



It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults  
-Frederick Douglas

# **BLUE WATER FOUNDATION**

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# **NEWSLETTER**

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***ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATED DAILY. BECOME A FRIEND AND YOU WILL GET UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHANGES TO SCHEDULE AND EVENTS.***

***CHECK THE MOVIES ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE NEWLY REDESIGNED BY CAPTAIN LOUIS!***



**EXPLORATION SAILS PROGRAM: THE SF SCHOOL DISTRICT THURSDAY 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 the students getting a chance at**

the wheel. Thursday sails on **Thursdays at noon**, show up a half hour early, SF Marina. Harbor Master's Office.

**SUMMER THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED AND WE CAN EXPECT THE SAILS TO RENEW ON THURSDAYS BEGINNING IN OCTOBER. MEANWHILE, WE ARE DOING OVER A DOZEN SAILS FOR VARIOUS COMMUNITY GROUPS DURING THE SUMMER, DESCRIBED BELOW.**

**GET OUT AND LEARN ("GOAL") PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES:**

*For those of you who recall our great relationship with the Urban Pioneers, who were high school students in the SF District who were involved in experiential education, there is a possibility of resurrecting a similar program. Those students, as part of their curriculum, interacted with other community groups and learned outdoor skills...such as sailing...and became some of our best sailors. Jay Lee, former teacher with Urban Pioneers, is now working within the District at Downtown High School and in the Fall proposes training some of his students...20-25 students...to work on our Thursday sails. There would be two teachers involved plus Blue Water people and they could even go for Blue Water certification.*

*The Board expressed keen interest and invited him to develop a full proposal for us to consider in the next month or two.*

**COMMUNITY GROUP SAILS:** Blue Water has many of sails for various community groups and sails during the summer...check it out!

SCA has a Bear sail on July 15 and another Bear sail on July 22

FIRST EXPOSURE (student photographers) have double sails on July 23 and July 30, with David M, Les, Steve and Jim already committed to the first and Steve and Jim committed to the second.

CITY OF DREAMS has a sail on August 6, with Steve, Colm, Ben and Jim committed.

SF REC AND PARK has sails on July 22, August 12, all double sails beginning at nine.

GREENAGERS has a sail on August 27, Bear.

**NOTE MANY OF THESE SAILS STILL NEED CREW TO VOLUNTEER...AND ALL THESE ARE GREAT SAILS WITH GREAT PROGRAMS AND KIDS.** *Les has done a tremendous job as our volunteer coordinator for community sails reaching out and making these sails happen.*

**And there will be more both during the week and on weekends. Keep checking volunteer spot.**



## OCEAN'S GATE PROGRAM-PROBATION DEPARTMENTS EXPANSION

The ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT students from Camp Sweeney make up many of the kids on these sails.

Our next sail with Camp Sweeney will be in **July 24** and a night sail on **August 6**. Both on Benjamin Walters.

The Girls' Program at Camp Sweeney have had two sails now and the POs running that program are suggesting we make that Co Ed for boys out on probation. This will be considered and discussed by the various persons Captain Bill has organized for this program...next sail likely in August.

Recall we also are providing sails for El Dorado County probation department. El Dorado probation wants monthly sails...our next sail will be on July 16 on Fernweh, meeting in Richmond.

On June 21 we visited the **SF Probation** to check out their facilities since SF Probation wants to start a program with us. **THEY HAVE NOW SCHEDULED THE FIRST SF PROBATION SAILS FOR AUGUST 13 AND SEPTEMBER 3**. On Bear, and Rick, Colm and Lee are set for the 8/13 sail and Rick and Lee for the 9/3 sail and we need more volunteers to fully man these sails and show them what this is all about. Volunteer Spot.

On **July 29** we have a sail with numerous other probation departments who are also interested in starting programs similar to Camp Sweeney...a "get acquainted sail" with the probation department personnel. On Benjamin Walters.



We need more keys for the SF Marina and need to retrieve those once used by volunteers who have moved away. Rick will be working on gathering the keys since we need them for all the new probation sails coming up.



### COORDINATION OF PROBATION SAILS:

**WITH MORE AND MORE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS INDICATING AN INTEREST IN WORKING WITH BLUE WATER, WE ARE CONSIDERING DIVIDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS INTO SUB COMMITTEES...MUCH AS LES RUNS COMMUNITY AND LEE RUNS CAMP SWEENEY AND BILL RUNS THE GIRLS PROGRAM IN PROBATION, WE WOULD HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL PROBATION DEPARTMENTS ASSIGNED TO A VOLUNTEER WHO WOULD COORDINATE IT. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AFTER OUR MEETING WITH THEM...BUT CONSIDER IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MIGHT APPEAL TO YOU.**



### **Certification Trainings:**

1. ***MOB PRACTICE. Next one on Aleta, Captain Bill to teach, within the next six weeks.***
2. ***And certification is available to new volunteers who attend our regular program sails and work the boat. Contact the captain to make sure the sail is staffed correctly for such certification.***

3. **CPR AND FIRST AID** will again be taught by Captain Les, gratis to Blue Water volunteers, on August 13 in Alameda...be sure to sign up on Volunteer Spot. It will be in the AM. 930-230 and bring your own lunch. 2013 Clement Ave, Building 6, in Alameda: plenty of parking.

