



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES MAY 8, 2018

WWW.BLUEWATERFOUNDATION.ORG.

www.facebook.com/BlueWaterFoundation

*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!

CAPTAIN BEN WENGROFSKY MEMORIAL SAIL AND PICNIC: JUNE 9, ALL BOATS



Our second celebration of Captain Ben's life, all of our boats meeting at the end of the Berkeley Pier, then lining up to cast a lei in the water, think of Ben, then rafting up at Angle for lunch and lies about our sailing experiences, stories about Ben, and plans for making Blue Water the program he always loved. Pot luck. Pick a boat and plan on meeting at nine at the dock. Sign up on our volunteer site. Do not have to be certified...you just have to want to celebrate Ben. Each boat will then sail a bit and go to its home dock, figure back by four or five.



CAPTAIN DAVID'S VOLUNTEER AND EVENT SITE FINISHED...CHECK IT OUT.

It is now so easy to join, remove oneself, and check out all of our sails...and to know who else is on board, who is certified, who is a guest. User friendly and fast. If you have not done so, check it out...go to our website, check a sail listed, and click on the volunteer high light and see how easy it all is. You can also subscribe to the Events List and receive e mail notice of all sails and events. A remarkable system created by our in-house volunteer expert programmers.

Also, easy to put yourself on the certification checklist and see where you stand and move up the certification ladder. THANKS TO CAPTAIN DAVID AND CAPTAIN LOUIS WHO HAVE MADE OUR VARIOUS TECHNOLOGY SO EASY TO USE.



Captain David



Captain Louis

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING COMMITTEE CREATED.

We have created a new committee to work on plans to meet Blue Water goals with multi-pronged fundraising plans including capital fund drives within our organization. Given the major work needed on both Aleta and Golden Bear, that is a very good idea: THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF OUR PRESIDENT SHANNON, AND Matt, Daren and Dan but all of us should plan on helping out.

To give some idea of the funds needed for the boats in the next six months...GOLDEN BEAR's bosuns requested funds for mast work and sail repair (\$2000.00) and sail drive and hull work (\$4450.00) and *that has been approved* by the Board, to occur May 31-June 9. As for Aleta, she needs a new engine (\$25,000) and rod rigging renewal (5-12,000 depending on quality selected.) Aleta will have to wait until we raise funds.

Note SF Probation has invited a bid from us for its programs and there is a good chance some funding will come there. The Meyer Foundation also approved a \$5000.00 grant to us...so the money will come for the boats if we keep at it. If you can help, that would be great. WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEER...EVERY DIME GOES TO THE BOATS AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT...

PRESAIL, SAIL AND POST SAIL CHECKLISTS DEVELOPED FOR GOLDEN BEAR

We now have the checklist for Bear and it will be shared with Aleta to adapt. These will be laminated and marking pens can be used to mark them for each sail.

CERTIFICATION SAILS

We are asked by more and more community organizations and probation departments to add our efforts to their programs. Our bottlenecks are two: we need more certified captains and crew and we need some money to improve the vessels. On certification, we are arrangement all day training/certification sails on the various boats to that in a single day a person can become certified crew or move to second captain. **THE NEXT ONE IS ON BENJAMIN WALTERS ON AUGUST 4.** Sign up now since the spaces will go fast. It is hard sailing, going through the systems, live MOB practice...and a lot of fun. You leave feeling a better sailor. More are coming for Golden Bear and Aleta. You can become certified by simply going out on our regular sails...but these all-day events are even better. Bring your own lunch.



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.

We have concluded all sails assigned this year.... stay tuned for the Fall schedule of classes. Thanks to the Thursday crews who took these Middle and High School students out to give them an introduction to the wind and water. Special thanks to Captain Les who worked to crew the sails and interact with the District.



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 link and event link on our website (www.bluewaterfoundation.org) or leswaste2000@yahoo.com. Summer is our big time for community sails as seen below...on all the boats and both weekends and weekdays.

