



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES MAY 12, 2020 (via ZOOM)

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*APRIL MEETING WAS BY ZOOM CONFERENCE*

**VIRUS CANCELLATION OF ALL SAILS AND TRAINING AT LEAST UNTIL JUNE. OTHER ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AND WE HOPE TO BE OPEN AGAIN WITH ALL OF OUR MANY SAILS AND PROGRAMS IN A FEW MORE MONTHS.**

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

*ANNOUNCEMENTS OF EVENTS ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE UPDATED DAILY.*

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

*WANT TO KNOW A DATE FOR AN EVENT OR SAIL AND JOIN? CAN DO ONLINE WITH THE "Get Involved" button on our website. You are on a sail a few clicks away...*



**SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:**

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

**COMMUNITY SAILS:**

**WHILE MANY ARE CANCELLED, WE STILL HAVE THE SCHEDULED ONES FOR JULY AND AUGUST ON CALENDAR. LET'S HOPE THEY WILL OCCUR...**

**Urban Adventures Camp occurs on 7/7; 7/28 and 8/11.  
All on Golden Bear, often with students on the water for the very first time.**

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:  
CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION: EL DORADO PROBATION:**

ALL CANCELLED FOR NOW. STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATES. Alameda County has already contacted us as to possibly scheduling in the near future and procedures for doing so.

**REOPENING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.**

Given our role as mentors to students, we need to establish safe and appropriate methods to reopen our various programs. The schools, probation departments and community groups will have their own, of course, and we must abide by them, but we should also develop our own minimum criteria to not only protect our students but our members, vendors and guests. DAVID M, SHANNON, COLM AND AMY will form a committee to create a recommended set of policies for the Board to vote on at our next meeting.



**BOSUN'S REPORT:**

**GOLDEN BEAR:** Captain Andrew has changed the oil and Captain Colm reports the bow light is working. Due to the virus, the work on the pulpit is delayed. WE also need a new hasp and lock for the boat, and we will arrange for bottom cleaning once a quarter.

**ALETA:** Captain Paul reports the engine turns over well now and he is working through the list of minor tasks required by the survey. He will be speaking to Cree of Berkeley Marine Center...the man who built Aleta to begin with...as to the condition of the aluminum frame. 200 feet of anchor rode is now on board. Remember, Aleta is now in Berkeley, and we are hoping still for a free berth.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** New AC/DC wiring is about done and she has passed the second survey required for the AC system. The DC wiring project...not required by the survey but determined as necessary by the owner...progresses slowly but surely. All at owner expense.

### **BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION?**

Recall that the board of this square rigger berthed in Sausalito has expressed interest in Blue Water sails on this vessel. Once the virus retreats, we will continue to explore this option.

### **ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED**

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be late Fall or even winter. Likely October or November. 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. In a few months we will be sending out information on method of selection of Volunteers of the Year award as well as awards for our partners in the community.

**MONEY:** \$35 586.81 in the bank as of the meeting and the Development Committee continues to work with various potential donors and plan an auction at our annual party. Berkeley Marina may give us free berth for Aleta. The Development Committee continues to work hard and changes in our accounting methodology should help them with this effort.

STEVE KASTNER, working with MARTY had integrated our financial bookkeeping and methods to conform to the UNIFORM CHART OF ACCOUNTS as approved by the California Association of Nonprofits and this method on QuickBooks will not only make life easier for Marty, but will allow us to track both donations, categories of expenses, etc. This took a lot of work on Steve's part (he had time due to the virus hampering his regular business) but we are now in full conformity with the standard methods most large donors expect to see. has raised remarkable money and established new connections due to their efforts, but it is a continuing process. Even though we are all volunteer, the boats require upkeep and maintenance...we will spend around ten thousand on Golden Bear for pulpit and prop in the next few months...

*Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat....and donations to us are tax deductible. All volunteers, no payroll...but boats eat money!*

**GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB** has a youth sailing program using its own dinghies and has interest in some type of joint program for racing with some of our students. The long-term goal...a racing team of probation students! This program is, again, delayed due to the virus but stay tuned. Captains Lee and Andrew will be setting up a meeting with SF Probation to explore this further during this hiatus in our sails.



### **Training & Certification**

Having a regular schedule and rotation of certification sails worked very well this year. We will continue with this effort since it is our certified volunteers who are the key to our success. We have no paid personnel...without volunteers, we cease to exist.

**First Aid and CPR –JULY 18** Sign up now if you want a space. Will be in San Francisco, check location when you sign up. We will be providing this free program (recall to be certified you need to have a First Aid and CPR certificate) and we have a new member who is fully qualified to help Captain Les and take on some of that certification. Thanks to Anne Reinert, we may be able to double our certifications in this field.

**Certification Sails-Training:** Many have been cancelled due to virus, but as seen below, we are rescheduling. Check our calendar and sign up. These full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. Often have live MOB practice, sometimes with two boats at a time...and are tremendous fun. Also, for our already certified MOB day crew and captains, a night MOB (since we take probation students out at night.) A truly intense training experience. *The dates below are subject to change based on status of virus.*

BENJAMIN WALTERS CERTIFICATION	JUNE 20
BENJAMIN WALTERS <u>NIGHT</u> MOB PRACTICE	JUNE 26 1600-2200
ALETA CERTIFICATION	JULY 26
FIRST AID AND CPR	JULY 18
GOLDEN BEAR CERTIFICATION	TBD...STAY TUNED.

And once the virus subsides, expect a lot more certification sails...we have been approached by many new volunteers during this time and we want to get them certified and on our sails.



**Scholarship & Internships:** SF Probation has asked about future scholarships and Josue' is now starting nursing schools based on the Blue Water- Sategna foundation grants.

Recall that, thanks to Joanne and Eric, long standing volunteers of Blue Water, we completed our first two interns at their stage and event construction business for Camp Sweeney students and it went splendidly. The students showed up on time, were enthusiastic and all the workers at their plant loved working with them. The virus ended it sooner than anyone wanted, but Joanne and Eric loved the experience and intend to keep doing internships. WE NEED TO EXPAND THIS TO OTHER BUSINESSES SO IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYONE...OR HAS A BUSINESS THAT COULD USE THAT HELP...LET US KNOW. This gives the students actual job experience and confidence. Think: you are thrown out of school, have a juvenile record, only know the gang world...and suddenly you see a new world of what most of us take for granted. We can do that for them. Give them an option away from the streets... Interested in helping? Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

**ONLINE TRAINING:** Hugh, one of our certified crew, is exploring online courses that can help our students learn even when not on board...and help our own certification process.

**SERVICE ANIMALS ON BOARD?** We continue to explore this option but so far it looks like we won't be able to do this...BADS (an association for disabled sailors) does not allow service dogs on their sails and have more experience and expertise than we do. Still exploring this. We should come up with a clear policy in the near future.

**NEXT MEETING: JUNE 9, 2020, almost certainly a Zoom meeting but we will see.**

**If in person...**

48 GOLD STREET, SECOND FLOOR 6-8 (ALWAYS OVER BY TEN) FOOD, DRINK, SAIL SCHEDULES, ETC. ETC.

CAN CALL IN AT 425-436-6260 ACCESS CODE 2546648#. ALL WELCOME...CHECK US OUT!

OR ZOOM and 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>

OUR STUDENTS NEED THE SEA MORE THAN EVER. LET'S GET THEM BACK ON BOARD AS SOON AS WE CAN...The boats await...you?

