



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES November 8, 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-FIVE YEARS OF PEOPLE GIVING THEIR TIME FOR AT RISK AND UNDERSERVED YOUTH...AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN US IN THIS GREAT TRADITION.**

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### SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

#### SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

The sails are now underway regularly, Captain Les can always use more captains and crew, and this program...our first...is doing well after thirty-two years of taking kids out. On Golden Bear in the City.

#### MARIN COUNTY

*The Huckleberry youth program operates in Marin and expressed interest in working with Blue Water. We have a conference call to plan the Marin program in the next two weeks and anticipate sails very early next year.*

#### PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Piedmont School District had their second sail, and all had a great time. They donated to Blue Water to make sure we can keep this going. Expect more sails.

### COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are expanding with more scheduled for this year than at any time in the past: we need volunteers to sign up for those sails!!

1. *Huckleberry Program*, they want to schedule more sails and Lee and Jim are working with them to set them up. These will be in both San Francisco and Marin. Stay tuned.
2. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children have asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails. On Golden Bear, and you can expect regular sails to be scheduled about once a month.
3. *Project Avery* (children with incarcerated parents) will be contacted by Captain Les...they are old friends of Blue Water.
4. *Greenagers*, a community group we have worked with for well over a decade, had another sail scheduled for **10/29** and it went well.
5. We had a donation sail with *WPO*, an organization of women CEOs, on **10/18** and they were kind enough to offer to donate to Blue Water as a thank you.
6. One of our volunteers has a connection with a Richmond entity, "My Other Brother" and we will be exploring working with them.
7. We had our first sail with the **visually impaired** who are already excellent sailors and anxious to get out on the water again. Our first sail went well and our next, on Aleta and Benjamin, is set for November 9. If interested in joining this effort, contact Mariette at [Mariette.Lapiz@comcast.net](mailto:Mariette.Lapiz@comcast.net) who will be running the program. There may be a racing team possibility for this program.
8. On January 26 Bear will be taking out the SF District LGBTQ service group.

### PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION The classes continue, with the next beginning on December 2. That will be a sail on Benjamin and Aleta and, also, we are having a XMAS lights sail the evening of December 9 which was asked for by the students. Lastly, we are invited to their Xmas Breakfast party at Camp Sweeney on December 9...a good chance to see the students in their home. Santa is planning to attend.

EI DORADO PROBATION Had to cancel their scheduled sail and this one will be set up again in a month or so. These kids come down early all the way from Tahoe...and love it.

CONTRA COSTA PROBATION The sails are now on hiatus with reorganization in the department...stay tuned.

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. We expect regular sails to be set up in February, both a regular class type program (Life Skills Program, six classes) and perhaps another variation. This may mirror the program being set up for Marin County. Again, possible racing team here.



# RACING PROGRAM

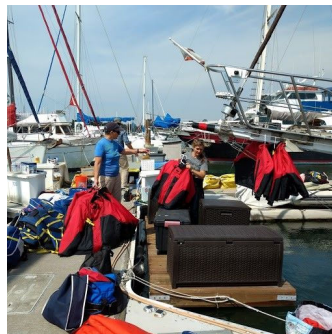
Captain Andrew and his Olson 40 remains ready, and we are now discussing our first team with various probation departments and other organizations. This could be a life changing experience. If it works for these students, we may expand the program to include more racing teams from the probation departments and community groups. The new program involving visually impaired may also have a racing component. Stay tuned.



## MAKE AND MEND DAYS - AND AN ACCIDENT on BEAR...

Recall a St Francis boat hit Bear while Bear was at her dock, and we will need some hull work also done. An emergency repair to keep the boat safe was done by some of our captains and we are using her on sails until a full job can be done to put her back looking good. We are still dealing with St Francis, who admit fault, to arrange for the repair. Captain Andrew is taking the lead on the negotiations.

In Spring we will schedule another full day Make and Mend Day for all three boats where minor work is done, potluck, and a lot of fun. We will set the precise date in a few months.



## Training & Certification:

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

1. First Aid and CPR –Our last class was at Golden Gate Yacht Club on **NOVEMBER 12, 2022**. Another one will be scheduled in the next few months. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS.





2. Benjamin Walters had a night certification sail including live overboard night practice in September and another day certification already scheduled for 12/10.
3. Aleta certification was on November 9 included live overboard drill and her next certification sail is January 14.
4. Golden Bear has her next certification sail on February 4, with live overboard drill.
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.

We have many new certified captains, including first captains, as well as new certified crew. Given our expanding programs, this is great news.

## OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

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



## BOSUN'S REPORT:

**GOLDEN BEAR:** We still need repair due to accident with St Francis, but she is capable of sailing and is out more than once a week. The soft part on the deck near a stanchion needs work and the lifelines may need replacing soon. New dock lines are being considered.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** Dodger and cover now replaced with new. Hot water (AC) replaced, and bilge pumps being replaced. Deck work rebedding some of the plugs on the teak decks. All at owner expense.

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

**ALETA:** Now out the yard with a new strut and shaft and in better shape than in years. Engine mounts adjusted, new shaft, new three blade prop, new dripless gland, deck lights resealed. Many new certified crew and captains as we begin to use this boat as she should be used.

## ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR SPRING

It looks now as the venue will be the Berkeley Yacht Club and it will be in Spring. 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](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com)

And, depending on Covid, we may set up a picnic before then. The Crab Cove at Alameda is being considered.

**MONEY:** \$22,066 in the bank after our massive payments for insurance but we will be losing most of that to Aleta repair....13,000 bill for Aleta.

Remember, we need over \$50,000 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.... No payroll costs...all volunteer...but boats cost...so all you can do to raise money is welcome. You can contribute online at our website and since we are a nonprofit, all donations are tax deductible....

President Shannon is planning a fund-raising party on Gaslight in the Spring and Benjamin Walters has received sums for taking groups out. Further, Giving Tuesday is coming up and Shannon will be working that effort.



## 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.**

Josue, the former Sweeney student, is going into his last year of a BS in nursing and we received a dedicated donation of five thousand dollars to help him make it though the last expensive year. Think...from sent to Sweeney to the top of the nursing profession...while working full time and getting all A's. Quite an achievement for this student.



### 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 next. 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.

Want to help? E mail Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).



### **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 DECEMBER 13, 2022, BY ZOOM.**

33 years of doing this....35,000 students taken to sea...the first kids we took out may have grandkids now!  
JOIN US AND KEEP THIS TRADITION GOING...

