



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES **FEBRUARY 8, 2021 (via ZOOM)**

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FEBRUARY MEETING WAS BY ZOOM CONFERENCE

PANDEMIC CANCELLATION OF STUDENT SAILS CONTINUES WITH NUMEROUS CERTIFICATION SAILS INCLUDING LIVE OVERBOARD DRILLS OCCURRING. ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION COMMENCES THEIR CLASS AGAIN ON MARCH 28. WE HOPE TO BE FULLY 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 PLUS 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:

**ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION BEGINS THEIR CLASS AGAIN ON MARCH 28:
FIVE MORE CLASSES FOLLOWING UNTIL THEIR GRADUATION.**

**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.



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

- o We are in conformity with regulations applied in the Bay Area (all state, area, and county
guidelines for opening have been met)
- o No more than three people below decks at a time.
- o All aboard answer required screening questions and pass the criteria.
- o Live COB training with the new protocol

Kids sails.

- o All criteria for Volunteer sails have been met, including temperature and screening questions
- o Sports activities involving contact (football, basketball) are allowed for kids by local regulation
- o Approval/agreement of partner organization
- o Execution of our expanded COVID waivers/permissions slips.
- O All wear masks if still mandated by State or local authorities.

We have now tested and practiced with a new overboard procedure applicable for Covid times which we may keep in place once the pandemic is over. It was tested with overboard live drill on both Benjamin Walters and Aleta and worked well. It will be tested on Golden Bear in the next month. 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.



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 –JWE COMPLETED OUR JANUARY 30, 2021 CERTIFICATION AND WILL SCHEDULE ANOTHER IN A MONTH OR THREE

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:

Trainings now scheduled:

1. Certification sail on Benjamin Walters, overboard drill March 6 (assuming boat back from Yard, if not, Aleta will do the overboard drill.) Summer night overboard drill to be scheduled.
2. Certification sail on Aleta with overboard drill March 14. (Possibly Benjamin drill if the March 6 drill is used for Aleta due to Benjamin unavailability)
3. Overboard live practice Golden Bear March 19 (Note is a Friday!)

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS PAGE.

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that 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. Perhaps in April...Stay tuned.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR:

Back in SF slip. The pulpits are manufactured and will be mounted by Blue Water volunteers in the next few weeks. Power cord and dehumidifier work being done and possibly cleats added due to surge in the marina. Captain Colm has serviced all the winches, but the reefing winch will have to be replaced. Jackline work is also being done.

ALETA: Steaming light being repaired and high-water alarm installed.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Due to delays in shipment, some delay in repower but now boat is at List Marine who 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. Then sea trials and we will be ready for the opening of the various programs.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION

Still await end of pandemic so we can further explore the Mathew Turner and Bay Lights Charters connection. The Wilderness Foundation may also arrange police-student sails. Stay tuned for dates.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be summer or later. 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. Due to the Virus, this will have to be a two-year Volunteer of the Year award, etc.

ANOTHER BEACH/BAY CLEANUP Joanne and Shannon are setting up another clean up for volunteers similar to what we have already done twice during this pandemic. THIS WILL BE MARCH 27 (A SATURDAY) AT TEN AM AT THE CRAB COVE IN ALAMEDA, 1252 MAKAY AVE. These are great fun, do a lot of good, and end up impromptu picnics with friends on a newly clean beach. They hope for March and will advise. Keep checking Events Page for details.

INSURANCE SEARCH:

Our prior insurance carrier is withdrawing from the California marketplace...despite our having had no claims in thirty years. We are searching for a replacement carrier and have two good leads that we are following. We need the new insurance by April. This will cost us many thousands of dollars...often our single largest expense of the year.

MONEY: \$29,584.68 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development Committee continues to work with various potential donors and plans an auction at our annual party. Facebook fund raising (people listing us as a charity for their personal events) raised about \$2500.00, etc.

We have major expenses in the near future...insurance costs, boat maintenance, so we are OK for now, but we will definitely need to replenish soon.

