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WILL GET UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHANGES TO SCHEDULE AND EVENTS.*

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

It is now so easy to join, remove oneself, and check out all of 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.

For example, eight sails with SF Rec and Park this summer and we begin Contra Costa Probation's program...



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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING COMMITTEE CREATED.

Our go fund effort (Help a Bear in Need) raised 3500 of the 8000 we need 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.

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 just certified another first captain (Jimmy), one new crew (John Pimlott) and almost certified two others. Every boat should concentrate on upping the number of certified...which can be done via your smart phone will on board.

THE NEXT CERTIFICATION SAIL IS ON BENJAMIN WALTERS ON AUGUST 4. Sign up now since the spaces will go fast. It is hard sailing, going through the systems, live MOB practice...and a lot of fun. You leave feeling a better sailor. More are coming for Golden Bear and Aleta. You can become certified by simply going out on our regular sails...but these all-day events are even better. Bring your own lunch.



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 first sail with **Contra Costa County** starting JULY 15TH ON BENJAMIN WALTERS. and if interested in that program, again contact Lee or the events page on our website.

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.



TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

1. **Live MOB drill** and Certification Sail on Benjamin Walters August 4, 2018. 9-4. Dock O, Berkeley Marina. Required for full certification.
2. **CPR AND FIRST AID** will be taught by Captain Les, last AUGUST 25, in San Francisco, location to be announced. Free to volunteers.
3. 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.
4. Life raft Practice 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.

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 are waiting with another scholarship for another student, this one from Camp Sweeney, in the coming year. Mariette spent a lunch with him, getting information as to how his plans are developing and it is likely we will be giving him his scholarship next year at this time.

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 \$3500.00.



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 is working with us on this and we thank 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.

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

NEW FLAGS:

Joanne and Eric's new flags donated to for Blue Water flags are holding up very well. Each boat now flies the flag at all times and are they are much more resilient than the old ones.

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...

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 JULY 10, 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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