



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JANUARY 12, 2021 (via ZOOM)

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**PANDEMIC CANCELLATION OF ALL STUDENT SAILS AT LEAST UNTIL MARCH. CREW AND CAPTAIN TRAINING CONTINUES WITH COVID PROTOCOL ADOPTED. WE HOPE TO BE OPEN AGAIN WITH ALL OF OUR MANY SAILS AND PROGRAMS IN A FEW MORE MONTHS. MEANWHILE...UP YOUR CERTIFICATION STATUS!**

**USE OUR WEBSITE EVENTS LINK ("Get Involved" button) TO SIGN UP FOR SAILS OR CONTACT THE SAIL ORGANIZER.**



**ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME...THIRTY YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION.**

## SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

**CANCELLED BY DISTRICT. STAY TUNED FOR WHEN THEY BEGIN AGAIN.**

## COMMUNITY SAILS:

**CANCELLED!!**

## PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

**SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION: EL DORADO PROBATION AND NOW ALAMEDA COUNTY: ALL CANCELLED FOR NOW. STAY TUNED**

FOR NEW DATES. All the counties are anxious to begin the sails again but have not yet adopted appropriate procedures. See below for our own protection procedures.

Marin Juvenile Probation has also contacted Blue Water and we plan to begin sails with them once the pandemic recedes.

Wayne MacDonald, founder of Urban Pioneers and teacher in SF for decades is now the new President of the Wilderness Foundation that works with the SF Police to plan and fund youth outings with police officers. Urban Pioneers fifteen years ago was an experiential program in the SF schools that took students who wanted learning out of the classroom to various wilderness outings, volunteer work, etc....and they became regular crew on our District sails. Wayne wants to coordinate more Blue Water sails with the police foundation once we open up again. Stay tuned.



**REOPENING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.**

**DAVID M, SHANNON, COLM, AND AMY** are the committee created to create a recommended set of policies for the Board as we move to further programs reopening. All volunteers should keep the following protocol in mind which was adopted by the Board some months ago:

**COVID PROTOCOL ON BOARD:**

The Board adopted the following protocol for when the sails with students begin again as well as for our own training to be supplemented by the various programs, we serve but altered the past protocol in that no longer are full fingered gloves required given the latest evidence that surfaces are not a major factor in spreading COVID:

The protocol:

**•Volunteer (certification) only sails**

- oWe are in conformity with regulations applied in the Bay Area (all state, area, and county guidelines for opening have been met)
- oNo more than three people below decks at a time.
- o All aboard answer required screening questions and pass the criteria.
- oLive MOB training with the new protocol
  - (Possibly) temperature testing for fever

**Kids sails**

- oAll criteria for Volunteer sails have been met, including temperature and screening questions

- oSports activities involving contact (football, basketball) are allowed for kids by local regulation
- oApproval/agreement of partner organization
- oExecution of our expanded COVID waivers/permissions slips.
- oAll wear masks if still mandated by State or local authorities

A committee of Captains David, Steve and Aleko have now developed a Covid MOB procedure which will allow us to begin that training again...essentially, returning to the old Life Sling method of running the haul up line back to a winch so a single person can crank the person in the water up. We now have several MOB drills set for January through March and a dozen crew and captains who await that final skill to be fully certified are signing up.



## Training & Certification

Since our student sails are delayed, we are concentrating on certifying and increasing the level of certification of our many new volunteers. These full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. We have developed pandemic safe protocol for the training as described above. We are also scheduling more CPR-First Aid Red Cross certified training since that is also a prerequisite to full certification.

**First Aid and CPR –JANUARY 30, 2021, 48 Gold Street, second floor.** This is free to volunteers and includes both First Aid Training and CPR. Due to COVID, you do an online program first, then some hands on at this course. All explained on our sign-up page on the webpage. Many volunteers have done a dozen or more of these over the years, but they need to be renewed. Les has checked the records and your name below indicates when you must renew.

Until 12/2020

Jim Biggs  
Daniel Sisson  
Jim Waterwash  
John Pimlott  
Arnie Thompson  
Paul Fetherston  
Paul Virk  
Kevin Cangemi  
Suzanne Andrews

Until 2/2021

Jill Barnes

Until 4/2021

Michael Kastner

Until 5/2021

Bridget Hickey  
Lynn M  
Aleko  
Deborah Hall  
Amy Oates

Jim Stanton  
Emilio Medrano  
Gabriel Chang  
Mariette Lapiz

Until 10/2021

Steve K  
Jay Conners  
Elisha Wood-Charlson  
David Doering  
Elena Joy Pelen  
Tim Hadlock  
Matilda Dagberg

Until 8/2022

Sam Gebb  
Alex Jones  
Lorraine Masi  
David Mischel  
Mari Murayama  
Darya Pilram  
Hugh Shinn  
Lee Stimmel  
Robert Tseng  
Judith Zimmermann

Until 10/2022

Louis Benainous  
Robin Collin  
Eric Downing  
Dan Jones  
Shannon Kastner  
Leonard Lee  
Joanne Martin  
Aquinnah Todd  
Matt Zarem

Recall all of us must be certified in First Aid and CPR to be certified crew and captains and, of course, many have taken courses outside of Blue Water...

