



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 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.

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



SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

The sails are now underway again with all but five dates reserved and two more on the waiting list. Our oldest program is alive and healthy...thanks to remarkable efforts of Captain Les, Mary Michaels and many others...and Captain Les is always looking for more captains and crew to make this happen...on Golden Bear in the City.

MARIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Huckleberry youth program operates in Marin and expressed interest in working with Blue Water. We will see how this develops. Whether through the District or their own programs, we hope to have regular sails in Marin by Spring.

PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Piedmont School District had their second sail on October 14, and it went as well as the first...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. **November 8** is our next date on Golden Bear, and you can expect regular sails to be scheduled about once a month.
3. Silver Springs High from Grass Valley came down for another sail on **9/29**. New ones will be scheduled soon.
4. *Project Avery* (children with incarcerated parents) will be contacted by Captain Les...they are old friends of Blue Water.
5. *Greenagers*, a community group we have worked with for well over a decade, has another sail scheduled for **10/29**.
6. We had a donation sail with *WPO*, an organization of women CEOs, on **10/18** and they were kind enough to donate to Blue Water as a thank you.
7. One of our volunteers has a connecton with a Richmond entity, "My Other Brother" and we will be exploring working with them.
8. We are going to be exploring a new program to be working 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, is set for November 9. If interested in joining this effort, contact Mariette at Mariette.Lapiz@comcast.net who will be running the program.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION The class continues, and they have completed live overboard drills (around five minutes from jump to recovery by the last practice) and their night sail. A XMAS lights sail will be added, and we have their graduation coming up in a few months.

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 scheduled monthly and the next is on **11/4**.

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 the next few months.



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 -NOW GOLDEN BEAR AND AN ACCIDENT OR TWO ON THE BOAT...

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.

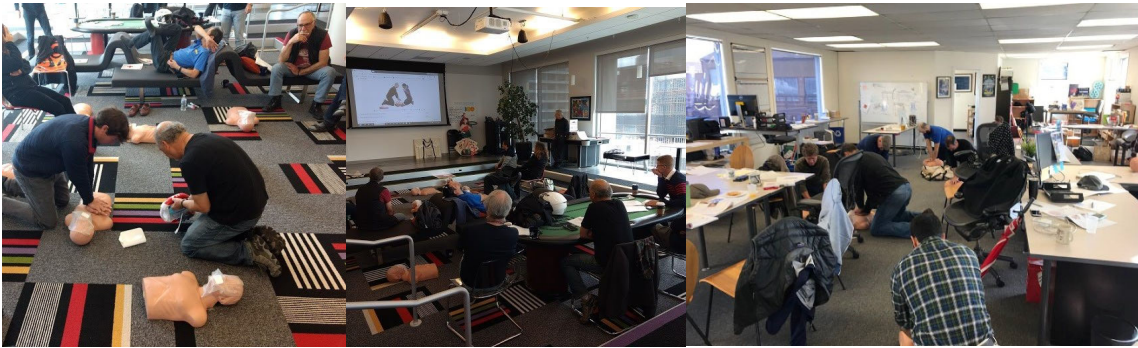
In Spring we will schedule another full day Make and Mend Day for all three boats where minor work is done, potluck, and a lot of fun. We will set the precise date in a few months.



Training & Certification:

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

1. First Aid and CPR –Our next class will be at Golden Gate Yacht Club on **NOVEMBER 12, 2022**. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. Remember, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE “HANDS ON” PRACTICE. WE WILL SET UP ANOTHER CLASS IN SEVERAL MORE MONTHS.



2. Benjamin Walters had a night certification sail including live overboard night practice in September and another day certification already scheduled for 12/10. For the next month she is out of commission while a new dodger is put on at owner expense.

3. Certification Sail on Bear is scheduled for 12/7.

3. Aleta certification will be on November 9 and will include live overboard drill.

4. 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.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Dodger and cover to be replaced in November, out for three weeks. Hot water (AC) replaced, and bilge pumps being replaced. All at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: Captain Andrew reports all is well on board, and she is ready to race.
ALETA: Coming out of the yard with a new strut and shaft and in better shape than in years.

Recall that a binder with safety protocols is being developed for Aleta and we hope to have it on board in the next month.

INSURANCE AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

We have insurance at tremendous cost...over 15,000...and it is in place. Oddly, the insurance company wanted their (and our) surveyor, Chris, to inspect the three boats after the insurance is already in place...Chris was pleased with the condition of the boats, gave all a passing and improved grade...

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS FOR NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

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
And, depending on Covid, we may set up a picnic before then.

MONEY: \$20,524 in the bank after our massive payments for insurance despite no claims in 32 years!

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....



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.**



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.

Josue' finishes his BS in nursing in 2023 and still gets nearly all straight As while working full time to help pay the costs...a true hero. And an example of what can be done to change lives...

Want to help? E mail Lee at 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
dmischel@gmail.com

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2022, BY ZOOM.

**“YOUR LIFE
DOES NOT GET BETTER
BY CHANCE, IT GETS
BETTER BY CHANGE.”**

- JIM ROHN
KUSHANDWISDOM