



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2018

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*USE VOLUNTEER SPOT TO SIGN UP FOR SAILS OR CONTACT THE SAIL ORGANIZER.*

*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!*

### SCHEDULED SAILS:

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

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 all the students getting a chance at the wheel. SF police on board most sails as part of their outreach program.

Thursdays are continuing, weather permitting. Contact Tim Weeg [jweeg@comcast.net](mailto:jweeg@comcast.net) or go to volunteer spot to get on board these sails, all on Golden Bear, meeting at SF marina, g at 1100:

**NEXT SAILS:**

**1/25 2/8 2/15...** and most every other Thursday until school ends...



#### SF PARK AND REC SAILS:

Summer Sails with SF Park and Rec on Golden Bear, all early afternoon, more than eight planned beginning in May and continuing through the summer. Stay tuned for more details. These sails are a good way to check out our organization if you are thinking about getting out on the boats. Contact Les to get on board. [leswaste2000@yahoo.com](mailto:leswaste2000@yahoo.com)

### **PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS**

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](mailto:lsitmmel@stimmel-law.com).

NEXT SAILS: CAMP SWEENEY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>.  
LOG CABIN JANUARY 20<sup>th</sup>, FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>

All in Berkeley beginning at 900.

We will also probably be working with 18-21-year-old students from the new Transition Program being started by six probation departments in California...these students will have their felony convictions expunged if they complete a full program of training, education, mentoring...and sailing may become part of that program. More later.

Additional Probation departments want to try out our programs, from Santa Clara to Marin, Contra Costs, Sacramento, etc. We are only limited by the number of certified captains and crew to take on these additional departments and serve that population. So...get certified!

### **COMMUNITY SAILS:**

These are sails with various community groups, ranging from local churches to Park and Rec to Project Avery, etc. Usually but not always on weekends. **Next one is Edgewood School, on Fernweh, Captain Bill, February 24.**



### **TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:**

1. Live MOB drill on Golden Bear to be taught on MARCH 11. We are one of the few entities that practices this vital skill set with a volunteer who leaps overboard and is rescued several times during the sail. Required for full certification. Volunteer Spot to sign on.
2. CPR AND FIRST AID taught by Captain Les, 405 Howard Street, MARCH 10, 930. Free to volunteers and, again, required for full certification. Volunteer Spot to sign on.
3. Probation Sail Training by Log Cabin: In March we will schedule another session of training by Marc Humphries, director of Log Cabin, in interaction and methods for our sails with his students. Will probably be at noon on a Thursday in March. Stay tuned.

## SCHOLARSHIPS:

Eric and Joanne are now heading the scholarship committee and reported on recent contacts with a student who wishes a scholarship for paramedical school and in a few months we will know if he gets in...which will cost us about 12,000 from the 15,000 we now have. Other outreach is ongoing.

During their presentation to the **SATEGNA FOUNDATION** which has funded our program they explained our efforts and goals. The Sategna people granted us another five thousand more dollars and indicated more would be available once we developed the next suitable candidate.

Esa from Alameda Probation expressed an interest in having the Transition Students also be possible candidates and we will be exploring that possibility.

## EVENTS:

### **1. Annual Awards Party at Berkeley Yacht Club, March 24, 6-midnight, food, drink, entertainment, dancing, and awards to**

**DAVID MISCHEL** as Ocean Gate Volunteer of the Year;  
**KEN JANKE** and **LES SCHLESINGER** as Blue Water Volunteers of the Year.

And for community partners who have been remarkable allies in our efforts:

1. **MARC HUMPHRIES, SF PROBATION**
2. **FRANK LOZANO, ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION**
3. **MARY-MICHAEL WATTS, SF DISTRICT**
4. **KARL MA, SF POLICE WILDERNESS PROGRAM.**

A great way to spend a Saturday evening. Benjamin Walters will be at the dock for viewing. Note that **Diablo Magazine** is giving us a free ad for the party...

### **2. EMERYVILLE MARINA FESTIVAL BLUE WATER BOOTH; During the afternoon of March 24 we will be manning a booth at the Emeryville marina as part of their festival and selling drinks to a willing population, with profits going to Blue Water. Glen, Shannon, Paul M and Robert C have so far volunteered and we may even move Aleta over so that people can check her out...and will be handing out materials for Blue Water. Think about volunteering to man the booth. Contact President Shannon who is running this effort.**

**MONEY?** Yes, 12,854 but Treasurer Marty reminded us that our insurance alone cost annually \$14,000 each year. He is preparing a year-end report as to expenses and, as discussed in the bosuns committee report, we will be getting an annual budget together for the boats in the near future. One thing is clear: even with no employees or paid staff, we need to raise about 60,000 a year and need to get going on that...



## BOAT CONDITION and NEW BOSUNS COMMITTEE

The Board unanimously approved a reorganization of the way Blue Water maintains and improves our vessels. Instead of one or two people acting as bosuns without defined duties, a committee of not less than three nor more than five persons will be assigned to monitor, maintain and supervise repair of each vessel owned by the Foundation. The committees shall not necessarily do the work themselves, but shall arrange for either volunteers or professionals to perform the tasks to keep the vessels in operating and safe condition.

