send a copy to the board once a quarter.
  - c. Create a checklist of what each captain is to check off before and after every sail. Kept on board, signed by the captain, kept in our records.

- d. Have two members of the committee available by cell phone and/or e mail for any volunteer or captain to report a problem.
- e. Prepare a budget for critical tasks to be performed over the next six months; for important but not critical matters; for routine maintenance.
- f. Prepare a budget for medium and long term major projects for the vessel.
- g. Determine how the task is to be performed once budgeted, e.g. who does it; do we hire someone? Who supervises and reports completion and arranges payment?
- g. Appoint a liaison with the Board so as to ensure good communication and budgeting.
- h. Monitor if maintenance is being performed and by who, enter it into the log book, and schedule the next including the person assigned to perform it. That person need not be on the committee but his or her name should be known to the committee and he or she reminded and supervised by the committee.
- i. Create an "emergency response" member to handle an immediate problem on the boat if it occurs.

4. If a member leaves the committee, he/she is to be replaced immediately by the rest of the committee using the help of the Executive Committee.

5. No less than three times a year, the committee (with friends and family if they wish) take the vessel out and check out the systems and enjoy a day on the Bay as they see how the various systems perform and what else needs work. These sail dates should be scheduled at the first meeting each year. They take priority over student sails since they are critical for safe student sails.

And the initial volunteers for the bosuns committee are as follows:

**GOLDEN BEAR BOSUNS COMMITTEE**

COLM PELOW  
 ANDREW ZIMMERMAN  
 JOHN GILMORE  
 STEVE KASTNER  
 JOANNE MARTIN

**ALETA BOSUNS COMMITTEE**

LEONARD LEE  
 PAUL MARBURY  
 PAUL HARRIS  
 ROBERT CIESLINSKI  
 SCOTT RACETTE

After a month...

The bosun's committees have moved forward with tremendous energy and commitment for both boats. Significant repairs and equipment has already been achieved and this coming months the engines of both boats will be inspected by List Marine for additional new work. Batteries, firefighting equipment, electronics, etc. are all being worked on and both committees are remarkable in their dedication and commitment of time and energy. It is a wonderful example of what makes Blue Water work...volunteers pouring in time upon being asked, working together as a team of people respecting each other.

These minutes are not the place to detail the projects both underway and planned...but clearly, we are going to need fund raising to bring these boats to pristine condition...and we are well under way. It should also be noted that checklists for before departure onto the water and before leaving the boat are being created and will be in the navigation stations of both boats.

THANKS TO THE BOSUN'S COMMITTEE WHO ARE DOING THEIR JOB!!

**NEW FLAGS:**

On that score, Joanne and Eric are ordering new Blue Water flags that will hopefully be stronger and capable of lasting more than a few months in our high winds...should arrive this month.

**TECHNOLOGY REPORT:**

David Mischel is finishing up a new dedicated program for scheduling and sharing information for Blue Water to replace the more limited Volunteer Spot program and received input and testing from various members. He also presented a detailed annual budget to the board as to technology needs and his proposed budget, which was under a thousand dollars a year, was unanimously approved.

THE NEW SCHEDULING PROGRAM GOES ON LINE ON MARCH 31 AND WE WILL BLAST OUT DIRECTIONS AS TO ITS USE. THANKS TO OUR RESIDENT COMPUTER NERD, DAVID. (AND SAFETY OFFICER, FOR THAT MATTER....AND WINNER OF THE OCEAN GATE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR...AND FIRST CAPTAIN...)



## **BOATER'S CARD**

Safety Officer David 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...

**Recall from last month's meeting:**

## **PRESIDENT SHANNON'S REPORT ON 2017 SAILS:**

Shannon reports that in 2017, despite numerous storms in the first part of the year, we concluded the following sails:

1. 63 sails of which six were double sails, so you can argue there were 69 sails.
2. 38 for Probation; 5 for Park and Rec; 16 Community sails; 16 SF District sails.

IT WAS RESOLVED AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THAT WE WILL FROM THIS POINT FORWARD KEEP TRACK OF THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ON EACH SAIL SO THAT THIS DATA CAN BE RETAINED. THE SECOND CAPTAIN ON EACH SAIL IS TO REPORT THAT TO SHANNON WITHIN A WEEK OF THE SAIL.

We had our first student sail in 1990. Incorporated as a Foundation in 1992. Well over 40,000 children taken to sea. And going stronger than ever. In our 28<sup>th</sup> year.

*So, remember, get that information to Shannon after every sail...*

**NEXT MEETING MARCH 13, 2018 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY, SF, TWO BLOCKS FROM BART**



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You can make a difference if you want to. Up to you. **Join us.**

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