The Development Committee has applied for a \$5000 grant related to Covid and received it thanks to major effort by Captain David!! Money not in but will be soon.

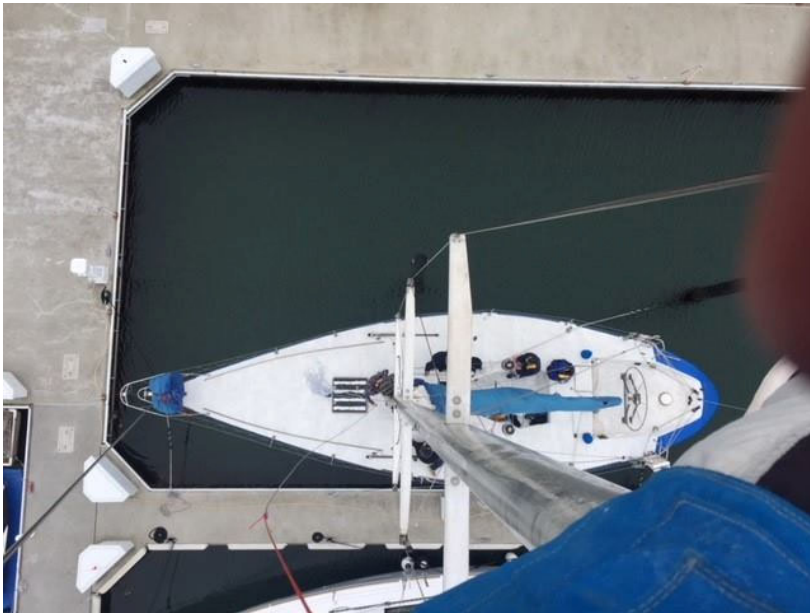
Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... Boats eat money. OUR MONEY GOES TO PROGRAMS AND THE BOATS. NO PAYROLL, NO BIG OVERHEAD.

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. They remain closed due to virus. Captains Lee and Andrew will be setting up a meeting with SF Probation to explore this further in April.

HISTORY OF BLUE WATER?

We began in 1990...31 years ago. With no boats owned, only volunteered by members and the police on every sail since we were working only with the Wilderness Foundation. Now we have two 46-foot open ocean racers, volunteer boats from time to time, five probation departments, community sails, the SF District...and police on the District sails from time to time.

There is interest in creating a somewhat detailed account of our history and events and Captain Lee is charged with the first rough draft...it will eventually go on our website.



INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

INTERNSHIPS:

Eric G, Lee, Andrew, and Joanne are on the committee seeking to establish and expand our internship program. Once completed, a full description of the Internship Program will be presented to probation departments, donors 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. Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them. Lee is charged with creating a talking point outline to be reviewed by Joanne and Eric and to be part of our outreach. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

In terms of scholarships, we have submitted another grant request to the Sategna Foundation for more funding for our scholarships and our current recipient, Josue' continues to do outstanding work in his nursing BA degree course, getting straight A's last semester. We have now spent the grant from Sategna on him and need additional sums.

Joanne is interacting with the Sategna Foundation and we are seeking additional sources of funding for the scholarships so we can expand the program.

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.

SF MARINA HAS PUT BLUE WATER PICTURES ON ITS TIDE BOOK AND WE WERE GIVEN A HUNDRED TO GIVE OUT...WE ARE TO GET BLUE WATER FLIERS TO THE HARBOR MASTER SO HE CAN PUT THEM WHERE POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS CAN SEE THEM.

STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

Long time volunteer April, who has long operated a business that allowed people to create 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. The board was quite interested, and she promises to have some demonstrations for us to look at in the near future. This will not be to make money for April but to further our efforts...as she has done so often in the past.

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 9, 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



Many of our efforts now are not directly tied to the sails. From internships to outreach, from scholarships to shore cleanup, we have ways for you to make a difference. Don't just stare at the newspaper and get upset...make your own news and change the world. Every act helps...and being with others who are also doing what they can to make a difference also makes a massive difference in your own life! JOIN US!