



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES NOVEMBER 10, 2020 (via ZOOM)

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PANDEMIC CANCELLATION OF MOST STUDENT SAILS AT LEAST UNTIL DECEMBER. CREW AND CAPTAIN TRAINING CONTINUES WITH COVID PROTOCOL ADOPTED. WE HOPE TO BE OPEN AGAIN WITH ALL OF OUR MANY SAILS AND PROGRAMS IN A FEW MORE MONTHS. MEANWHILE...UP YOUR CERTIFICATION STATUS!

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

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.



THE WORLD OF THE PROBATION/INCARCERATED STUDENTS

Getting tired of the pandemic? Sick of the mask, restrictions on travel, on outdoor and indoor activities, on access to gyms, restaurants, parks, travel?

Welcome to the world of many of our students. Only they always live like that, pandemic or not. Of course, no restaurants or travel if no money and many are in families that are far too poor for anything but a very occasional McDonalds. Our incarcerated students were thrown off their high school teams long ago. They can't afford gyms even if they were out of

custody and most never leave their own territory. Unsafe to go there. You live in the concrete canyons, a few blocks of your own territory.

And then...via some good hearted probation officers and Blue Water they are suddenly on a 46 foot open ocean racer, at the helm, working the winches, working with adults who, amazingly, are not paid to be with them, who seem to want to share that wonder with them and talk about being part of the foundation and teaching the next group of students...or scholarships and internships...a door may be opening.

Now is the time to step up. Black Lives Matter is a great phrase...but it is time for action, and we need your help to show these students that Their Lives Matter. Help us help them.... Volunteer your time and energy or contribute...help with the sails, help with the internships, help with the scholarships...but help. The time is now.

SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

CANCELLED BY DISTRICT DUE TO PANDEMIC. STAY TUNED FOR WHEN THEY BEGIN AGAIN.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

CANCELLED UNTIL PANDEMIC RECEDES.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

SF COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: CONTRA COSTA JUVENILE PROBATION: EL DORADO PROBATION: ALL CANCELLED FOR NOW. STAY TUNED FOR NEW DATES. All the counties are anxious to begin the sails again but have not yet adopted appropriate procedures. See below for our own protection procedures.

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: CLASSES HAVE BEGUN AGAIN! Camp Sweeney has enrolled six students and three sails have been completed with the students, once again, showing that unique ability to master the art of sailing. PO Lozano is in charge with PO Silky assisting. The next sail is the night sail in December.

MARIN PROBATION:

Marin probation has expressed immediate interest both in starting a program with us and in internships and we will be communicating with them as to establishment of yet another probation program!



COVID PROTOCOL ON BOARD: REMEMBER-

The Board adopted the following protocol for when the sails with students begin again as well as for our own training to be supplemented by the various programs we serve.

The protocol:

•Volunteer (certification) only sails

oWe are in conformity with regulations applied in the Bay Area (all state, area, and county guidelines for opening have been met)

- oNo more than three people below decks at a time.
- o All aboard answer required screening questions and pass the criteria
- o No live MOB training until pandemic recedes or new method developed.
 - (Possibly) temperature testing for fever

Kids sails

- oAll criteria for Volunteer sails have been met, including temperature and screening questions
- oSports activities involving contact (football, basketball) are allowed for kids by local regulation
- oApproval/agreement of partner organization
- oExecution of our expanded COVID waivers/permissions slips.
- oAll wear masks if still mandated by State or local authorities



Training & Certification

Since most of our student sails are delayed, we are concentrating on certifying and increasing the level of certification of our many new volunteers. These full day training and certification sails speed up the certification process. We have developed pandemic safe protocol for the training as described above. We are also scheduling more CPR-First Aid Red Cross certified training since that is also a prerequisite to full certification. A bottle neck has been devising a safe MOB procedure during pandemic times since the crew has to work close together in the usual process. Captains Steve and David have developed an alternative method they are testing now, and our goal is full MOB practice in a month or so.

First Aid and CPR –JANUARY 2021, 48 Gold Street, second floor. Captain Les will put the precise details on our website, and this is free top volunteers and includes both First Aid Training and CPR. Due to COVID, you do an online program first, then some hands on at this course. All will be explained on our sign-up page on the webpage.

Trainings now scheduled:

1. Night certification sail on Benjamin Walters January 15
2. Day certification sail on Benjamin Walters February 6
3. Day certification sail on Benjamin Walters March 6
4. Golden Bear and Aleta are fully repaired/improved and will each have their own training schedule set up in the next month. Stay tuned.

We have a wealth of extremely qualified nearly certified crew and captains who are not yet certified due to need to create a better MOB method during pandemic times and due to need for more captain trainers on Aleta. This should be resolved in the next month and the plan is to have a half dozen new certified captains and that many new certified crews this Spring.

Tandem sails on Ben and Aleta from Berkeley for probation sails should be in place with many new crew and captains by summer

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Our offshore training in Benjamin Walters has delayed its second outing since Benjamin Walters will be repowered in February at owner expense. So, the offshore sails will begin again in March or so. Stay tuned.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: Time for some major work on Golden Bear, now approved by Board:

Vessel: S/V Golden Bear Vendor: Grand Marina (Sean)

Captain Andrew reports Bear's major work is now done, pulpit work is the last to be done and is happening right now and Bear should be back in her berth in the next few weeks. She will be in the best shape in many, many years.

ALETA: Back in slip, repaired and read to rock and roll.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Fine for Bay sailing with the current engine and new engine by March.

BRIGATINE MATTHEW TURNER CONNECTION? GASLIGHT CONNECTION?

We are still exploring various means by which these two great boats can take out some of our students once the Pandemic recedes. Stay tuned...and both boats have invited some of us to come sailing to check them out. We have already done Gaslight and Brigantine Matthew Turner may be in January or February.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED

Again, due to the virus, our usual Party will have to be spring. Stay tuned for a date.



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MONEY: \$26,585 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. The recent haul outs are going to drain our funds so the Development Committee will have to find other sources in very tough times. President Shannon is setting up a Face Book donation stop for “Giving Tuesday” so check it out and give some money.

Remember, we need about \$30,000 a year for good maintenance alone, not including the large projects on the boat... Bear's coming trip to the yard will cost about five thousand dollars alone. All volunteers, no payroll...but boats need money! 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. St Francis Knar fleet is also interested in setting up some type of racing program which we will be exploring.



INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Eric G. Lee and Joanne are working on the description of the Internship Program that we will be presenting to probation departments 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. There are some outside volunteers who may be able to help us reach out to the business community and Marin Probation has a department that works solely on internships who will be contacting us.

We have submitted a grant request to the Sategna Foundation for more funding for our scholarships and our current recipient, Josue' continues to do well in his nursing BA degree course.

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.



NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 8, 2020, a Zoom meeting but we will see.

If in person...

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

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