



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES MAY 11, 2021 (via ZOOM)

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**MAY MEETING WAS BY ZOOM CONFERENCE**

**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:

While it will be Fall before the usual sails can begin again, over the summer the District is having school for fifth and sixth graders and they have asked us to take them sailing. We will be setting that up over the next few months.

### COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails ARE beginning again.

1. Our students from Silver Springs School in Grass Valley will be sailing in May 20 (a Thursday)
2. We have two Weekend Adventure sails (kids from the Tenderloin, middle school age) July 10 and July 17.
3. Two Greenager sails scheduled, one for August 7, one for August 21.

4. We will be setting up sails with the [South Beach Sailing Club summer camp](#) in the next several weeks.

All these should be on Golden Bear leaving from SF...check the website for details.

#### PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION BEGINS AGAIN on Friday afternoons and evenings aside from the graduation ceremony on a Sunday. They are **5/21; 6/4; Night sail for 5/7; 6/18; 7/9 and the graduation sail on 8/21**. Mentor mentee method, same students, and those who graduate show their families what they have learned and receive a certificate.

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 June.

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

SF COUNTY has contacted us to begin the process of setting up a new class but due to their own changes, likely not until July or August. We just had a zoom call with them and will be taking the new POs in their system sailing to show them what the experience is like. Stay tuned for details.

MARIN JUVENILE PROBATION has also contacted Blue Water and we plan to begin sails with them once the pandemic recedes.



## Training & Certification

Our full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. We have developed pandemic safe protocol for the training. We are also scheduling more CPR-First Aid Red Cross certified training since that is also a prerequisite to full certification.

1. **First Aid and CPR** –FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND THE CLASS AT THE GOLDEN GATE YACHT CLUB WILL BE ON **JUNE 5**.

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



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...

1. Certification sails on Aleta and Golden Bear with overboard drill to be set up soon.
2. And recall if come on a sail as a guest, make sure the captain checks out your skills and you can move along the certification list.

**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 July...Stay tuned.**



### **BOSUN'S REPORT:**

**GOLDEN BEAR:** At a cost of over five thousand dollars, the pulpits are now refabricated and are being installed this weekend. Colm is working on replacing the forward hatch which still leaks a bit. The reefing winch has been rebuilt. And soon we will have 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:** Has passed all surveys. Putting in new decking just forward of dodger, new lifelines on the boat in the next six months at owner expense and deck leaks at shrouds that bring in water when the gunnels are



under water will be handled this month. All at owner expense. Ready to rock and roll and is already doing student sails.

### **BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION GASLIGHT CONNECTION**

Both the Mathew Turner and Bay Lights Charters are up and running again and have contacted us for working together on sails. As the schools and probation departments open up, we will work to arrange voyages on those two great vessels. Further, the SF Police 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 Fall 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 has arranged another beach cleanup which will be on **June 19, 10-12**, Crab Cover in Alameda. These are great fun, do a lot of good, and end up impromptu picnics with friends on a newly clean beach. Sign up on the Events Page for details.

### **INSURANCE SEARCH:**

Recall that our prior insurance carrier is withdrawing from the California marketplace. We are searching for a replacement carrier and now have Benjamin Walters fully insured after two surveys and a rigging survey. Golden Bear and Aleta are still seeking insurance but it will be expensive since they used to be racing boats which makes insurance companies needlessly nervous. Stay tuned. Our single largest expense is becoming...insurance...despite not a single claim for three decades!!

An insurance search committee for next year has been created so that we can avoid the massive cost we are facing this year. JOANNE, STEVE K AND LEE will be on it and invite any others interested in joining. We will have our first conference in the next month.

**MONEY:** \$18,637 in the bank. We hope to receive \$5000 again from the Mary Norris Foundation. We received 1000 from Bill Mania's company and gave them a thank you sail. Marty has filed our tax returns for the year...

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

### **HISTORY OF BLUE WATER?**

A brief history of Blue Water will be on our website in the next few days...telling not just how and when but why...



### **INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

## INTERNSHIPS: The Way Out...

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. Note that both Matthew Turner and Gaslight are interested in internships for our students. Once the pandemic is finally not a major issue, we shall begin the process of matching probation kids with businesses wanting to give them a door to our world.

## 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 should not carry the entire burden here. Josue' from Camp Sweeney continues to excel in the nursing program, straight As!

***These programs go beyond slogans and bumper stickers. This is your chance to do good work that you can see and touch. 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 [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com). This changes lives...this is you lighting a match to push back the darkness. Join us!***



## RACING PROGRAM?

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 met with Graham Green of that fleet and will meet with SF Probation via zoom to discuss exploring this further. Probation kids on a racing team...think on that!

## STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

Recall that April, who creates 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. April has made a breakthrough on the bugs and hopes to have a test program for us in the next month.

## **NEXT MEETING: JUNE 8, 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](mailto:dmischel@gmail.com)



*If one of our crew or captains visit Camp Sweeney, the facility for Alameda County for incarcerated juveniles, the students who have been in the sailing course run over, bringing their friends in the facility to meet the captain or crew. Soon a crowd of students surrounds the visitor, smiling, excited children, all saying the same thing...when do we go out again.*

*The sea calls to them in ways that very little else can do. It is their "safe place," a place in nature and with adventure and excitement and adults who care for them, are on their crew, and tell them and show them the wind and wonder.*

*You have to see their reaction to believe it...*

*So....Join US! We are all volunteers like you..."paid" by the joy we see on the faces of these children who have little in their lives to feel joyful about....*