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. **First sail on June 22, 9-3.** 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 the next sail on **June 2.** at one o'clock, on Golden Bear.

GATEWAY COLLEGE: On Aleta, high school dropouts going for a second chance at college. 9-4. **June**

14.

BERKELEY YACHT CLUB KIDS KAMP SAIL: We take out some of the children attending the Berkeley Yacht Club summer camp along with Pegasus...a double sail. (Blue Water now has a plaque in the BYC thanking us for our efforts...check it out.) This is a Wednesday afternoon on Benjamin Walters and we need more crew and captains for this mid-week effort. **June 20. 11:30-14:00.**

FIRST EXPOSURE: Children photographers. Sails on **July 11 and July 14.**

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 or go to our website events page and sign up.

For El Dorado sails, contact Steve. steve.kastner@gmail.com.

We are also having our first sail with **Contra Costa County** starting JULY 15TH ON BENJAMIN WALTERS. and if interested in that program, again contact Lee or the events page on our website.

NEXT SAILS: CAMP SWEENEY Next sail in July. Check our website

**LOG CABIN
EL DORADO**

**JUNE 23, BENJAMIN WALTERS, DOCK O, BERKELEY, 9-3.
Check our website. On Aleta.**

PROBATION RACING TEAM PLANNING:

A meeting was conducted at the St Francis involving Chief Nance, Jeff Bell and members of the Knarr Fleet who are interested in establishing a probation racing program with donated boats. The Chief is working on an outline of the program which we hope to have in hand in the next month or two. The goal is to teach these students to race with experienced

racers...then on their own, probation department against probation department...then against the yacht clubs. This could be a remarkable effort.



TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

1. **Live MOB drill** and Certification Sail on Benjamin Walters August 4, 2018. 9-4. Dock O, Berkeley Marina. Required for full certification.
2. **CPR AND FIRST AID** will be taught by Captain Les, last MARCH 10, Scheduled for the Fall.
3. 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:

A scholarship was granted to one of the Log Cabin students for SF State and we are integrating with a mentorship program at SF State that assists in working with such students as they transition from incarceration to the student life.

We are waiting with another scholarship for another student, this one from Camp Sweeney, in the Fall. This should become an annual event for our scholarship committee and our goal is two or more scholarships granted each year.

MONEY? Yes, a little over ten thousand with another five coming in, but we have significant boat bills coming along so will have to raise much more. Our program committee is writing grants and bids and our goal is to upgrade and repair both Bear and Aleta this year and have a continuing funding goal of thirty thousand a year for upkeep and repair, insurance, and incidentals.



BOAT CONDITION FROM BOSUNS COMMITTEE

GOLDEN BEAR: She is out of the water for both mast, rigging and engine work, ideally back by June 9. Thanks to the Bosun's committee and especially John Gilmore for coordinating all this. By mid-summer we hope to have her in the best condition in a decade.

ALETA: Aleta also will be needing work on power and rigging, but that will wait for a bit more funding.

Benjamin Walters: The auto deploy EPIRB has a new hydrostatic release and Captain Colm has worked on the main winches...all at Owner expense. Regular trips out the Gate are being scheduled to give that experience to various Blue Water volunteers. Last trip was to Drakes for dinner, then round the Farallon for all night watching keeping practice. Boat behaved well.

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

NEW FLAGS:

On that score, Joanne and Eric's new very tough flags donated to for Blue Water flags are holding up very well. Each boat now flies the flag at all times.

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...

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



BLUE WATER SAIL 2006



BLUE WATER SAIL 2018

Consider: We have been taking at risk students out since 1990. Nearly thirty years. Never a single person on payroll. No regular funding...just volunteers putting time and their own money into a program whose first children sailors are now...in their forties!!!

Make a difference. What do you remember from when you were a child? The intense experiences showing you a new world...and the people who cared enough about you to bring you there....

Join us.

