



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES **MARCH 9, 2021 (via ZOOM)**

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MARCH MEETING WAS BY ZOOM CONFERENCE

ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION COMMENCES THEIR FULL CLASSES AGAIN ON APRIL 16 AND EL DORADO IS CHECKING TO SEE WHEN THEY CAN COME OUT AGAIN... WE HOPE TO BE FULLY OPEN AGAIN WITH ALL OF OUR MANY SAILS AND PROGRAMS IN A FEW MORE MONTHS. MEANWHILE...UP YOUR CERTIFICATION STATUS!

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



ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME...THIRTY PLUS YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION.

SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

CANCELLED BY DISTRICT. STAY TUNED FOR WHEN THEY BEGIN AGAIN.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

BEGINNING AGAIN: 1. Our students from [Grass Valley](#) will be sailing in May, a date to be announced. Check the events calendar on our website.

2. Two Greenager sails scheduled, one for [August 7](#), one for [August](#)

[21](#).

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION BEGINS AGAIN ON APRIL 16 and, with the exception of the graduation sail, which is on a Sunday, all are on Friday afternoons to evening. They are **4/16; 4/30; Night sail for 5/7; 5/21; 6/4 and the graduation sail on 6/6**. Mentor mentee method, same students, and those who graduate show their families what they have learned and receive a certificate. We had an introductory sail on March 28 with two of the students and it went remarkably well....this is going to be a great class.

EI DORADO PROBATION is setting their own schedule to bring their students down for sails. Stay tuned for the actual dates. This will likely begin in May or June.

CONTRA COSTA is checking their own schedule and indicates a tentative start date in June.

SF COUNTY REMAINS CANCELLED FOR NOW. STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATES. All the counties are anxious to begin the sails again but have not yet adopted appropriate procedures. See below for our own protection procedures.

Marin Juvenile Probation has also contacted Blue Water and we plan to begin sails with them once the pandemic recedes.



All volunteers should keep the following protocol in mind which was adopted by the Board some months ago:

COVID PROTOCOL ON BOARD:

The Board adopted the following protocol for when the sails with students begin again as well as for our own training to be supplemented by the various programs, we serve but altered the past protocol in that no longer are full fingered gloves required given the latest evidence that surfaces are not a major factor in spreading COVID:

The protocol:

•Volunteer (certification) only sails

- o We are in conformity with regulations applied in the Bay Area (all state, area, and county guidelines for opening have been met)
- o No more than three people below decks at a time.
- o All aboard answer required screening questions and pass the criteria.
- o Live COB training with the new protocol

Kids sails.

- o All criteria for Volunteer sails have been met, including temperature and screening questions
- o Sports activities involving contact (football, basketball) are allowed for kids by local regulation
- o Approval/agreement of partner organization
- o Execution of our expanded COVID waivers/permissions slips.
- o All wear masks if still mandated by State or local authorities.

We have now tested and practiced with a new overboard procedure applicable for Covid times which we may keep in place once the pandemic is over. It was tested with overboard live drill on both Benjamin Walters and Aleta and worked well. It will be tested on Golden Bear in the next month. Essentially, returning to the old Life Sling method of running the haul up line back to a winch so a single person can crank the person in the water up.



Training & Certification

Since many of our student sails are delayed, we are concentrating on certifying and increasing the level of certification of our many new volunteers. These full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. We have developed pandemic safe protocol for the training as described above. We are also scheduling more CPR-First Aid Red Cross certified training since that is also a prerequisite to full certification.

First Aid and CPR –FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND THE CLASS AT THE GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB WILL BE ON MAY 22. You must complete the online portion before the class which has “HANDS ON” practice. Sign up on the webpage events page.

Les has checked the records and your name below indicates when you must renew.

Until 12/2020

Jim Biggs
Daniel Sisson
Jim Waterwash
John Pimlott
Arnie Thompson
Paul Fetherston
Paul Virk
Kevin Cangemi
Suzanne Andrews

Until 2/2021

Jill Barnes

Until 4/2021

Michael Kastner

Until 5/2021

Bridget Hickey
Lynn M

Aleko
Deborah Hall
Amy Oates
Jim Stanton
Emilio Medrano
Gabriel Chang
Mariette Lapiz

Until 10/2021

Steve K
Jay Conners
Elisha Wood-Charlson
David Doering
Elena Joy Pelen
Tim Hadlock
Matilda Dagberg

Until 8/2022

Sam Gebb
Alex Jones
Lorraine Masi
David Mischel
Mari Murayama
Darya Pilram
Hugh Shinn
Lee Stimmel
Robert Tseng
Judith Zimmermann

Until 10/2022

Louis Benainous
Robin Collin
Eric Downing
Dan Jones
Shannon Kastner
Leonard Lee
Joanne Martin
Aquinnah Todd
Matt Zarem

We have many new volunteers who should sign up as well. Recall all of us must be certified in First Aid and CPR to be certified crew and captains and, of course, many have taken courses outside of Blue Water...

