



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2022 (via ZOOM)

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ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME... NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP.

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

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



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAILS CONTINUE, WITH SAILS NOW SET WEEKLY TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, ALMOST ALWAYS ON THURSDAYS ON GOLDEN BEAR OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO. Our oldest program, begun in 1990. Sign up! Note the District requires proof of vaccination to participate on these sails and David has altered our website certification page so that it is easily uploaded. These are three-to-four-hour sails on the Bay with children who have often never been on a sail boat before...they take the wheel and work the lines under our supervision.

MARIN CITY STUDENT COUNCIL SAIL:

Our first sail with the Marin City school district, taking their student council out so they can see how we work...the beginning of an important new relationship. On Golden Bear, February 15.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing and expanding:

1. *Youth Alive*, an Oakland nonprofit providing services to that community is interested in setting up sails. Stay tuned.
2. *Huckleberry Program*, another long-standing entity serving youth is interested in setting up sails. Stay tuned.
3. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children have asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails. We will be doing that over the next months.
4. *Urban Adventures* wishes to set up regular sails with them and Captain Les is working to schedule that for the summer. Three sails with this group likely.
5. *C.P. Mentorships* is looking for eight sails, four from SF and four from Berkeley and Captain Les is checking this organization out for more information.
6. *Piedmont School District* is planning a check out sail to see if our program may be right for it. April 8 on Benjamin Walters, out of Berkeley.
7. *Huckleberry Youth Programs* was recommended by SF Juvenile Probation as an excellent program to begin the same type of mentor course that Blue Water offers to juvenile probation and Jim and Lee are discussing the matter with them now. Possible course by mid-summer.

The Board asked Captain Les to reach out to our old friends at Project Avery (children with incarcerated parents) and other past partners to set up sails again now that Covid has receded.

Captain Hugh is still checking out possible additional sails with Alameda schools.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION YEAR CONTINUES Our graduation sail was cancelled due to an outbreak of Covid at Sweeney which is now over. After some reorganization at Camp Sweeney, PO Rich is taking over the Sweeney side of the sails and our next class will begin APRIL 1 and last until graduation in June with live overboard practice, a night sail, and sails in wind, rain and calm in between. Several sails will be on Aleta and working with Gaslight and double sails with Benjamin and Aleta will happen should sufficient students sign up. The sails will be posted on our calendar site in the next few days. [Sign up on the website.](#)

EI DORADO PROBATION we are still waiting to hear when this Covid delayed program will begin again.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION The sails have begun again, the next on February 19 on Benjamin Walters. These are regularly scheduled for the next several months.

SF COUNTY is still working on the type of program they will want given the current state of confusion as to their own students. We have contacted the Huckleberry Program at their suggestion and will be taking those students out in a month or two.

RACING PROGRAM

Captain Andrew has now set up our first racing program for Camp Sweeney on his Olson 40 and is setting up boat familiarization and practice with the Blue Water volunteers interested. Next we take some selected students out to show them what a race looks like and gauge enthusiasm. **WE ARE LOOKING FOR BLUE WATER VOLUNTEER RACERS TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM.** We need two or so more and, if successful, we are likely to expand racing teams to the various probation departments. This could be a life changing experience. The familiarization classes will be on Fridays, most races on Saturdays. If you want to volunteer, please e mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



MAKE AND MEND DAYS

Our final MAKE AND MEND will be on Golden Bear in the City, in Spring, once the rain recedes...stay tuned for details. Make and Mend on Benjamin and Aleta occurred some months ago.

MAKE AND MEND is a good chance for non-sailors to learn a lot about the vessels...and to meet the hundred or so volunteers that make this organization work!

Training & Certification:

The quickest way to move up the certification ladder...and a lot of fun.

1. First Aid and CPR –Our next class will be at Golden Gate Yacht Club on **MARCH 12, 2022**. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. Remember, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE “HANDS ON” PRACTICE. SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE EVENTS PAGE ASAP.



2. Certification sail on Aleta and Golden Bear will be scheduled soon. Check the website events page.

3. Benjamin Walters has a day certification sail set including live overboard practice for **March 20**

4. And recall if come on a sail as a guest or crew, make sure the captain checks out your skills and you can move along the certification list.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Drafts of the curriculum are now being exchanged, including ideas for power point demonstrations, visual and hands on tools, etc. Figure we will have a full program in the next month or two. Want to participate? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, in Spring probably...Depending on status of Covid.

MEMORIAL SAIL FOR CAPTAINS BOB AND BEN:

On May 14 at 1000 all three boats will go out for a memorial service and celebration of our now deceased captains, Bob and Ben. We rendezvous at the end of the Berkeley Pier at 1100, throw leis in the water, then raft up at Angel for lunch and stories about these great sailors...then sail the afternoon away as they would have loved. Their families are likely to join us. Sign up on Events Page.



