



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES OCTOBER 9, 2018

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*CHECK THE MOVIES ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE!*



### **SCHEDULE OF SAILS: All on Line Now: [www.bluewaterfoundation.org](http://www.bluewaterfoundation.org).**

*Go to our website and click on the **Get Involved** link to see our many coming sails and events and you can join the sail by following the links and signing up as a volunteer or guest. All our sails are listed on the site and there is room to sign up as captain, certified crew or guest. The list has all the sails for the next several months.*

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.

Several new programs are currently being implemented

1. Sails with SF Probation with students not incarcerated but on probation. This will start in two or three months.

2. Sails with patients at Gladman Leadership School, a mental health facility. Our first sail with them will be with their staff only so they can check out the experience. That will be on Friday, January 25, 1145-1500, Benjamin Walters in Berkeley. This will be a new endeavor for Blue Water...while we have taken out incarcerated children from the various probation departments, these are not kids charged with a crime but emotionally challenged and institutionalized juveniles. If this area interests you, sign up.

## TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

1. **CPR AND FIRST AID** taught by Captain Les, in Alameda, December 1, 2018 in Alameda Free to volunteers and, again, required for full certification. Volunteer Spot to sign on.
2. **Boat Certification Sails:** Captain John Gilmore had a certification training sail on Bear and more will be scheduled at our next meeting.

## 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. Stay tuned.

## EVENTS:

1. **Jim Rumer's Memorial Event** was at Presidio Yacht Club and his remarkable if short life was remembered to the overflowing crowd. Blue Water shall be creating a new annual award, this one for bosuns and named after Jim due to his unending and devoted work not only in getting Bear for the Foundation, but in keeping it up over the years. We shall have a ceremony, probably in January, in which a plaque is placed on Bear with his surviving family present. Stay tuned for details. His name will live on as the children on board ask what the plaque is all about...



**JIM ON A BLUE WATER SAIL WITH BEN.**

**MONEY?** Yes, 10,866 but Treasurer Marty reminded us that our insurance alone cost annually \$12,000 each year. David Mischel states he has some new concepts he wishes to present to the Fund-Raising Committee and Louis has come up with an idea to make giving via the website easier. Stay tuned.



## TAX VICTORY...OF SORTS

Joanne visited the taxing authorities who seemed to have a difficult time understanding that Aleta, owned by a 501C3, should be exempted from property taxes. Treasurer Marty threw up his hands after years of effort but Joanne, there and pounding the table, seems to have at last penetrated and it looks as if we will be exempt and possibly getting all the past year's payments back. *THANKS TO JOANNE* who took on the taxing authorities the way Captain Marc takes on storms at sea...stay tuned.

## BOAT CONDITION and NEW BOSUNS COMMITTEE

To 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

### ALETA BOSUNS COMMITTEE

LEONARD LEE  
PAUL MARBURY

JOHN GILMORE  
STEVE KASTNER  
JOANNE MARTIN

PAUL HARRIS  
ROBERT CIESLINSKI  
SCOTT RACETTE

THANKS TO THE BOSUN'S COMMITTEE WHO ARE DOING THEIR JOB!! One of them will get the Jim Rumer Award next year...



## **BOATER'S CARD**

Safety Officer David 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...

## **SF DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

This gathering by the SF School District with various programs providing services to the District was attended by Joanne and Shannon who reported that Blue Water was unique. All volunteer and the District is the one who gathers the schools to participate. Sharing experiences and expertise was useful and the other providers were very interested in how Blue Water operated.

### **NEW VOLUNTEERS SIGNING UP:**

Many new faces are on the boats which is much needed since we have new programs beginning and old programs expanding. Our main limitation is on getting crews and captains sufficient for the overwhelming need...so welcome to the new volunteers and we are very happy you are coming aboard. Thirty years at this now, no one ever on payroll, well over sixty thousand children to sea, everything from school districts and charter schools to probation departments and mental institutions. All with children who need to see the wind and the wonder. JOIN US HELPING THEM...IT'S NOT ABOUT SAILING...IT'S ABOUT SHOWING THESE CHILDREN THAT THEY MATTER, AND WE WANT TO SHOW THEM WHAT IS OUT THERE...

**NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2018 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, 48 GOLD STREET, SF, SIX BLOCKS FROM BART, ONE BLOCK FROM BROADWAY IN JACKSON SQUARE**



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