Certification Sails-Training:

Trainings now scheduled:

1. Certification sail on Benjamin Walters, APRIL 11.
2. Certification sail on Aleta with overboard drill to be set up in the near future.
SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS PAGE.

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, but the pandemic must recede...Perhaps in June...Stay tuned.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

All the boats have been surveyed again for insurance purposes and minor corrective work is being performed.

GOLDEN BEAR:

Back in SF slip. The pulpits need some resizing and that is being worked on now. The fire extinguishers are checked and in as is a high-water alarm. Winches have been checked. Still need a new reefing winch. Need documentation on board which is now being done. Will be a discussion as to putting some type of head on board.

ALETA: Steaming light being repaired, and high-water alarm installed. Rest of work now done.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Now repowered with a Yanmar 57 at owner expense and it is a thing of beauty. Ready to rock and roll and is already doing student sails.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION

Still await end of pandemic so we can further explore the Mathew Turner and Bay Lights Charters connection. The Wilderness Foundation may also arrange police-student sails. Stay tuned for dates.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be summer or later. Stay tuned for a date. 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.

ANOTHER BEACH/BAY CLEANUP Joanne had to continue the cleanup due to illness so we will be setting up a new date.... These are great fun, do a lot of good, and end up impromptu picnics with friends on a newly clean beach. Keep checking Events Page for details.

INSURANCE SEARCH:

Our prior insurance carrier is withdrawing from the California marketplace...despite our having had no claims in thirty years. We are searching for a replacement carrier and should hear in the next few weeks. We are also getting general liability insurance to cover the students on the docks. Directors and officer's insurance were renewed this month at a cost of \$1600 annual premium.

MONEY: \$32,799 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development Committee continues to work with various potential donors and plans an auction at our annual party. We received \$5000 from the State for Covid relief and some minor contributions.

We have major expenses soon...insurance costs, boat maintenance, and the surveys required for insurance were many thousands of dollars...so we are OK for now, but we will definitely need to replenish soon.

Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... Boats eat money. OUR MONEY GOES TO PROGRAMS AND THE BOATS. NO PAYROLL, NO BIG OVERHEAD.

HISTORY OF BLUE WATER?

We began in 1990...31 years ago. With no boats owned, only volunteered by members and the police on every sail since we were working only with the Wilderness Foundation. Now we have two 46-foot open ocean racers, volunteer boats from time to time, five probation departments, community sails, the SF District...and police on the District sails from time to time.

There is interest in creating a somewhat detailed account of our history and events and Captain Lee is charged with the first rough draft...it will eventually go on our website.



INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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

INTERNSHIPS:

Eric G, Lee, Andrew, and Joanne are on the committee seeking to establish and expand our internship program. Once completed, a full description of the Internship Program will be presented to probation departments, donors and businesses and we hope to get this off the ground in the next several months when the economy opens again...So far, we have had two great successes. Internships give these students both experience and the beginning of a resume' that can open worlds for them. Lee is charged with creating a talking point outline to be reviewed by Joanne and Eric and to be part of our outreach. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

In terms of scholarships, 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. Sategna cannot carry the entire burden here.

All these programs are truly lifechanging for the students...even if you do not sail, we need volunteers to help on the scholarships and internships and if interested, contact Lee at

Istimmel@stimmel-law.com. This changes lives...this is you lighting a match to push back the darkness. Join us!



The **KNARR fleet** at St Francis is interested in exploring having some probation students under our auspices participate in their very active program. Andrew and Lee will meet with Graham Green in a month or so to explore possibilities here.

STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

Long time volunteer April, who has long operated a business that allowed people to create videos of family history is developing an application for iPhones that allows people to make and edit short videos on the phone...something that can be kept on the phone and used to memorialize our sails and show possible volunteers and funders precisely what we do and shared with other volunteers for outreach. The board was quite interested, and April continues to work on the program and hopes to have a test program for us in the next few months.

NEW VOLUNTEERS AND NEW CERTIFIED CREW AND CAPTAINS: While we have missed our sails with students, one great result of this hiatus is an entire new generation of expert certified captains and crew who are ready, willing and able to staff the coming flood of sails. Blue Water has never had so many volunteers...which is good since the need keeps growing. **WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW CERTIFIED CREW AND CAPTAINS!!!**

Check our events page for coming certification sails and training and the sails being scheduled now...

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 13, 2021 a Zoom meeting

ZOOM:

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...and we will send out on our e mail list some days before the meeting as well. David Mischel dmischel@gmail.com



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