



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES

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GOLDEN BEAR REPORT:

At considerable expense, Golden Bear has had the various rigging and power repairs and upgrades finished and is back taking students to the water. This work included a bottom coat of paint and our last task is some winch maintenance which we hope Colm can soon achieve and a general cleanup which will happen at our MAKE AND MEND DAY on September 16, discussed below. THANKS TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT GOLDEN BEAR BACK TO HER BEST CONDITION IN A DECADE!!



CAPTAIN DAVID'S VOLUNTEER AND EVENT SITE FINISHED...CHECK IT OUT.

It is now so easy to join, remove oneself, and check out all our sails...and to know who else is on board, who is certified, who is a guest. User friendly and fast. If you have not done so, check it out...go to our website, check a sail listed, and click on the volunteer high light and see how easy it all is. You can also subscribe to the Events List and receive e mail notice of all sails and events. A remarkable system created by our in-house volunteer expert programmers.

Also, easy to put yourself on the certification checklist and see where you stand and move up the certification ladder. THANKS TO CAPTAIN DAVID AND CAPTAIN LOUIS WHO HAVE MADE OUR VARIOUS TECHNOLOGY SO EASY TO USE.

SINCE ALL OF OUR SAILS AND EVENTS ARE NOW FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE HOME PAGE, THIS NEWSLETTER WILL NO LONGER LIST ALL THE SAILS: BUT WE ARE DOING ANYWHERE FROM THREE TO FIVE A WEEK NOW, SO SIGN UP AND CHECK OUT THE ACTION.



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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING COMMITTEE CREATED.

Our go fund effort (Help a Bear in Need) raised over 5000 of the 8000 we needed to complete the list of repairs for Bear. Note SF Probation has invited a bid from us for its programs and there is a good chance some funding will come there. The Meyer Foundation also approved a \$5000.00 grant to us...so the money will come for the boats if we keep at it. If you can help, that would be great. WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEER...EVERY DIME GOES TO THE BOATS

AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT...More efforts to raise funds are on the way. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE WORKING ON THIS EFFORT AND WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED.

PRESAIL, SAIL AND POST SAIL CHECKLISTS DEVELOPED FOR GOLDEN BEAR

We now have the checklist for Bear and it will be shared with Aleta to adapt. These are laminated and marking pens can be used to mark them for each sail. Benjamin Walter's will be upgraded to include various changes to its systems.

CERTIFICATION SAILS

We are asked by more and more community organizations and probation departments to add our efforts to their programs. Our bottlenecks are two: we need more certified captains and crew and we need some money to improve the vessels. On certification, we are arrangement all day training/certification sails on the various boats to that in a single day a person can become certified crew or move to second captain.

Benjamin Walters has had two certification sails and achieved two new first captains from them as well as several new certified crew. CONGRATULATIONS TO JIMMY MARQUEZ AND ALEKO FRANKMAN who are now first captains. JOHN GILMORE AND JOANNE MAGNET are new first captains on Bear. Every boat should concentrate on upping the number of certified...which can be done via your smart phone will on board.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS (Ocean Gate Sailing Program)

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 or go to our website events page and sign up.

For El Dorado sails, contact Steve. steve.kastner@gmail.com.

Our second sail with **Contra Costa County** starting will be August 19 and if interested in that program, again contact Lee or the events page on our website.

Log Cabin facility, the San Francisco detention facility is now closed. Lee and Jeff meet with Chief Nance to determine if nonincarcerated students on probation may be the new program for San Francisco...like our Gleaming Ocean Programs with Lighthouse Charter School, perhaps.

PROBATION RACING TEAM PLANNING:

Recall last month a meeting was conducted at the St Francis involving Chief Nance, Jeff Bell and members of the Knarr Fleet who are interested in establishing a probation racing program with donated boats. The Chief continues to work on an outline of the program which we hope to have in hand in the next month or two. The goal is to teach these students to race with experienced racers...then on their own, probation department against probation department...then against the yacht clubs. The future of this program will have to await developments at Log Cabin but both Alameda County, Contra Costa and El Dorado are also interested in exploring the possibility.