This will be an annual event assuming Covid allows it...

PICNIC BEING PLANNED FOR BLUE WATER TO CELEBRATE THE END OF COVID

Captains Steve and Lee are charged with planning a picnic either on Marina Green or perhaps in the Berkeley marina park in the next several months so all the Blue Water people, including perhaps thirty new volunteers, can meet each other and just get to know each other. Stay tuned for details...Want to help? Contact Lee or Steve.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: We are checking the strap on the boom to see if needs replacing; a new dehumidifier; lifelines behind wheel to be checked, new pins for the forward hatch; the coffee grinder needs greasing; and we still have to ponder the soft spot in the deck.

ALETA: The aluminum stringers are being further checked for possible repair. An engine service is due, and Captain Paul is checking who would be best to do that. The board approved such service. A new dehumidifier has been ordered; the reefing clutch is being repaired by Captain Paul.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Boat being hauled this month for maxi prop reversal; bottom job; thru hulls being checked; new clamps on all thru hulls; Hull polished and touched up. Hood is making small repairs on jib and perhaps dodger cover; All at owner expense.

INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Captain Steve is working with the various bosuns to create a short term and long-term maintenance budget both to ideally reduce the insurance cost and maintain the boats and develop an appropriate budget. Stay tuned.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION

The sail for Camp Sweeney with Gaslight was postponed due to covid at the Camp but they will be part of the next class. The Marin City connection may be appropriate for Mathew Turner and our first sail with Marin City is this month. Stay tuned.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED AGAIN.

Due to Covid, we are delaying...again... our "annual party" which was already put off the last two years due to the virus. It looks now as the venue will be either South Beach or the Golden Gate Yacht Club and it will be in early summer. At the party we will have our awards for Volunteers of the Year, Bosun's award, and Partner of the Year. Due to the Virus, this will have to be a two-year Volunteer of the Year award, etc. Entertainment, food, and a chance to see the large number of new members who have joined us over the past two years. These have always been a high light for our organization as we get to see all the volunteers and the partner organizations we work with and realize the power of what we do.

MONEY: \$35,638 in the bank. While it looks good now, we need major work on Aleta's engine and the usual day to day maintenance on the boats. *Marty and April are connecting to approach REI, West Marine, and Matt possibly St Francis* to see if we can get some donations and, of course, it is individuals who have kept us going for the three decades we have existed. Gaslight has offered their boat for a President's cocktail party and Marty is trying to put together a donation sail set for corporate America.

Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... And insurance costs have just about doubled to 16,000 annually...Boats eat money. No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...

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

INTERNSHIPS:

Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students. Once the pandemic is fully over, we shall begin the process of matching probation kids with businesses wanting to give them a door to our world. **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.**

SCHOLARSHIPS:

In terms of scholarships, Sategna Foundation, our longtime partner, is developing a new form of grant for our Sweeney students. The founder owns a home in a village in Tuscany in which community is all. The concept is to send one or two students there for two weeks where they will live with the founder and be exposed to an entirely different world, one in which values, connection and culture is remarkably different. This shock exposure worked for the founder with a German student a decade or two ago and it might work to show these students where differences can exist in the world...and IF combined with an internship or scholarship upon his return, may be the type of thing to change a life. This program will begin in late Spring. Lee and Jim are putting together the Italian program and invite others to help.

Also recall that Sategna Foundation has agreed to fund an additional Sweeney student once our selection process is completed. While welcome, given the ongoing needs of current recipients, we need additional sources of funding for our scholarships.

Lee presented to the Board a methodology for scholarship donations via Blue Water to worthy students and it will be honed in time for our next board meeting. Stay tuned. Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

April, who creates videos of family history is developing an application for iPhones that allows people to make and edit short videos on the phone...something that can be kept on the phone and used to memorialize our sails and show possible volunteers and funders precisely what we do and shared with other volunteers

for outreach. April reports that the program is nearly done, and she will be sending out Beta to various selected persons to test out in the next month.

She has also become our media person to attend sails and post pictures and videos of the events. She hopes to trace the creation and development of the racing program from its start through our first races.



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... David Mischel dmischel@gmail.com



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NEXT MEETING MARCH 8, 2022, BY ZOOM.

Thirty two years without a single person on payroll, tens of thousands of students taking to sea, ranging from middle school SF District kids to incarcerated gang members from the war zones of the streets. And all the children are drawn to what the sea...and our volunteers...can teach them. All of them. And they need you to join us in showing them the wind and the wonder... Set up a monthly donation here: [PayPal donation to Blue Water Foundation](#)

HELP US HELP THEM?