



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES MARCH 8, 2022 (via ZOOM)

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MEETINGS ARE ALL ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME... NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP. THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION.

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



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAILS CONTINUE, WITH SAILS NOW SET WEEKLY TO THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, ALMOST ALWAYS ON THURSDAYS ON GOLDEN BEAR OUT OF SAN FRANCISCO. Our oldest program, begun in 1990. Sign up! Note the District requires proof of vaccination to participate on these sails and David has altered our website certification page so that it is easily uploaded. These are three-to-four-hour sails on the Bay with children who have often never been on a sailboat before...they take the wheel and work the lines under our supervision.

We now have sails set for 3/17, 3/24, 4/8 and thereafter.

Our first sail with the MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT on 2/15 went well and we expect many more. Stay tuned. A try out sail with PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT is now set for 4/8.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing and expanding:

1. *Youth Alive*, an Oakland nonprofit providing services to that community is interested in setting up sails and a conference call with Shannon and Lee is now set up to make concrete plans. Stay tuned.
2. *Huckleberry Program*, another long-standing entity serving youth is interested in setting up sails and we have our first introductory sail on 3/30.
3. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children have asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails. Their first sail went well, and you can expect regular sails to be scheduled in about a month.
4. *Urban Adventures* wishes to set up regular sails with them and these will be double sails out of Berkeley on Aleta and Benjamin on 6/28; 7/26 and 8/9, all 10-2 with donations to Blue Water to follow.
5. *C.P. Mentorships* is looking for eight sails, four from SF and four from Berkeley and Captain Les is checking this organization out for more information.
6. *Project Avery* (children with incarcerated parents) will be contacted by Captain Les...they are old friends of Blue Water.
7. *Silver Springs High* comes down all the way from Grass Valley and have scheduled a sail for 5/17.
8. *Sail GP*, the catamaran racing event, has invited Blue Water to send students to some presentations they have created, and President Shannon is setting that up.

Captain Hugh is still checking out possible additional sails with Alameda schools.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION Our next class will begin APRIL 1 and last until graduation in June with live overboard practice, a night sail, and sails in wind, rain and calm in between. Several sails will be on Aleta and working with Gaslight and double sails with Benjamin and Aleta will happen should sufficient students sign up. The sails are posted on our calendar site.

EI DORADO PROBATION PO Chief Brian indicates that personnel issues are still an issue up there, but he hopes to begin the program in the next several months.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION The sails have begun again, the next on March 19 and then 4/16 on Benjamin Walters. These are regularly scheduled for the next several months.

SF COUNTY is still working on the type of program they will want given the current state of confusion as to their own students. We are in contact with the Huckleberry Program at their suggestion as described above.



RACING PROGRAM

Captain Andrew has now set up our first racing program for Camp Sweeney on his Olson 40 and is ready to take some Sweeney students out to show them that world. He and PO Rich are setting up the date for the first familiarization sail for the students. This could be a life changing experience. If it works for these students, we may expand the program to include more racing teams from the probation departments.



MAKE AND MEND DAYS

Our final MAKE AND MEND will be on Golden Bear in the City, in Spring, and we await input from the surveyor before setting the date. See below.

MAKE AND MEND is a good chance for non-sailors to learn a lot about the vessels...and to meet the hundred or so volunteers that make this organization work!



Training & Certification:

The quickest way to move up the certification ladder...and a lot of fun.

1. **First Aid and CPR** –Our next class will be at Golden Gate Yacht Club on **MARCH 12, 2022**. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. Remember, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE “HANDS ON” PRACTICE. WE WILL SET UP ANOTHER CLASS IN SEVERAL MORE MONTHS.



2. **Certification sail on Aleta** and Golden Bear will be scheduled soon. Check the website events page.

3. **Benjamin Walters** has a day certification sail set including live overboard practice for **March 20**

4. And recall if come on a sail as a guest or crew, make sure the captain checks out your skills and you can move along the certification list.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Drafts of the curriculum are now being exchanged, including ideas for power point demonstrations, visual and hands on tools, etc. Figure we will have a full program in the next month or two. Want to participate? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, in late Spring probably...Depending on status of Covid.

MEMORIAL SAIL FOR CAPTAINS BOB AND BEN:

On May 14 at 1000 all three boats will go out for a memorial service and celebration of our now deceased captains, Bob and Ben. We rendezvous at the end of the Berkeley Pier at 1100, throw leis in the water, then raft up at Angel for lunch and stories about these great sailors...then sail the afternoon away as they would have loved. Their families are likely to join us. Sign up on Events Page.



This will be an annual event assuming Covid allows it...

PICNIC BEING PLANNED FOR BLUE WATER TO CELEBRATE THE END OF COVID

Captains Steve and Lee are charged with planning a picnic either on Marina Green or perhaps in the Berkeley marina park in late summer so all the Blue Water people, including perhaps thirty new volunteers, can meet each other and just get to know each other. Stay tuned for details...Want to help? Contact Lee or Steve.

BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: We are replacing the strap on the boom; a new dehumidifier has been installed; lifelines behind wheel to be checked, new pins for the forward hatch; the coffee grinder needs greasing; and we still have to ponder the soft spot in the deck. Dock lines have to be lengthened.

ALETA: The aluminum stringers are being further checked for possible repair. An engine service is due, and Captain Paul is checking who would be best to do that. The board approved such service as our last meeting. A new dehumidifier has been installed; the reefing clutch is being repaired by Captain Paul.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Boat was hauled this month for maxi prop reversal; bottom job; thru hulls checked; new clamps on all thru hulls; Hull polished and touched up. Hood is making small repairs on jib and perhaps dodger cover; All at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: Captain Andrew reports all is well on board, and she is ready to race.

INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Captain Steve developed a budget and list of projects with the help of all the bosuns, and this will now be presented to our surveyor, Chris, for review, and will be assigned as budget permits to the bosuns for Bear and Aleta. Steve reports that our budget for repairs and preventative maintenance is about 36,000 a year for the two boats.... plus, insurance costs which could be as high as 20,000! We may be able to reduce it if the boats are put in better condition. Stay tuned.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION

The sail for Camp Sweeney with Gaslight is now scheduled and the Marin City connection may be appropriate for Mathew Turner. Stay tuned.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED AGAIN.

It looks now as the venue will be either South Beach or the Golden Gate Yacht Club and it will be in October. At the party we will have our awards for Volunteers of the Year, Bosun's award, and Partner of the Year. Due to the Virus, this will have to be a two-year Volunteer of the Year award, etc. Entertainment, food, and a chance to see the large number of new members who have joined us over the past two years. These have always been a high light for our organization as we get to see all the volunteers and the partner organizations we work with and realize the power of what we do.



MONEY: \$39,747 in the bank. While it looks good now, we need major work on Aleta's engine and the usual day to day maintenance on the boats. *Marty and April are connecting to work on a fundraising video. Other grant opportunities are with REI, West Marine and possibly reconnecting St Francis Sailing Foundation. We need help writing grant and funding applications! See Shannon and David if you can help with one!*

And, of course, THANK YOU to individuals who have kept us going for the three decades we have existed. Gaslight has offered their boat for a President's cocktail party and Marty is trying to put together a donation sail program set for corporate America. Captain Marc has arranged a donation sail and we have put an application into the Mary Norris foundation.

Remember, we need about \$36,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... And insurance costs have just about doubled to 16,000 annually...Boats eat money. No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...

Treasurer Marty continues to deal with the county taxes (we should be exempt) and filling in the endless forms that Alameda County seems to require...a thankless but vital task.

INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS: A PROGRAM YOU CAN JOIN AND HELP EVEN IF YOU STAY ON LAND:

INTERNSHIPS:

Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students. Once the pandemic is fully over, we shall begin the process of matching probation kids with businesses wanting to give them a door to our world. **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.**



SCHOLARSHIPS: the new Italian Program:

In terms of scholarships, Sategna Foundation, our longtime partner, is developing a new form of grant for our Sweeney students. The founder owns a home in a village in Tuscany in which community is all. The concept is to send one or two students there for two weeks where they will live with the founder and be exposed to an entirely different world, one in which values, connection and culture is remarkably different. This shock exposure worked for the founder with a German student a decade or two ago and it might work to show these students where differences can exist in the world...and IF combined with an internship or scholarship upon his return, may be the type of thing to change a life.

This program will begin in summer. Lee and Jim are putting together the Italian program and invite others to help. They met with the founder, Gary Smith, and the rules for the program are being set up and a meeting with Camp Sweeney should happen in the next month.

Also recall that Sategna Foundation has agreed to fund an additional Sweeney student once our selection process is completed. While welcome, given the ongoing needs of current recipients, we need additional sources of funding for our scholarships.

Lee presented to the Board a methodology for scholarship donations via Blue Water to worthy students and it will be homed in time for our next board meeting. Stay tuned. Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

April reports on the StoryCatcher for Blue Water Foundation App:

Really good news, it's basically functional in all the ways I'd hoped. Still some fine tuning to do, however it's totally ready for testing.

There was a sticking point that I thought was going to kill the whole project (cuz Apple) but that has been resolved! Such a relief.

Once my "how to" process is in place, these are the folks I'll be sending beta app testing links to:

- 1.Shannon
- 2.Steve
- 3.Dennis Castro
- 4.Anabel

Anyone else have an iPhone and want to jump in?

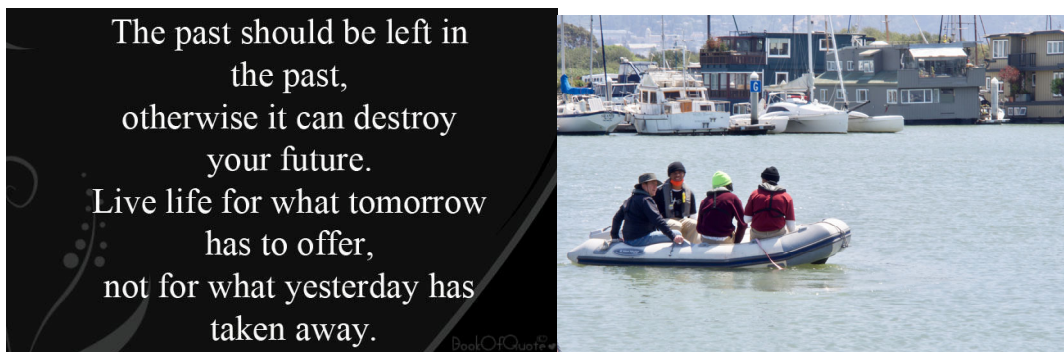
Fundraising Video:

Marty and I will meet up, hone our script and get into production.



ZOOM...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... David Mischel
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NEXT MEETING APRIL 12, 2022, BY ZOOM.



Thirty-two years without a single person on payroll, tens of thousands of students taking to sea, ranging from middle school SF District kids to incarcerated gang members from the war zones of the streets. And all the children are drawn to what the sea...and our volunteers...can teach them. All of them. And they need you to join us in showing them the wind and the wonder...

We are like you.... we want to make a difference. Join us and do it....