**RESOLVED:**

1. A bosuns committee of at least three and no more than five is created for each foundation boat now. There is a head bosun to report to the board, but the entire committee is expected to arrange how to maintain the vessel.
2. Aleta and Golden Bear each have their own bosuns' committees.
3. The committees meet no less than once every three months to go through projects. Their initial task to be accomplished in the next month is:
  - a. Analyze the boat's condition now. All systems.
  - b. Create maintenance schedule and appoint a member to keep it up and send a copy to the board once a quarter.
  - c. Create a checklist of what each captain is to check off before and after every sail. Kept on board, signed by the captain, kept in our records.
  - d. Have two members of the committee available by cell phone and/or e mail for any volunteer or captain to report a problem.
  - e. Prepare a budget for critical tasks to be performed over the next six months; for important but not critical matters; for routine maintenance.
  - f. Prepare a budget for medium and long term major projects for the vessel.
  - g. Determine how the task is to be performed once budgeted, e.g. who does it; do we hire someone? Who supervises and reports completion and arranges payment?
  - g. Appoint a liaison with the Board so as to ensure good communication and budgeting.
  - h. Monitor if maintenance is being performed and by who, enter it into the log book, and schedule the next including the person assigned to perform it. That person need not be on the committee but his or her name should be known to the committee and he or she reminded and supervised by the committee.
  - i. Create an "emergency response" member to handle an immediate problem on the boat if it occurs.
4. If a member leaves the committee, he/she is to be replaced immediately by the rest of the committee using the help of the Executive Committee.
5. No less than three times a year, the committee (with friends and family if they wish) take the vessel out and check out the systems and enjoy a day on the Bay as they see how the various systems perform and what else needs work. These sail dates should be scheduled at the first meeting each year. They take priority over student sails since they are critical for safe student sails.

And the initial volunteers for the bosuns committee are as follows:

**GOLDEN BEAR BOSUNS COMMITTEE**

COLM PELOW  
ANDREW ZIMMERMAN  
JOHN GILMORE  
STEVE KASTNER  
JOANNE MARTIN

**ALETA BOSUNS COMMITTEE**

LEONARD LEE  
PAUL MARBURY  
PAUL HARRIS  
ROBERT CIESLINSKI  
SCOTT RACETTE

Inspections are already underway with the committees moving forward on their creation of a checklist, maintenance list, and budget to present to the Board.

**OYSTER POINT YACHT CLUB CONNECTION?**

Oyster Point Yacht Club in San Mateo asked Leonard to present information as to Blue Water and our programs since they are interested in establishing a community program. Leonard did so and reports that we will receive from them some ideas as to joint programs we can develop to serve the youth of San Mateo County. Leonard will keep us advised. Note that the Harbor Master of SF Marina is also the Commodore of that Yacht Club and is fully familiar with

the type of programs we are funning...and is a great supporter. After all, Golden Bear waves our flag a thousand feet from his office...

#### **NEW FLAGS:**

On that score, Joanne and Eric are ordering new Blue Water flags that will hopefully be stronger and capable of lasting more than a few months in our high winds...should arrive in a month or two.

#### **NEW BROCHURE:**

And Debbie and her designer friend are developing a new brochure to strut our stuff for raising volunteers and money and that should be available in a week or two.

#### **TECHNOLOGY REPORT:**

David Mischel is working to finish up a new dedicated program for scheduling and sharing information for Blue Water to replace the more limited Volunteer Spot program and hopes to conclude testing of the program in the next month or two. This will be a single locale for all events and announcements for Blue Water, plus information on certification, bosun's reports, etc. Stay tuned.

#### **PRESIDENT SHANNON'S REPORT ON 2017 SAILS:**

Shannon reports that in 2017, despite numerous storms in the first part of the year, we concluded the following sails:

1. 63 sails of which six were double sails, so you can argue there were 69 sails.
2. 38 for Probation; 5 for Park and Rec; 16 Community sails; 16 SF District sails.

IT WAS RESOLVED AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THAT WE WILL FROM THIS POINT FORWARD KEEP TRACK OF THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ON EACH SAIL SO THAT THIS DATA CAN BE RETAINED. THE SECOND CAPTAIN ON EACH SAIL IS TO REPORT THAT TO SHANNON WITHIN A WEEK OF THE SAIL.

We had our first student sail in 1990. Incorporated as a Foundation in 1992. Well over 40,000 children taken to sea. And going stronger than ever. In our 28<sup>th</sup> year.

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2018 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**



**BLUE WATER SAIL 1997**



**BLUE WATER SAIL 2017**

**KIDS ON THE STREETS A HALF MILE FROM THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WILDERNESS AREA IN THE WORLD AND NEVER GETTING OUT ON A BOAT. NOT EVEN THINKING THAT ADVENTURE CAN EVER BE A PART OF THEIR LIVES... You can make a difference if you want to. Up to you. **Join us.****

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