



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES

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BLUE WATER AWARDS PARTY SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2018 AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB. 6:00.

Dinner, entertainment, and awards to not only Blue Water Volunteers of the Year (**Ken Janke and Les Schlesinger**) and to Ocean Gate Volunteer of the Year (**David Mischel**) but to those members of the probation departments, police department and School District who have made all this possible. **Frank Lozano of the Alameda County Probation Department; Marc Humphries of the SF County Probation Department; Karl Ma of the San Francisco Police Department; and Marty Michael Watts of the San Francisco School District.** After the awards, dinner and entertainment, dancing. Chief Nance of San Francisco will present the Ocean Gates award.

Lastly, several students of Camp Sweeney and Log Cabin will discuss how they see our efforts making a difference in their lives and how the probation officers come through for them. Some of our boats will be at the dock outside the club for viewing.

These evenings are always remarkable and memorable. Cost: Twenty-five dollars per person for Blue Water volunteers; fifty dollars per person for non-Blue Water people; free for award recipients and the people from probation. Includes dinner. No profit for Blue Water, of course...all goes to food, entertainment...and the boats! ALL WELCOME!!!!!!!



During the afternoon of the Party - Blue Water volunteers will be manning a booth in [Emeryville Marina](#) for their own celebration...we were the community group selected by Emeryville to be associated with that festival and we receive all profits coming from the beer booth...and then onto to our own party at the Berkeley Yacht Club! 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. SignUp.com or contact Shannon (shannonkastner@gmail.com) to help out!

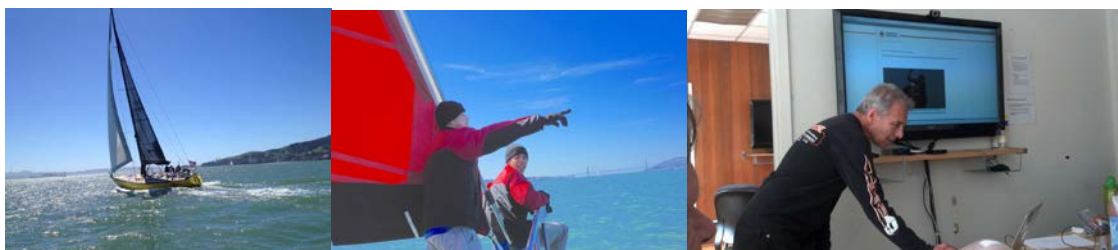
SCHEDULED SAILS:

THE SF SCHOOL DISTRICT THURSDAY SAILS- **SCHOOL DISTRICT 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. All on Golden Bear, meeting at SF marina, meeting at 1100: NEXT SAILS:

3/22; 4/5... and most every other Thursday until school ends...some sails cancelled due to storms will be held in May.
Contact volunteer spot or Les to get on board leswaste2000@yahoo.com



COMMUNITY SAILS

These are sails Blue Water does for diverse community organizations ranging from foundations to help at risk kids to churches in the Black Community. To get on board, volunteer spot or leswaste2000@yahoo.com. Summer is our big time for community sails as seen below...All on Bear.

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.

KOPS FOR KIDS SAIL:

There will be two sails, May 5 and June 2. one at one o'clock, one at three thirty, on Golden Bear. February 25, 2018.

LIFE ACADEMY: May 31 is the date planned for this sail.

FIRST EXPOSURE: Youth mentoring program using photography. Sails on July 11 and July 14.

PROJECT AVERY These are the kids with incarcerated parents who we take out yearly. Their next sail is May 12.

CAMP KEFF: Double sail on July 17 (and a six hundred dollar donation to our coffers.)

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS (Ocean Gate Sailing Program)

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.

NEXT SAILS: CAMP SWEENEY ? Check our website

LOG CABIN APRIL 21

All in Berkeley beginning at 900 on *Benjamin Walters*.

EL DORADO (with Sacramento Probation as well). Check our website. On Aleta. For El Dorado sails, contact Steve. steve.kastner@gmail.com.

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!



