



The Blue Water Foundation has been an all-volunteer, non-profit, 501 (c) 3, corporation since 1992. Our volunteers and the youths we serve come from all over the San Francisco Bay Area. To achieve our mission, we work with various Bay Area Youth Programs.

*Life and death, the child and the mother, are ever meeting as the one draws into the harbour and the other sets sail. They exchange a bright "All's well" and pass on.*  
 ~JM Barrie, *The Little White Bird*

### Probation Program

**Log Cabin, SF County** (all Double sails)

- Saturday, April 15
- Saturday, May 20

### Eldorado County

- Sunday, April 23

### Community Sails

**Edgewood Kinship** is a support program for extended family members to raise the children when the parents cannot. Tentative sail dates:

- Sunday, Mar 26
- Saturday, Apr 22

**Girls Stepping Up for Change** is a girls program through the Marin County Probation Dept.

- Saturday, April 1

**Project Avery** is a program for children with an incarcerated parent.

- Saturday, May 13

**Silver Springs HS** in Grass Valley coming all this way to sail on the Bay!

- Thursday, May 18

**SF Rec & Parks** has day camps and programs for a wide range of the county's children.

Scheduled sail dates:

- Friday, June 16

- Friday, June 30
- Friday, July 28

**SF Rec & Parks** Greenagers program. Teens working in the department.

- Saturday, July 8
- Saturday, Aug 12

**SF Unified School District** – Sails are being scheduled!

### Certification Sails

**Man Overboard Daytime** on *Golden Bear* Saturday March 25 with David.

### BWF Operations

**Fundraising:** Debbie is suggesting another fundraising event in August or September

**Welcoming Volunteers** – Debbie and Lee are developing a new process.

**Fleet photo:** Waiting until all the boats are in the water!

**Treasurer's report:** About \$15,000 on hand.

### Boats

*Golden Bear* – new lines working



better. May have a vang hydraulic problem developing. Definitely needs an oil change.

*Aleta* – The engine won't start cold without starter fluid; needs glowplug. Probably also needs an oil change.

*Benjamin Walter* – Back in the water and almost back together.

*Fernweh* – Out of the yard, has a mast; still needs sails, cleats etc.



**APRIL 11, 6:00 PM** always done by 8:00 PM. 155 Montgomery St 12<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Next Board meeting!**

*See you there!*

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**Ben is a man of many worlds; we are privileged to be one of them.**

*When I think of Blue Water I picture Ben*

*Ben's one of a kind*

*Ben's generous*

*At the end of a sail Ben would declare: "That was the best sail ever!" every time!*

**Ben's an inspiration to me**

*Gruff voice, caring heart: Papa Bear*

*The kindest tough-guy I know*

**Truly a man of the people**

*Ben connects, Ben is loved*

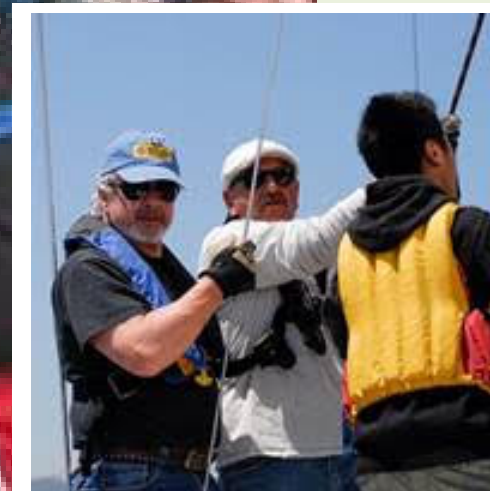
*A kind sailor and friend to everyone*

**A philosopher: we have had many great conversations about life**

*Although I did not learn hula, I vicariously danced through a truly special person*

*What an amazing gift we have been given.*

**Thank you Ben! We couldn't have done it without you!**



Ben Wengrofsky, one of the original captains of Blue Water and one of the most remarkable men most of us ever knew just passed away. Those of you who were at our last celebration saw him as enthusiastic and joyful as ever, watching the award in his name being handed out for the first time and telling all that he treasured all the friends in Blue Water that he has made over the decades that he served. He always said he got more from Blue Water than he ever gave to it...but those who saw him working with the students know that he was wrong in that regard: he changed lives not just with the love he showed the students but with the example he set. Whether gang kids who argued over who would get a chance to have him as their mentor or middle school kids who simply wanted to be near this perfect grandpa, this was the man they all gravitated to. As did we....

He was acting as a captain on sails up to a few months ago, and was an inspiration to all who knew him.

He will be missed.