### **Certification Sails-Training:**

We have instituted a full protocol for training in these virus days...masks required.

### **Trainings now scheduled:**

1. Certification sail on Benjamin Walters, overboard drill January 31.
2. Certification sail on Aleta February 6
3. Overboard live practice Benjamin Walters March 6
4. Certification sail Benjamin Walters March 14
5. Aleta will have more training schedule set up and she is now in Berkeley.

**SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS PAGE.**

### **OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING**

**Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, but the pandemic must recede, and the vessel is being repowered in February so it will be out of commission for a month. Perhaps in March or April...Stay tuned.**





## **BOSUN'S REPORT:**

### **GOLDEN BEAR:**

The pulpits are manufactured and will be mounted by Blue Water volunteers in the next few weeks. Wave movement in the Marina may require us to put on cleats and are being considered.

**ALETA:** The stuffing box needs adjustment and there was discussion as to need to make sure bilge empty before taking her out to avoid salt on the engine. She also needs steaming light repaired.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** In February List Marine will replace the current 40-year-old Isuzu with a new Yanmar 57. The vessel will be unavailable for about a month. All at owner expense. Then sea trials and we will be ready for the opening of the various programs.

### **BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION**

Recall that both the Mathew Turner and Bay Lights Charters who operate traditional schooners would like to have some probation sails in conjunction with Blue Water Foundation. Planning continues and our goal is to have the boats have one or two classes on board, with Blue Water mentors also present, so that our probation students get additional experience and instruction on these magnificent vessels. Alameda County is on board but all sails for all vessels are on hold until the pandemic lifts. The Wilderness Foundation may also arrange police-student sails. Stay tuned for dates.

### **ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED**

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be summer or later. Stay tuned for a date. 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

**ANOTHER BEACH/BAY CLEANUP?** Joanne and Shannon hope to be setting up another clean up for volunteers similar to what we have already done twice during this pandemic. They hope for March and will advise. Keep checking Events Page.

**MONEY:** \$29,367.12 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development Committee continues to work with various potential donors and plans an auction at our annual party. Facebook fund raising (people listing us as a charity for their personal events) raised about \$2500.00, etc. We have major expenses in the near future...insurance costs, boat maintenance, so we are OK for now, but we will definitely need to replenish soon.

The Development Committee has applied for a \$5000 grant related to Covid and we will see if that bears fruit. Fingers crossed...

*Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... Boats eat money. OUR MONEY GOES TO PROGRAMS AND THE BOATS. NO PAYROLL, NO BIG OVERHEAD.*

**GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB** has a youth sailing program using its own dinghies and has interest in some type of joint program for racing with some of our students. They remain closed due to virus. Captains Lee and Andrew will be setting up a meeting with SF Probation to explore this further.

## **HISTORY OF BLUE WATER?**

We began in 1990...31 years ago. With no boats owned, only volunteered by members and the police on every sail since we were working only with the Wilderness Foundation. Now we have two 46-foot open ocean racers, volunteer boats from time to time, five probation departments, community sails, the SF District...and police on the District sails from time to time.

There is interest in creating a somewhat detailed account of our history and events and Captain Lee is charged with the first rough draft...it will eventually go on our website.



## **INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

### **A PROGRAM YOU CAN JOIN AND HELP EVEN IF YOU STAY ON LAND:**

#### **INTERNSHIPS:**

Eric G, Lee, Andrew, and Joanne are on the committee seeking to establish and expand our internship program. Once completed, a full description of the Internship Program will be presented to probation departments, donors and businesses and we hope to get this off the ground in the next several months when the economy opens again...So far, we have had two great successes. Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them.

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

In terms of scholarships, we have submitted a grant request to the Sategna Foundation for more funding for our scholarships and our current recipient, Josue' continues to do outstanding work in his nursing BA degree course, getting straight As last semester. We have now spent the grant from Sategna on him and need additional sources. We also need to link up with businesses for creation of internships. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students.

All these programs are truly lifechanging for the students...even if you do not sail, we need volunteers to help on the scholarships and internships and if interested, contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com). This changes lives...this is you lighting a match to push back the darkness. Join us!



**Painting by Captain Ken based on photo by Captain Louie.**

**ONLINE TRAINING:** Hugh, one of our certified crew, is continuing to explore online courses that can help our students learn even when not on board...and help our own certification process.

### **NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 9, 2021 a Zoom meeting**

#### **ZOOM:**

ZOOM...if you are not already on the registered list, 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...and we will send out on our e mail list some days before the meeting as well. David Mischel [dmischel@gmail.com](mailto:dmischel@gmail.com)



Now is the time to step up. Black Lives Matter is both true and a call to arms...it is time for action, and we need your help to show these students that Their Lives Matter. Help us help them...Sail with them, mentor them, show them that someone outside the gangs cares; help get them job training or a scholarship. Volunteer your time and energy or contribute...It will change them...and it will change you. We are here and waiting for your help...