TRAINING AND MAKE AND MEND AND CERTIFICATION:

1. **CPR AND FIRST AID** will be taught by Captain Les, last AUGUST 25, in San Francisco, location to be announced. Free to volunteers.
2. Program directors who are First Captains are charged to do **certification sails** on specified weekends over the coming months to build up their certified crew and captains. Stay tuned for dates.
3. **Life Raft Practice and MAKE AND MEND DAY COMBINED** SEPTEMBER 16, DOCK O, BERKELEY MARINA. Think you know how to enter a life raft from the water? It's much, much harder than you think. Lee's condemned life raft will be used for live practice on this Sunday practice. Bring a change of clothes and towels...and whatever you think you will jump in the water in if your boat is sinking. Tea and coffee handy for the intrepid. And we will use that same date to do our second MAKE AND MEND DAY to clean and check out Bear and Aleta at the docks next to Benjamin. Pot luck, a good chance to meet your fellow volunteers while making sure the boats are in top condition. SIGN UP ON OUR VOLUNTEER SITE. So, you can jump into a life raft, eat pot luck, and clean a 46-foot racing boat or two...sound like fun??

COMMUNITY SAILS:

1. SF PARK AND REC SAIL AUGUST 17, GOLDEN BEAR, SF.
2. FIRST EXPOSURE (STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHERS) SEPTEMBER 14, GOLDEN BEAR.

SIGN UP ON VOLUNTEER SPOT OR CONTACT LES...Need more captains and crews for these weekday sails!

SCHOLARSHIPS: A scholarship was granted to one of the Log Cabin students for SF State and we are integrating with a mentorship program at SF State that assists in working with such students as they transition from incarceration to the student life. Joanne and Eric are working with the student, keeping in contact to determine how things are going.

We have now funded Vannini at SF State for five thousand dollars and will be funding Josue for next year.

This should become an annual event for our scholarship committee and our goal is two or more scholarships granted each year.

MONEY? Yes, a little over five thousand with another five coming in, but we have significant boat bills coming along so will have to raise much more. Our program committee is writing grants and bids and our goal is to upgrade and repair both Bear and Aleta this year and have a continuing funding goal of thirty thousand a year for upkeep and repair, insurance, and incidentals. A Go Fund program was developed to raise money for Bear ("Help a Bear in Need") and it raised about \$5500.00. Our budgeting committee continues to work on a three and five-year plan for expenses, so we can plan our needs into the future.



BOAT CONDITION FROM BOSUNS COMMITTEE

GOLDEN BEAR: Rig work and engine work and she is back in the water. Turns out she has a draft of nine feet, not the seven feet we thought, so we will be planning to move her berth in SF Marina since the present berth goes shallow in certain tides. The Harbor Master at SF has allowed us to move the boat to a deeper draft berth...thanks to him!!

ALETA: Aleta also will be needing work on power and rigging, but that will wait for a bit more funding.

Benjamin Walters: Regular trips out the Gate are continuing to give that experience to various Blue Water volunteers. Next voyage to Half Moon Bay, then round the Farallon for all night watching keeping practice. August. Rigging now tuned with changes to the staysail fitting, new electric outboard for the dingy ordered...all at owner expense.

Fernweh: Captain Bill continues to bring the boat up to condition at his own expense and at the expense of all free weekends!

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...it is not an easy course...but if you are a sailor, what's easy ain't fun...

SF DISTRICT SAILS COMMITMENT:

After much discussion, it was decided to renew our commitment to take every Middle and High School out on Thursday sails next school year. It was felt that the enthusiasm of the students and their teachers warranted this extra effort by Blue Water.

More Social Gatherings:

As we get bigger, several volunteers pointed out we need some social gatherings just so all of us can meet each other. Stay tuned for a schedule of some relaxed sails and parties over the next several months.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 14, 2018 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12TH FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY, SF, TWO BLOCKS FROM BART



BLUE WATER SAIL 2016



BLUE WATER SAIL 2018

Consider: We have been taking at risk students out since 1990. Nearly thirty years. Never a single person on payroll. No regular funding...just volunteers putting time and their own money into a program whose first children sailors are now...in their forties!!!

As we expand to more community groups, more probation departments, while keeping our other programs alive and well, we need more dedicated people. Like you? Join us.

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