



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JUNE 17, 2020 (via ZOOM)

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APRIL MEETING WAS BY ZOOM CONFERENCE

VIRUS CANCELLATION OF ALL SAILS AT LEAST UNTIL JULY. TRAINING CONTINUES WITH COVID PROTCOL ADOPTED. WE HOPE TO BE OPEN AGAIN WITH ALL OF OUR MANY SAILS AND PROGRAMS IN A FEW MORE MONTHS.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATED DAILY.

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.

WANT TO KNOW A DATE FOR AN EVENT OR SAIL AND JOIN? CAN DO ONLINE WITH THE “Get Involved” button on our website. You are on a sail a few clicks away...



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

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

COMMUNITY SAILS:

WHILE MOST ARE CANCELLED, WE MAY STILL HAVE THE SCHEDULED ONES FOR AUGUST ON CALENDAR. LET'S HOPE THEY WILL OCCUR...CHECK CALENDAR TO SEE IF WILL BE CANCELLED.

Urban Adventures Camp was to occur on 7/7; 7/28 and 8/11. CANCELLED!!

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

**ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:
CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION: EL DORADO PROBATION:**

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.

REOPENING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.

Given our role as mentors to students, we need to establish safe and appropriate methods to reopen our various programs. The schools, probation departments and community groups will have their own, of course, and we must abide by them, but we should also develop our own minimum criteria to not only protect our students but our members, vendors and guests.

DAVID M, SHANNON, COLM AND AMY are now a committee to create a recommended set of policies for the Board.

The preliminary protocol:

- **Volunteer (certification) only sails**
 - o We are in conformity with regulations applied in the Bay Area (all state, area, and county guidelines for opening have been met)
 - o All wear full finger gloves and masks (we will use certification sails to determine if sailing with masks on is practical and safe)
 - o All aboard answer required screening questions and pass the criteria
 - o (Possibly) temperature testing for fever
- **Kids sails**
 - o All criteria for Volunteer sails have been met, including temperature and screening questions
 - o Sports activities involving contact (football, basketball) are allowed for kids by local regulation
 - o Approval/agreement of partner organization
 - o Execution of our expanded COVID waivers/permissions slips.
 - o All wear full finger gloves and masks if still mandated by State or local authorities



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: The pulpit is progressing after some virus delay and the metal worker may be working with us on the internship program described below. Andrew and Eric (chair of our new internship committee) will be bringing the boat over for the pulpit. We also need a new hasp and lock for the boat, and we will arrange for bottom cleaning once a quarter.

ALETA: Chain plates, transmission and the bilge are being examined for possible work by Bosun Paul. Fast Bottoms is now cleaning the bottoms once a quarter. Remember, Aleta is now in Berkeley, and we are hoping still for a free berth.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: New AC/DC wiring and plumbing is being worked on as well as varnish work and various safety gear.... All at owner expense.

INSURANCE IS NOW IN PLACE FOR ALL VESSELS and all have passed the surveys.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION?

Recall that the board of this square rigger berthed in Sausalito has expressed interest in Blue Water sails on this vessel. Once the virus retreats, we will continue to explore this option.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be late Fall or even winter. Likely October or November. 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. In a few months we will be sending out information on method of selection of Volunteers of the Year award as well as awards for our partners in the community.

MONEY: \$34,118 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development Committee continues to work with various potential donors and plan an auction at our annual party. Berkeley Marina may give us free berth for Aleta. The Development Committee continues to work hard and changes in our accounting methodology should help them with this effort.

Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat...and donations to us are tax deductible. All volunteers, no payroll...but boats need money!

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. The long-term goal...a racing team of probation students! This program is, again, delayed due to the virus but stay tuned. Captains Lee and Andrew will be setting up a meeting with SF Probation to explore this further during this hiatus in our sails.



Training & Certification

Having a regular schedule and rotation of certification sails worked very well this year. We will continue with this effort since it is our certified volunteers who are the key to our success. We have no paid personnel...without volunteers, we cease to exist.

