



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JULY 12, 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-THREE 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.



SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAILS ARE TO RECOMMENCE IN EARLY OCTOBER AFTER SUMMER RECESS. MOU BEING FINALIZED WITH DISTRICT.

MARIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Our first sail with the MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT went well and three more now scheduled.... **July 21, August 4 and August 11**...our school programs now extend to Marin County. We may be working with Gaslight charters for one of the sails. Sign up on our events page. They want even more sails, but we only had three dates above in which the boat is free...next year we will arrange this to meet their needs.*

PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Piedmont School District loved their first sail and has scheduled another one for **October 14**.

COMMUNITY SAILS: MORE THAN EVER BEFORE!!

Community sails are expanding with more scheduled for this summer than at any time in the past: we need volunteers to sign up for those sails!!

1. *Huckleberry Program*, another long-standing entity serving youth now setting up sails and we have our first sail with their students on **JULY 15**.
2. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children have asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails. Their first several sails went well, and you can expect regular sails to be scheduled about once a month.
3. *Urban Adventures* will have double sails out of Berkeley on Aleta and Benjamin on **7/26** and **8/9**, all 10-2 with donations to Blue Water to follow. Their first sail, in June, was excellent. **SIGN UP FOR THESE SUMMER SAILS NOW.**
4. *Project Avery* (children with incarcerated parents) will be contacted by Captain Les...they are old friends of Blue Water.
5. *Greenagers*, a community group we have worked with for well over a decade, has sails scheduled for **8/6** and **10/29**.
6. We are now working with *South Beach Yacht Club* to put on sails with Golden Bear (their sailing school.) The two sails are **7/14** and **7/28**.
7. We have a donation sail with *WPO*, an organization of women CEOs, on **10/18**.
8. *Weekend Adventures* (kids from the Tenderloin) has set up sails on **8/13** and **8/20** on Golden Bear.
9. We have been approached to work with organizations for the **visually impaired** who have lost their traditional partner for sailing adventures. There is enthusiasm in Blue Water to do this and we have been promised training in the unique requirements such programs require. Expect our first try out sail in the next two months. This will be a new area of effort for us but one which is much desired by our membership!

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION The graduation sail for the current class set for July 1 went well with the students receiving graduation certificates, a Blue Water hat and pin. The next class will begin with a try out sail **on August 5**.

EI DORADO PROBATION **August 7** is our first sail with this renewed program, finally beginning after a long Covid hiatus. These kids come down early all the way from Tahoe...and love it.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION The sails are now scheduled monthly and are on **7/16; 8/20; 9/17** and will continue monthly until next May.

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 as described above.



RACING PROGRAM

Captain Andrew and his Olson 40 is ready, and we are now discussing our first team with various probation departments and other organizations. This could be a life changing experience. If it works for these students, we may expand the program to include more racing teams from the probation departments and community groups. It is our goal to start the program this year. Stay tuned.



MAKE AND MEND DAYS -NOW GOLDEN BEAR

Due to various emergencies our June Make and Mend on Golden Bear is postponed. Stay tuned for a new date probably in late August or early September. Captain Colm will advise on priorities for this make and mend.



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 or South Beach Yacht Club on **OCTOBER 22, 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.

2. Benjamin Walters has a night certification sail set including live overboard night practice for **7/23** and standard certification sail on **12/10**. The night MOB is our most advanced training: do not sign up unless you have already completed a day live overboard practice.
3. Certification Sails on Bear and Aleta will be planned **in the next few months**.
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

The first meeting of the committee occurred, and Lee is charged with creating a synopsis and plan for further consideration. 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 late summer probably...Depending on status of Covid.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: We still have to ponder the soft spots in the deck. Colm and Andrew will be working on the lifelines behind wheel.

ALETA: The possible oil leak on our engine is being checked again. Two years ago, List Marine did a tune up and felt the engine had years of life left, so hopefully this engine leak can be handled easily.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Dodger and cover to be replaced in Fall. New house and starter batteries and work on inverter. All at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: Captain Andrew reports all is well on board, and she is ready to race.

Recall that a binder with safety protocols is being developed for Aleta and we hope to have it on board in the next months.

INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

We were forced to spend \$18,000 on insurance for the three boats...and even then, they wanted yet another in water inspection by our surveyor! This has become the largest single expense for our organization despite the fact that we have never made a single claim nor had a single accident in thirty-two years of existence. All are very annoyed, but insurance is a requirement for most of our partners. The insurance market has contracted to the point where this is our only source of insurance....and the cost shows.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

It looks now as the venue will be the Berkeley Yacht Club and it will be in November or December depending on status of COVID. 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 highlight 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. Want to help set all this up? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com



MONEY: After the massive insurance cost, we only have \$12,789 left in our coffers. (Recall we also just spent \$9000 on deck work for Aleta.) We are getting some donations from some of the community groups we sail with but clearly always need more money to keep this program up and running.

Remember, we need about \$36,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... And insurance costs have just about doubled to 19,000 annually...Boats eat money. No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...so all you can do to raise money is welcome.

Treasurer Marty will be filing our year end (fiscal year) tax returns in the next month.

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. 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: the Italian Program:

In terms of scholarships, **Sategna Foundation**, has developed 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. IF combined with an internship or scholarship upon his return, may be the type of thing to change a life.

This program is being developed with help from various probation departments and will begin next year. 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.

Stay tuned. Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

CAPTAIN BOB'S MEMORIAL SAIL

Golden Bear, captained by Captain Leonard, took the family and some of our volunteers out past the Gate for a beautiful ceremony casting Captain Bob's ash to the sea, the place he loved. His family was grateful, and all were deeply moved.



NEXT MEETING AUGUST 9, 2022, BY ZOOM.

To participate in our Zoom meetings during Covid, 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

Ten years ago we would have perhaps a half dozen sails during the summer break when school was out. Now we are even busier during summer than during the school year...and are exploring expanding our activities to the visually impaired. We have more certified sailors and captains than ever before and the need, if anything, keeps growing.

People need you to help them. Simple as that. In this world of negativity, to work with other volunteers to help others invigorates. Helping others..helps yourself, your feelings about the world and yourself. One volunteer commented, when he was looking at the face of a child exultant at the wheel, "This is what makes it all worth while..." Yep.

Don't wait for the
perfect moment,
take the moment
and make it perfect.