



It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults
-Frederick Douglas

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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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 NEWLY REDESIGNED BY CAPTAIN LOUIS!



EXPLORATION SAILS PROGRAM: THE SF SCHOOL DISTRICT THURSDAY 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 the students getting a chance at

the wheel. On **Thursdays at noon**, show up a half hour early, SF Marina. Harbor Master's Office. Weather, staffing and School District cancellations are causing too many of these to be cancelled and we will have plenty of make-up sails in the Spring. Captains Marc, Dan and Rick are the driving force behind these sails with Captains Ben and Tim doing all they can. Our final sails for this school year are **5/19 and 5/26**. And we need crew. Check Volunteer spot and sign on.

Captains Ben and Tim act as coordinators for these sails and are looking to set up regular Thursday sailing crew similar to the regular crews we have with other programs

WE DO NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS AND CAPTAINS TO MAKE THIS OLDEST OF OUR PROGRAMS WORK...SEE IF YOU CAN HELP US ON A 25 YEAR OLD PROGRAM SERVING THE STUDENTS OF SF.

COMMUNITY GROUP SAILS: Blue water has plenty of sails for various community groups and sails during the summers...check it out!

We have Project Avary for **May 21, 2016**. These are students with incarcerated parents, one of our favorite group of kids.

We have a double sail for Probation Officer Lozano's basketball team, again on **May 21**...so **ALL THREE BOATS WILL BE OUT THAT DAY!**

STAR SCHOOL (students with learning issues) will be going out on **JUNE 8**, Captain Ken in charge.

CITY OF DREAMS has a sail with Captains Les and Colm in charge on **June 11**, Bear.

AIM HIGH SCHOOL will be going out on Aleta, noon on **July 18th or July 11th**, stay tuned for the final decision.

Greenagers have a sail on **AUGUST 27** on Bear, Captains Les and Kate in charge.

And there will be more both during the week and on weekends. Keep checking volunteer spot.



OCEAN'S GATE PROGRAM-PROBATION DEPARTMENTS EXPANSION

The ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT students from Camp Sweeney make up the kids on these sails. Our first full-fledged multi month class has begun:

Our next sail with Camp Sweeney will be **MAY 1 and is already fully staffed and is** on **BENJAMIN WALTERS**. We will be doing monthly sails until late spring when our next regular class will start

The Girls' Program at Camp Sweeney had their first sail on Fernweh on April 9 with our specially trained mostly woman team and despite the pouring rain the girls and probation officers said they would be back. The next sail is planned for June.

Recall we also are providing sails for El Dorado County probation department. El Dorado probation wants monthly sails...our next sail will be in June on Fernweh, meeting in Richmond, Captains Bill and ?. Date to be set in the next week...check Volunteer Spot or contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



OTHER PROBATION DEPARTMENTS (Contra Costa, Nevada City, Sonoma, perhaps one or two others) wish to consider working with us and instituting a program such as Ocean Gate with their students. We are having a get acquainted sail with the chiefs of the departments to take place on a **FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 10**. On Benjamin Walters, we are already staffed with eight volunteers to plan the programs with these heads of probation. Stay tuned.

CAMP SWEENEY OPEN HOUSE AND INVITATION

For the second year Blue Water has been asked to man a booth for itself at Camp Sweeney and meet not only other volunteers and foundations and service providers but to meet the various probation department staff and educate them as to our program. Last year was a great success and led to many new friends and a great reception by Camp Sweeney staff. So far Lee, Rick, Debbie and Leonard are manning the booth and we'd like a few more if possible 330 to 500 on Friday JUNE 24, we set up around 230. Can you help? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com...and this is also a chance to get a good luck at Camp Sweeney.



SAN FRANCISCO PARK AND REC SAILS SCHEDULED:

San Francisco Park and Rec has scheduled three sails on Golden Bear for this summer: **July 1; July 22; August 12.** These are various student groups that Park and Rec has in summer programs. Golden Bear.

EMERYVILLE SAILS: Now repaired, Aleta will participate in community sails and probation sails and is scheduling more sails with Emeryville Park and Rec. It is likely we will be using them far more on the probation sails described above. We spent ten thousand dollars on the last repair, as more detailed below.



MODERN SAILING ACADEMY, THAT GREAT SCHOOL IN SAUSALITO OWNED BY PRESIDENT CAPTAIN LEIGH HUNT AND WHERE CAPTAINS TRAVIS AND JIMMY WORK, IS HAVING A BEER AND WINE FESTIVAL AND ARE WILLING TO DONATE ALL PROCEEDS TO BLUE WATER. THE BOARD ACCEPTED THE OFFER AND STAY TUNED FOR A TIME AND PLACE SINCE WE WILL BE MANNING A TABLE THERE AND SEEING IF WE CAN NET A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS

Certification Trainings:

1. **NIGHT MOB PRACTICE.** Successfully completed with more crew certified in this most difficult of drills. We will plan a day MOB on Golden Bear for June.
2. **FERNWEH MOB DAY PRACTICE.** Was on **APRIL 2** in Richmond, and went well with five new crew certified in that area.
3. **And certification is available to new volunteers who attend our regular program sails and work the boat. Contact the captain to make sure the sail is staffed correctly for such certification.**
4. **CPR AND FIRST AID will again be taught by Captain Les, gratis to Blue Water volunteers, in July in the City.**

Remember, your certification level and updating is done on line, including mobile devices so you can add to your completed matters as you go including while on board!

