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

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION
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. Our final sails for this school year are concluded until the Fall term when our students return.

**WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS AND CAPTAINS TO MAKE THIS OLDEST OF OUR PROGRAMS WORK...SEE IF YOU CAN HELP US ON A 25 YEAR OLD PROGRAM SERVING THE STUDENTS OF SF.**

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

**THE BERKELEY YACHT CLUB ASKED US TO SAIL WITH ONE OF THEIR COMMUNITY GROUPS ON JUNE 23 AND THAT SAIL, ON BENJAMIN WALTERS, IS FULLY STAFFED. This may be the beginning of a closer connection to BYC who have members who wish to volunteer and active community outreach. Captain Louis, a member of that Club and one of our best captains, is the liaison here.

**AIM HIGH HIGH SCHOOL**, with Kate the liaison, is planning a sail for July 11 or July 18.

**SCA** has a Bear sail on July 8 with Les, Mike and Jim already committed and another Bear sail on July 15 with Les, Mike Jim committed and both sails need more crew. And on July 22, on “Aleta, SCA has a sail with Les and Jim committed and they need more crew.

**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 1, July 22, August 12, all double sails beginning at nine, and Marc, Robert and Rick are committed with Ben also committed on July 1.

**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.
The ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT students from Camp Sweeney make up the kids on these sails. Our first full-fledged multi month class has begun:

Our next sail with Camp Sweeney will be in August due to their other summer programs.

The Girls’ Program at Camp Sweeney has their next sail on Fernweh on July 9 with our specially trained mostly woman team on Fernweh. Fully staffed.

Recall we also are providing sails for El Dorado County probation department. El Dorado probation wants monthly sails…our next sail will be in July on Fernweh, meeting in Richmond, Captains Bill and ?. Date to be set in the next week…check Volunteer Spot or contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

On June 21 we visit the SF Probation to check out their facilities since SF Probation wants to start a program with us.

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.

CAMP SWEENEY OPEN HOUSE AND INVITATION

For the second year Blue Water has been asked to man a booth for itself at Camp Sweeney and meet not only other volunteers and foundations and service providers but to meet the various probation department staff and educate them as to our program. Last year was a great success and led to many new friends and a great reception by Camp Sweeney staff. So far Lee, Rick, Debbie and Leonard are manning the booth and we’d like a few more if possible 330 to 500 on Friday JUNE 24, we set up around 230. Can you help? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com...and this is also a chance to get a good luck at Camp Sweeney.
MODERN SAILING ACADEMY, THAT GREAT SCHOOL IN SAUSALITO OWNED BY PRESIDENT CAPTAIN LEIGH HUNT AND WHERE CAPTAINS TRAVIS AND JIMMY WORK, HAD A BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL AND DONATED FROM THE PROCEEDS 450.00 TO BLUE WATER...THANKS!!!

EMERYVILLE SAILS: Now repaired, Aleta will participate in community sails and probation sails. We now have three boats in the East Bay and one in SF.

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 the City.

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 EMAIL TO CAPTAIN LEE at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. We want and need you…
MONEY?

We have about 9000 on hand, another 5000 coming from the District, 5000.00 from a grant, and our fund raising committee is working on various other means of seeking funds. We need about 30,000 each year for the boats and equipment. Marty reported he will be filing our tax return in July.

NEW CHIEF BOSUNS ELECTED. Captain Ken, one of our most experienced captains and bosun of Aleta is moving to Carmel (but will be up monthly to visit family and will do some sails) and needs someone to take over those bosun duties. CAPTAIN LEONARD LEE is now the new Chief Bosun of Aleta. Captain Marc, bosun of Bear, may also be heading out the Gate on extended cruising and CAPTAIN COLM will take over if Captain Marc leaves.

Keep in mind the Chief bosun simply coordinates who does what and who gets hired to keep the boats in shape and keeps a maintenance list and log. They are updating the log now and if you can help them help the boats…do volunteer.

BOAT CONDITION

1. **Bear:** Float switch on bilge pump still needs repair. Has a donated handheld VHF added.

2. **Aleta:** Cost us $10,000 for the entire project and she is back in her berth in the best condition in twenty years. Note the radar unit for the boat is still in the box on board and the Board indicted that a decision as to what to do with it will be required at the next Board meeting. Captain Ken did a great job bringing the boat through this long time in the yard.

3. **Benjamin Walters:** Still plans major haul out next Fall at owner expense for all new electronics, rigging, etc. Good shape right now. New handheld VHF.

4. **Fernweh:** Captain Bill’s 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch had its emergency tiller repaired during a practice. Good thing they did the practice since otherwise it was never going to work. Captain Bill continues to improve this cruiser…all at owner expense…and he’s working on it all the time…
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: Both recipients remain in school, one auto mechanic, the other in barber school and Camp Sweeney is recommending another student for an emergency medical responder...and the committee is checking him out. So far, so good, and Sategna continues to support this effort with enthusiasm.

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.

EAGLE SCOUT MENTOR AWARD: Captains Colm and Lee were touched to each receive mentor pins by our volunteer and Eagle Scout Michael who, you recall, has his troop paint the interior of Bear and has become one of our active young volunteers. He is off to college in Seattle in the Fall...but we get to keep his parents!
TIME TO DO OUR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS SOON... WILL SCHEDULE THE “ELECTION” AT OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING.

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. ALL CERTIFIED CREW SHOULD WEAR THEM WHEN ON BOARD.

SOME OF OUR CAPTAINS....

CAPTAINS CATHERINE, LOUIS AND BEN
NEXT MEETING JULY 12, 2016

6pm to 8 pm...And ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12TH 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?