



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES MAY 10, 2022 (via ZOOM)

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ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME... NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP. THIRTY-THREE 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 AND ARE ALMOST DONE FOR THIS SCHOOL YEAR.. SAILS 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!

We now have sails set for 5/19 and 5/26. Captain Les is working with the SF District on the MOU for next school year.

Our first sail with the MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT went well. We expect more and Les is talking to them. Stay tuned. A try out sail with PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT went well and Eric is discussing their next sails.

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 making concrete plans. Stay tuned.

2. *Huckleberry Program*, another long-standing entity serving youth is interested in setting up sails and we have our first sail with their students on JULY 15. Huckleberry has taken over many of the functions once performed by SF Probation.
3. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children have asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails. Their first several sails went well, and you can expect regular sails to be scheduled about once a month.
4. *Urban Adventures* will have 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. **SIGN UP FOR THESE SUMMER SAILS NOW.**
5. *Project Avery* (children with incarcerated parents) will be contacted by Captain Les...they are old friends of Blue Water.
6. *Silver Springs High* comes down all the way from Grass Valley and have scheduled a sail for 5/17.
7. Captain Hugh is still checking out possible additional sails with Alameda schools.
8. *Play Marin*, a Marin City organization, will be talking to Captain Les about setting up sails.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION Our classes continue with until graduation celebration and potluck in June. Note we had live overboard practice, and the students were able to beat the average pickup time for Blue Water volunteers...four minutes and fifty seconds from splash to back on deck. Several sails are double sails on Aleta and working with Gaslight. **WE NEED MORE CAPTAINS AND CREW TO CREW ALETA ON THESE SAILS.** The sails are posted on our calendar site.

EI DORADO PROBATION PO Chief Brian indicates he will be setting up sails in the next several months.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION The sails continue and are going well, usually on Benjamin Walters. Need some more crew to staff the sails and these are on weekends for those of you who cannot make weekday probation sails. 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 have made contact with the Huckleberry Program at their suggestion as described above.



RACING PROGRAM

Captain Andrew and his Olson 40 is ready, and we are now discussing our first team with various probation departments and other organizations. 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 and community groups. Stay tuned.



MAKE AND MEND DAYS -NOW GOLDEN BEAR

Our final MAKE AND MEND will be on Golden Bear in the City, **JUNE 12 10:00** at her berth in SF Marina. 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 OCTOBER 15, 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. Benjamin Walters has a day certification sail set including possible live overboard practice for June 19.
3. Benjamin Walters has NIGHT OVERBOARD PRACTICE JULY 23. Our most difficult skill development and includes a chase boat due to the increased danger. Please only sign up if you have also done day overboard drill previously.
4. Certification Sails on Bear and Aleta will be planned in the next few months.
5. 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

A meeting is being set up at Berkeley Yacht Club to move this along, for **May 20 at 230** in the afternoon. 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, BEN and JIM:

On May 14 at 1100 all three boats met at the end of the Berkeley Pier for a memorial service and celebration of our now deceased captains, Bob, Ben and Jim. All boats threw leis in the water, then rafted up at Angel for lunch and stories about these great sailors...then sailed the afternoon away as they would have loved. Some of their families joined us, throwing the leis. Very moving and the next generation of these captains want to join Blue Water....



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

BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: We are replacing dock lines; the strap on the boom; lifelines behind wheel to be serviced; the coffee grinder needs greasing; bottom being cleaned, and zincs changed; and we still have to ponder the soft spots in the deck.

ALETA: The boat is hauled at Berkeley Marine Center with the soft spots on the deck being repaired. The running lights are being repaired by Jim Waterwash.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Dodger and cover to be replaced in Fall. Hailer mike being rerun. All at owner expense.

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

Recall that a binder with safety protocols is being developed for Aleta and we hope to have it on board in the next month.

INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Captain Steve is moving our improvements along and plans to have the surveyor return to examine our work in June. The bosuns are all working with him, and we hope to have the scouts work with us to improve the cosmetics of Aleta's interior as part of their own project. 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 for June 3 and the Marin City connection may be appropriate for Mathew Turner. Stay tuned. Recall that Gaslight has offered their vessel for a fund-raising event and President Shannon will be working with them on that.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

It looks now as the venue will be either South Beach or the Berkeley Yacht Club and it will be in November. 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 highlight 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. Want to help set all this up? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com



MONEY: \$38,305.57 in the bank. Note we are doing and will be doing major work on decks and the usual day to day maintenance on the boats. Marty is trying to put together a donation sail set for corporate America. Lee is doing a donor sail on October 18 on Benjamin Walters to thank donors who are women CEOs. Captain Marc has some donations on the way due to some sails and we have put applications into the Mary Norris foundation and will reconnect with the St Francis Sailing 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 some success 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**, has developed 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. IF combined with an internship or scholarship upon his return, may be the type of thing to change a life.

This program is being developed with help from various probation departments and will begin late this year or early next year. Lee and Jim are putting together the Italian program and invite others to help.

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.

Stay tuned. Want to help? E mail Lee at Istimmel@stimmel-law.com.



STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

April reports on the StoryCatcher for Blue Water Foundation App:

“Fund Raising Video: I finally got caught up and had some space to work on this edit. It's 75% done. Marty sounds great and I love the music he chose. I'm refining pacing and clips. Very close. Expect a proof soon.

Story Catcher for Blue Water: Urs (my partner, and more importantly, the programmer, aka; brains behind the operation) has been weighed down by a monster project at his day job. We're at a standstill with a coding problem that needs to be solved.... He's brilliant, he will solve it. He always does. He just has to find the time. More to come.”



ZOOM...

We have a new zoom link...the old one expired....so 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 JUNE 14, 2022, BY ZOOM.

*Live your life. Take chances.
Be crazy. Don't wait.
Because right now is the
oldest you've ever been and
the youngest you'll be
ever again.*

Who are we? Why have we been doing this for 32 years...? To answer that, come on a sail and watch the childrens' faces. See what happens when a gang kid from the streets suddenly sees limitless sky and feels the wind and power of the vessel...

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