MONEY?

Blue Water members Joanne Martin and Eric Gantos donated \$2500 to Blue Water which is much needed due to the \$10,000 we just spent on Aleta which is now in the best shape she has been in decades.

We have \$8842.00 on hand, another 5000 coming from the District, 5000.00 from a grant, and our fund raising committee is working on various other means of seeking funds. WE need about 30,000 each year for the boats and equipment.

Robert Tseng has another movie maker and also some travel companies who may want to donate money to Blue Water if they can use BENJAMIN WALTERS and perhaps Aleta for some thank you sails...recall Benjamin was in a movie some months ago in return for a one thousand dollar donation. The Board approved exploring this option and we may need volunteers to make these unique sails happen. Stay tuned.

ALETA EXPANDED BOSUNS. It is just possible Captain Ken will be moving to Monterey so we are putting together an expanded group to take care of Aleta, comprising Captains Kate, Ben, Jim and Ken.



BOAT CONDITION

1. Bear: Mainsail tear was repaired by Hood for about \$170.00; Float switch on bilge pump still needs repair.

2. Aleta: Cost us \$10,000 for the entire project and she is back in her berth in the best condition in twenty years. Note the radar unit for the boat is still in the box on board and the Board indicated that a decision as to what to do with it will be required at the next Board meeting. Captain Ken did a great job bringing the boat through this long time in the yard.

3. Benjamin Walters: Still plans major haul out next Fall at owner expense for all new electronics, rigging, etc. Good shape right now.

4. Fernweh: Captain Bill's 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch, is back from the yard and he continues to improve this cruiser...all at owner expense...and he's working on it all the time...

TO ALL CAPTAINS AND CREW: YOU MUST REPORT ANY ACCIDENT OR INCIDENT INVOLVING OUR VESSELS TO THE OTHER CAPTAINS AND BOSUN EVEN IF IT SEEMS MINOR SO THAT WE MAY INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF VESSEL AND ASSURE THE SAFE USE BY OUR STUDENTS, CAPTAINS AND CREW. IT IS PART OF THE OBLIGATION EACH OF US HAVE TO MAINTAIN SAFE AND APPROPRIATE VESSELS. ANY OF US CAN MAKE A MISTAKE AND HIT SOMETHING, OFTEN A DOCK...ALL OF US HAVE DONE THAT IN THE PAST AND IT'S PART OF SAILING...BUT THEN OUR DUTY IS TO MAKE SURE THE FOUNDATION KNOWS AND CAN TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION.



VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE: This is our welcoming committee for people interested in joining as volunteers, made up of Les, Kate, Ben and Rick. If you have someone interested or are interested yourself, these volunteers will integrate you into the sails.

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION ON LINE

Certification for each person is now all digitized and on line. You can update your certification status from a mobile device. This great system lets you use the internet...including mobile devices...to update your certification status and see what is left to do. Want to figure it out? Contact Bill or David and they will walk you through it, but it is easy, fast and smart. It also allows captains to check what you have listed as completed on line and certify you directly on line.



CAPTAIN AND CREW PINS AND HATS FOR CERTIFIED CREW:

Pins for Captains have been handed out to captains. If you are a captain without one, see Lee. These should be worn while on board so that the captain responsible for the boat is clearly known by all on board. Each captain gets two of them to wear.

Certified Crew Pins to be worn as well...they are delivered and to be handed out at Board Meetings...or contact Lee if you want one sent to you. lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. ALL CERTIFIED CREW SHOULD WEAR THEM WHEN ON BOARD.

THE FUTURE OF ALETA:

A long discussion occurred as to whether it might make sense to sell Aleta and use the money for ongoing expenses. Aleta is now slated for much work with the probation departments...but we still need that thirty thousand a year to keep going. Ken reports that Cree thinks we could get 30,000 by selling her...maybe more. There was little enthusiasm to sell but Leonard was tasked with exploring what the real value would be if we sold her and will report back to the Board. Some members commented that having a boat in Emeryville was invaluable and will make a big difference on their ability to participate.

TAX RETURNS WILL SOON BE FILED BY OUR TREASURER MARTY WHO DOES THESE TYPE OF THANKLESS TASKS ALL THE TIME...THE HERO BEHIND THE SCENES WHO MAKES US RUN...

SOME OF OUR CAPTAINS....



CAPTAIN COLM



CAPTAIN LEIGH



CAPTAIN BEN



AIN DAVID



CAPTAIN CORY



CAPTAIN MARC

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NEXT MEETING JUNE 14, 2016

6pm to 8 pm...And ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12TH FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY, SF, TWO BLOCKS FROM BART. ALL WELCOME...ESPECIALLY STUDENTS.

**YOU CAN'T DO EVERYTHING...BUT YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.
YOU GOT SOMETHING BETTER TO DO IN THE NEXT MONTH?**