First Aid and CPR – August 1 Sign up now if you want a space. Will be in San Francisco, check location when you sign up. We will be providing this free program (recall to be certified you need to have a First Aid and CPR certificate) and we have a new member who is fully qualified to help Captain Les and take on some of that certification. Thanks to Anne Reinert, we may be able to double our certifications in this field.

Certification Sails-Training: Many were cancelled due to virus, but as seen below, we are rescheduling. Check our calendar and sign up. These full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. Often have live MOB practice, sometimes with two boats at a time...and are tremendous fun. Also, for our already certified MOB day crew and captains, a night MOB (since we take probation students out at night) is scheduled. A truly intense training experience. *The dates below are subject to change based on status of virus.*

We tested our new Covid 19 methods on the Benjamin Walters certification sail on June 20...limiting numbers gathered at various places on the boat; masks and full fingered gloves. Eating spread out. It worked better than we feared...the masks, while at times annoying, do not interfere with working the boat. We agreed further certification sails can proceed and that training during the hiatus of student sails makes good sense.

BENJAMIN WALTERS MOB (DAY PRACTICE)	JULY 19
ALETA CERTIFICATION	JULY 26
FIRST AID AND CPR	AUGUST 1
BENJAMIN WALTER (NIGHT MOB PRACTICE)	AUGUST 14
GOLDEN BEAR CERTIFICATION	AUGUST 22

And once the virus subsides, expect even more certification sails...we have been approached by many new volunteers during this time and we want to get them certified and on our sails.



Scholarship & Internships: SF Probation has asked about future scholarships and Josue' is now starting nursing schools based on the Blue Water- Sategna foundation grants. This is proceeding and Josue will come to a Sategna meeting to discuss his efforts (possibly by Zoom.)

An internship Committee has been formed to establish a regular business internship program. Eric, Joanne and Lee are on the formation committee, Eric chair, and a full plan will be created in July. Our goal is numerous internships, as well as scholarships, being available.

Recall that, thanks to Joanne and Eric, long standing volunteers of Blue Water, we completed our first two interns at their stage and event construction business for Camp Sweeney students and it went splendidly. The students showed up on time, were enthusiastic and all the workers at their plant loved working with them. The virus ended it sooner than anyone wanted, but Joanne and Eric loved the experience and intend to keep doing internships.

WE NEED TO EXPAND THIS TO OTHER BUSINESSES SO IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYONE...OR HAS A BUSINESS THAT COULD USE THAT HELP...LET US KNOW. This gives the students actual job experience and confidence. Think: you are thrown out of school, have a juvenile record, only know the gang world...and suddenly you see a new world of what most of us take for granted. We can do that for them. Give them an option away from the streets... Interested in helping? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

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

BLACK LIVES MATTER STATEMENT

It was decided by the Board that Blue Water should create a clear statement supporting the goals and themes of Black Lives Matter and a committee of David O, Ed Cooper and Steve is established to present to the board their proposed statement of position to go on our website and materials.

The Privacy Policy of Blue Water is now on our website.

Our waiver and release form was altered slightly to include waiver of liability for Covid and other illnesses.

NEXT MEETING: JULY 14, 2020, almost certainly a Zoom meeting but we will see.

If in person...

48 GOLD STREET, SECOND FLOOR 6-8 (ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT) FOOD, DRINK, SAIL SCHEDULES, ETC. ETC.

PHONE OR ZOOM:

CAN CALL IN AT 425-436-6260 ACCESS CODE 2546648#.

OR ZOOM and 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>



AS BAD AS THIS TIME MAY HAVE BEEN FOR YOU, IMAGINE WHAT IT IS LIKE TO BE A TEENAGER...OR YOUNGER...AND STUCK AT HOME, AWAY FROM FRIENDS...OR, WORSE, A TEENAGER INCARCERATED, PROGRAMS DISCONTINUED, SUBJECT TO NEW ISOLATING REGULATIONS...

They need us more than ever....help us help them...they need wind and water now more than we do....