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** was taught by Captain Les, last MARCH 10, and was an excellent course. Next one scheduled for the Fall.
3. Probation Sail Training by Log Cabin: In April 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.
4. Program directors who are First Captains are charged to do certification sails on specified weekends over the coming months to build up their certified crew and captains. Stay tuned for dates.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Eric and Joanne are now heading the scholarship committee and report that one of our students is likely to get admitted to a EMT program in the next few months and we will be funding him. Possible new nominees are coming from both Log Cabin and Camp Sweeney.

MONEY? Yes, 11,848 but Treasurer Marty reminded us that our insurance alone cost annually \$12,000 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 soon. 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...our fund raising committee has taken note and is preparing new efforts to make that budget.

We have finished a new brochure describing our history which will be available to educate people as to what we are and what we do. Few entities have survived for thirty years with no major grants and no paid employees...we need to keep that going.

We have made proposals to both the St Francis Foundation and to the Meyer Foundation (which has awarded us grants in the past. Thanks to Matt and Shannon for writing the St Francis proposal. These grant proposals are not easy to draft! Shannon is now keeping the statistics on our sails which will allow us to demonstrate our value...ALL CAPTAINS REMEMBER TO PROVIDE THEM TO SHANNON AFTER EVERY SAIL.



BOAT CONDITION FROM BOSUNS COMMITTEE

GOLDEN BEAR: Jim continues his electric work, putting in a new battery, new battery switches, circuit breaker panel, shore charged. Slugs on the Main sail are being replaced. A new sail cover will also be obtained and Bear goes to List Marine to have its engine checked over next month. The bosuns committee is working well and with energy to bring the boats up to first class condition.

ALETA: Aleta is going to List Marine this week to have its engine and transmission checked. This may get expensive and is precisely why we need to get those grants. It's an old engine...but we will see...

Benjamin Walters: A new life raft is now installed with quick release cradle, owner expense. The old life raft will be used for boarding practice this summer for all volunteers interested.

Fernweh: Captain Bill continues to bring the boat up to condition at his own expense and at the expense of all free weekends!

NOTE THAT CHECK LISTS FOR BOTH CASTING OFF AND COMING IN ARE BEING CREATED AS WELL AS MAINTENANCE CHECK LISTS FOR EACH BOTH. THANKS TO THE BOSUNS COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REMARKABLE WORK!!

NEW FLAGS:

On that score, Joanne and Eric received delivery of the very tough flags for Blue Water flags that will hopefully be stronger and capable of lasting more than a few months in our high winds...already up on Bear...and will be up on all the boats soon.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT:

David Mischel is finishing up a new dedicated program for scheduling and sharing information for Blue Water to replace the more limited Volunteer Spot program and received input and testing from various members. THE NEW SCHEDULING PROGRAM GOES ON LINE ON **MARCH 31** AND WE WILL BLAST OUT DIRECTIONS AS TO ITS USE.

David will be honored for his remarkable efforts with the OCEAN GATE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD this coming Saturday at the awards party.



Here's David:

And below are Les (left) and Ken (right) who are getting the BLUE WATER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD at the party.



BOATER'S CARD

Safety Officer David pointed out that a Boaters' Card is now required by the State of California, for anyone who operates a vessel in California waters...starting this year with anyone 16-20 years of age, but the age limit rises each year.

The Board approved that by the end of 2018 each certified volunteer should have a boater's card. One gets one on line by taking a simple on-line exam and listening to an on-line video. Go to <http://californiaboaterscard.com/applynow/>. Directions are on line, it costs ten dollars. Show the card to any first captain as part of your certification by the end of 2018.

Note certain people do not need to get the card: members of various governmental agencies (Coast Guard, police,) and those already holding a Coast Guard license (Masters, six pack, etc.). Further, if you are only taking the wheel under direct supervision of a captain, you do not need the card. **BUT THE COURSE IS GOOD AND USEFUL AND YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY GET IT IF YOU CAN.** Why not? Anything to make you a better sailor...the kids depend on us...it is not an easy course...but if you are a sailor, what's easy ain't fun...

BEN'S MEMORIAL SAIL IN MAY:

Remember we will have the annual Ben Wengrofsky Memorial Sail with all Blue Water Boats gathering for a celebration of his life in May. Stay tuned for details.



Captain Ben

NEXT MEETING APRIL 10, 2018 6pm to 8 pm...and **ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12TH FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY, SF, TWO BLOCKS FROM BART**



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