



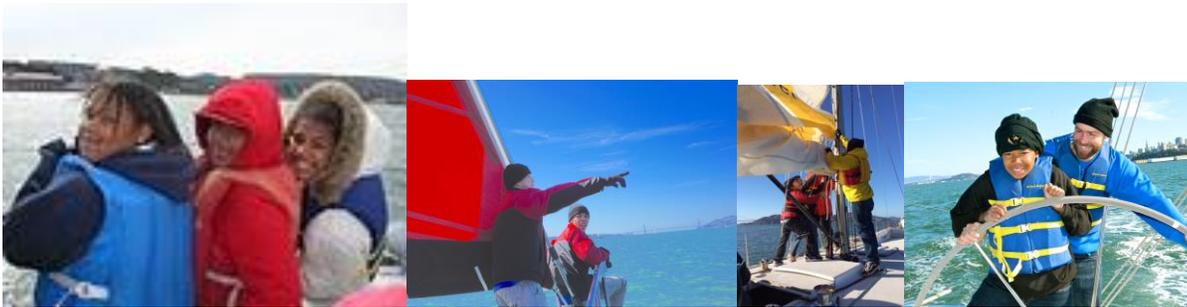
NEWSLETTER and MINUTES NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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CHECK THE MOVIES ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE!



SCHEDULE OF SAILS: Go to our website and click on the **Get Involved link** to see our coming sails and events and you can join the sail by following the links and signing up as a volunteer or guest. We have several sails each week now and are looking for those to work the boats both weekends and weekdays. You can make a big difference. www.bluewaterfoundation.org.

Several new programs are currently being considered:

1. Sails with SF Probation with students not incarcerated but on probation. We will take the probation officers and some juvenile court judges sailing next month so they can see what the experience is like. The judges will have to “sentence” the kids to community work and this program may be part of that...thus we need to educate the judges as to what we are all about.
2. Sails with patients at a mental health facility. (Gladman) Our first sail will be with their staff, so they can check out the experience. Check the Get Involved link. January 25.

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

ALL THREE BOATS NOW HAVE AT LEAST FOUR CERTIFICATION SAILS SET UP FOR THE COMING YEAR. THESE SAILS HAVE NO KIDS ON BOARD, SIMPLY A FULL DAY OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION, INCLUDING LIVE MOB DRILLS ON MANY OF THE SAILS. A GOOD WAY TO BUILD UP TO NEW CERTIFICATION IN A SINGLE DAY OF HARD AND FUN SAILING. AND LIVE MOB. CHECK THE GET INVOLVED LINK AND SIGN UP!!!! Note you can also be certified simply by attending sails and asking the captain to check off your skills.

The CPR and FIRST AID COURSE went well, taught by Captain Les, and was maxed out. We will schedule another one in a few months. Required for full certification, free to volunteers.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall we have scholarships for selected students from the Sategna Foundation and our scholarship committee continues to monitor past recipients and plan for the next round of grants. We still have money to provide for vocational or college scholarships. Could use some volunteers to help. Stay tuned.

More EVENTS:

1. **ANNUAL AWARDS PARTY APRIL 27 AT BERKELEY YACHT CLUB.** Food, drink, boats at dock, entertainment, and awards to those volunteers and community helpers who make this work. Stay tuned for more details.
2. **NEW COMMUNITY GROUP FOR SAILING.** TLC which is a housing entity that provides housing for young adults who have "aged" out of the Foster Care system is coming down all the way from Santa Rosa for a sail on February 2...sign up and show them what the sea can offer.
3. **CEREMONY TO PUT JIM RUMER'S MEMORIAL PLAQUE ON GOLDEN BEAR.**



JIM RUMER WITH BEN WENGROFSKY

Recall we are placing a memorial plaque in honor of Jim Rumer, the now deceased volunteer who did so much to keep Bear (and our other boats) up and running, with his wife and children there to see the event. We are also having a new annual award for the bosun or volunteer who showed the most skill and enthusiasm for keeping the boats up and it will be the **Jim Rumer Award**. Lee and Joanne are getting the plaque arranged and stay tuned for the date on which we will place it on Bear...just might be at our annual awards party!

MONEY? Yes, 10,461. David reported on various fund-raising efforts and a general discussion ensued as to creating an annual budget for submission for various grants. David said he would work on that with help from his committee and Shannon.



BOAT CONDITION and NEW BOSUNS COMMITTEE

To again refresh everyone's recollection, the minutes of the January 2018 meeting provided as follows:

The Board unanimously approved a reorganization of the way Blue Water maintains and improves our vessels. Instead of one or two people acting as bosuns without defined duties, a committee of not less than three nor more than five persons will be assigned to monitor, maintain and supervise repair of each vessel owned by the Foundation. The committees shall not necessarily do the work themselves but shall arrange for either volunteers or professionals to perform the tasks to keep the vessels in operating and safe condition.

