



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2022 (via ZOOM)

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**MEETINGS ARE ALL ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

***ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME...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.***

***NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP.***

***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 FOR JANUARY 27, FEBRUARY 3, FEBRUARY 10, FEBRUARY 17, and more for the remainder of the school year. 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.**

### **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. Jim and Lee talk to them next week.
3. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children, so enjoyed our sail with them that they have asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails. We will be doing that over the next few weeks.
4. *Urban Adventures* wishes to set up regular sails with them and Captain Les is working to schedule that.

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

## PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION YEAR CONTINUES Our graduation sail has been postponed due to an outbreak of Covid at Sweeney which is now over. Our graduation ceremony, previously set for February 5, will be rescheduled for late February or March and, instead, we will do our delayed final class on February 5, a double sail with both Aleta and Benjamin Walters. Sign up on the website.

EI DORADO PROBATION will be beginning soon and may bring down students from other probation departments in the rural area of the Sierras.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION After a short hiatus due to Covid, their sails begin 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 made contact with the Huckleberry Program at their suggestion and will be taking those students out in a month or two.

## **RACING PROGRAM**

Captain Andrew is setting up a racing team for Camp Sweeney on his Olson 40 and the first step is to practice a bit with the Blue Water volunteers interested, then 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 to four more and, if successful, we are likely to expand racing teams to the various probation departments. This could be a life changing experience. If you want to volunteer, please e mail Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com) and we will arrange the trial sails.



# 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. Details in the next newsletter but sign up soon.



2. **Certification sail on Aleta** was on **January 15**, including MOB drill and we moved several volunteers up the certification ladder.

3. **Benjamin Walters** has a day certification sail set for **January 23**

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**

Since we are now teaching many probation departments, we have decided to formalize our curriculum of the classes and the teaching aids we will be needing. Luckily, we have many current and former teachers in Blue Water and the current math teacher at Sweeney will also be on the committee. We are now exchanging outlines and plans. Stay tuned for our various proposals and if interested in joining, contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto: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...



## BOSUN'S REPORT:

**GOLDEN BEAR:** Captains David and Andrew are planning an elastic system to hold back the running backstays. Lazy jacks blocks are being removed to save the sails and an analysis of the cost benefit for repair of the soft spot under one stanchion.

**ALETA:** The aluminum stringers are being further checked for possible repair. An engine service is due, and Captain Andrew will see if he can handle that. We now have spare fuel cannisters on Aleta. The elastic boom connector to the main sheet should be replaced soon. Engine now running quite well. A line stopper needs to be serviced or replaced.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** New windlass now installed along with a new CQR anchor. Primary winches serviced. All at owner expense.

### **BROCHURE FOR HANDING OUT**

*Marty has delivered the new brochures to the Harbor Master at SF Marina and sent some to those volunteers who have places to hand them out.*

### **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. They are anxious to become part of the program and when we set up the next class in a month or two, will be integrated in. The Marin City connection may be appropriate for Mathew Turner. 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 last year 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 late Spring. 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. Most likely April will be our "coming out from Covid" party.

**MONEY:** \$36,622 in the bank due to 20,000 or so coming in during the last month of the year. 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 Shannon are connecting to approach REI, West Marine, and 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...Giving Tuesday was a big success....

*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. 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. Josue' from Camp Sweeney continues to excel in the nursing program, straight As. Josue' is working full time, taking loans and we are helping him make this happen.

Lee is to present to the Board a methodology for scholarship donations via Blue Water to worthy students. Stay tuned.

We want to enlarge the program to more students. Want to help? E mail Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto: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.

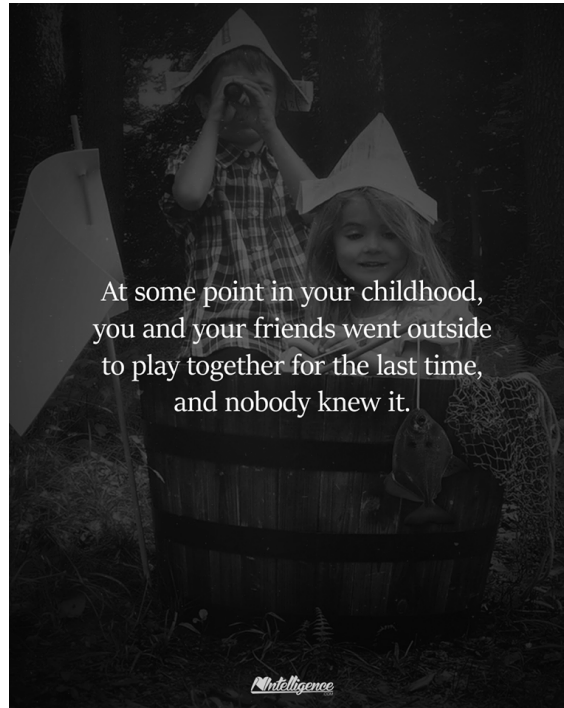
She has also become our media person to attend sails and post pictures and videos of the events. Two of the pictures below come from her last effort...



**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](mailto:dmischel@gmail.com)



**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2022, BY ZOOM.**



**WE GET ASKED ALL THE TIME...HOW CAN AN ORGANIZATION MANAGE TWO 46 FOOT OPEN OCEAN RACERS, GIVE SCHOLARSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS, RAISE MONEY, CERTIFY CREWS AND CAPTAINS, TAKE THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN SAILING A YEAR...AND DO IT WITHOUT A SINGLE PERSON ON PAYROLL...ALL VOLUNTEER FOR THREE DECADES.**

**JUST MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SAILORS DO THAT KIND OF THING. YOU FIX YOUR OWN BOAT IF AT SEA. YOU PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES AND CONTINGENCIES. YOU DON'T EXPECT SOMEONE TO COME TO HELP YOU OUT THERE JUST BECAUSE YOU PICK UP THE PHONE. YOU TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF...AND YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR CREW AND THOSE ON THE BOAT. YOU TAKE CARE OF YOUR OWN. AND THESE CHILDREN NEED US NOW MORE THAN EVER. HOW ABOUT YOU? HELP US HELP THEM?**