**Remember, your certification level and updating is done on line, including mobile devices so you can add to your completed matters as you go including while on board!**

**FOR ALL SAILS AND TRAINING, CHECK VOLUNTEER SPOT FOR DATES AND NEEDS OR SEND AN E MAIL TO CAPTAIN LEE at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com). We want and need you...**

## MONEY?

We have about 13,000 on hand, and hoping for another 6000 from a grant, and our fund raising committee is working on various other means of seeking funds. Marty reported he filed our tax return.

APRIL, STEVE K, FERMIN, LOUIS AND OTHERS CONTINUE TO WORK ON OUR WEBSITE TO ALLOW EASIER DONATIONS AND TO EXPLORE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS. We did get several thousand in over the last month and the final installment of 4900.00 from the District. We need between thirty to fifty thousand a year to keep our boats in good shape.



## BOAT CONDITION

1. **Bear:** Baby stay hydraulics being repaired by Captain Marc and Captain Colm. Done in a week.
2. **Aleta:** Captains Bill and Leonard are creating a check list of maintenance and improvements they think make sense over the year. Stay tuned.
3. **Benjamin Walters:** Dodger repaired at owner expense. Still plans major haul out next Fall at owner expense for all new electronics, rigging, etc. New handheld VHF and sufficient float coats for all programs.
4. **Fernweh:** Captain Bill continues to improve this cruiser...all at owner expense...and he's working on it all the time...now has sufficient float coats for all programs.

**TO ALL CAPTAINS AND CREW: YOU MUST REPORT ANY ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT INVOLVING OUR VESSELS TO THE OTHER CAPTAINS AND BOSUN EVEN IF IT SEEMS MINOR SO THAT WE MAY INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF VESSEL AND ASSURE THE SAFE USE BY OUR STUDENTS, CAPTAINS AND CREW. IT IS PART OF THE OBLIGATION EACH OF US HAVE TO MAINTAIN SAFE AND APPROPRIATE VESSELS. ANY OF US CAN MAKE A MISTAKE AND HIT SOMETHING, OFTEN A DOCK...ALL OF US HAVE DONE THAT IN THE PAST AND IT'S PART OF SAILING...BUT THEN OUR DUTY IS TO MAKE SURE THE FOUNDATION KNOWS AND CAN TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION.**

**SCHOLARSHIP REPORT:** Hunter, the Camp Sweeney boy attending barber school, has asked for the next installment and is half way done with the school. Nicole is recommending another boy for the EMT training and the committee will be interviewing him soon.

**REID NEUBERT:**

Longtime volunteer Reid died and his wife had this to say:

*“Reid would come back from a sail happy and content. He would tell me wonderful stories about the kids that were on the sail that day. He absolutely loved the experience! It broke his heart the day the orthopedic oncologist told him that he wouldn't be able to sail .....*”

Many of us remember Reid on the many sails he worked, interacting closely with the students, delighted to teach them the sea he found so enticing. He will be greatly missed.

We are putting together a memorial sail for him on Golden Bear, to scatter his ashes. It will be on August 9th at ten and those interested in participating should call Captain Rick, 415-279-7577.



**REID**

**VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE:** This is our welcoming committee for people interested in joining as volunteers, made up of **Les, Kate, Ben and Rick**. If you have someone interested or are interested yourself, these volunteers will integrate you into the sails.

**CERTIFICATION INFORMATION ON LINE**

Certification for each person is now all digitized and on line. You can update your certification status from a mobile device. This great system lets you use the internet...including mobile devices...to update your certification status and see what is left to do. Want to figure it out? Contact Bill or David and they will walk you through it, but it is easy, fast and smart. It also allows captains to check what you have listed as completed on line and certify you directly on line.

TIME TO DO OUR **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS** AT THE OCTOBER MEETING...CONSIDER WHO SHOULD BE THE OFFICERS AND ON THE BOARD...AND PLAN ON SHOWING UP AND VOTING IN OCTOBER.



**CAPTAIN AND CREW PINS AND HATS FOR CERTIFIED CREW:**

*Pins for Captains have been handed out to captains. If you are a captain without one, see Lee. These should be worn while on board so that the captain responsible for the boat is clearly known by all on board. Each captain gets two of them to wear.*

*Certified Crew Pins to be worn as well...they are delivered and to be handed out at Board Meetings...or contact Lee if you want one sent to you. [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com). ALL CERTIFIED CREW SHOULD WEAR THEM WHEN ON BOARD.*

**SOME OF OUR CAPTAINS....**



**CAPTAIN COLM**



**CAPTAIN LES**



**CAPTAIN LEIGH**



**CAPTAINS TRAVIS AND CORY**



**CAPTAIN DAVID**



**CAPTAINS BEN, RICK AND MARC**

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**NEXT MEETING AUGUST 9, 2016**

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. ALL WELCOME...ESPECIALLY STUDENTS.

**You can't do everything...but you can change the world. You got something better to do in the next month?**