RESOLVED:

1. *A bosuns committee of at least three and no more than five is created for each foundation boat now. There is a head bosun to report to the board, but the entire committee is expected to arrange how to maintain the vessel.*
2. *Aleta and Golden Bear each have their own bosuns' committees.*
3. *The committees meet no less than once every three months to go through projects. Their initial task to be accomplished in the next month is:

 - a. *Analyze the boat's condition now. All systems.*
 - b. *Create maintenance schedule and appoint a member to keep it up and send a copy to the board once a quarter.*
 - c. *Create a checklist of what each captain is to check off before and after every sail. Kept on board, signed by the captain, kept in our records.*
 - d. *Have two members of the committee available by cell phone and/or e mail for any volunteer or captain to report a problem.*
 - e. *Prepare a budget for critical tasks to be performed over the next six months; for important but not critical matters; for routine maintenance.*
 - f. *Prepare a budget for medium and long term major projects for the vessel.*
 - g. *Determine how the task is to be performed once budgeted, e.g. who does it; do we hire someone? Who supervises and reports completion and arranges payment?*
 - g. *Appoint a liaison with the Board to ensure good communication and budgeting.*
 - h. *Monitor if maintenance is being performed and by who, enter it into the log book, and schedule the next including the person assigned to perform it. That person need not be on the committee but his or her name should be known to the committee and he or she reminded and supervised by the committee.*
 - i. *Create an "emergency response" member to handle an immediate problem on the boat if it occurs.**
4. *If a member leaves the committee, he/she is to be replaced immediately by the rest of the committee using the help of the Executive Committee.*
5. *No less than three times a year, the committee (with friends and family if they wish) take the vessel out and check out the systems and enjoy a day on the Bay as they see how the various systems perform and what else needs work. These sail dates should be scheduled at the first meeting each year. They take priority over student sails since they are critical for safe student sails.*

And the initial volunteers for the bosuns committee are as follows:

GOLDEN BEAR BOSUNS COMMITTEE

COLM PELOW

ANDREW ZIMMERMAN

JOHN GILMORE

STEVE KASTNER

JOANNE MARTIN

ALETA BOSUNS COMMITTEE

LEONARD LEE

PAUL MARBURY

PAUL HARRIS

ROBERT CIESLINSKI

SCOTT RACETTE

THANKS TO THE BOSUN'S COMMITTEE WHO ARE DOING THEIR JOB!!

Bear has new dock lines and needs work on its lifelines. Aleta needs her packing gland serviced. Benjamin, at owner's expense, has all new running rigging.



BOATER'S CARD

Safety Officer David again pointed out that a Boaters' Card is now required by the State of California, for anyone who operates a vessel in California waters...starting this year with anyone 16-20 years of age, but the age limit rises each year.

The Board approved that by the end of 2018 each certified volunteer should have a boater's card. One gets one on line by taking a simple on-line exam and listening to an on-line video. Go to <http://californiaboaterscard.com/applynow/>. Directions are on line, it costs ten dollars. Show the card to any first captain as part of your certification by the end of 2018.

Note certain people do not need to get the card: members of various governmental agencies (Coast Guard, police,) and those already holding a Coast Guard license (Masters, six pack, etc.). Further, if you are only taking the wheel under direct supervision of a captain, you do not need the card. BUT THE COURSE IS GOOD AND USEFUL, AND YOU SHOULD DEFINITELY GET IT IF YOU CAN. Why not? Anything to make you a better sailor...the kids depend on us...

MINIMUM USE REQUIREMENT FOR INSURANCE: Recall that the board voted that for a boat to qualify for Blue Water insurance coverage it should take students out at least ten times a year. Less than that, the premiums will be paid prorata...e.g. five sails, Blue Water pays half the premiums.

TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL: Recall that our treasurer has been fighting with the taxing authorities for over a year since they assess taxes upon us despite our 501C3 status and value the boats far too high. JOANNE took the fight on, visited the tax people and was able to obtain a reduction in the value and a reconsideration as to our tax status. Don't annoy Joanne...when she comes at you, you know it. THANKS TO OUR VIKING FROM THE ISLE OF MAN.

PRIVACY POLICY FOR OUR WEBSITE: David pointed out that we should establish a reasonable privacy policy for the information we have for certification and on our website and he and Louis will develop one for consideration by the Board.

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 11, 2018 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 2TH FLOOR, 48 GOLD STREET, SF, FIVE BLOCKS FROM BART, IN JACKSON SQUARE



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