



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES OCTOBER 13, 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. *You are on a sail a few clicks away...*

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.



SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

CANCELLED BY DISTRICT. STAY TUNED FOR WHEN THEY BEGIN AGAIN.

COMMUNITY SAILS:

CANCELLED!!

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 the first two 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. Sails are now scheduled through January with a night sail and graduation sail planned.



REOPENING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.

DAVID M, SHANNON, COLM AND AMY are the committee created to create a recommended set of policies for the Board as we move to further programs reopening. All volunteers should keep the following protocol in mind which was adopted by the Board some months ago:

COVID PROTOCOL ON BOARD:

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 but altered the past protocol in that no longer are full fingered gloves required given the latest evidence that surfaces are not a major factor in spreading COVID:

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
 - (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 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.

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.

Certification Sails-Training: We have instituted a full protocol for training in these virus days...masks required.

Trainings now scheduled:

1. Day certification sail on Benjamin Walters November 7
2. Night certification sail on Benjamin Walters January 15
3. Day certification sail on Benjamin Walters February 6
4. Aleta will have her own training schedule set up once Captain David returns in about a week with the goal of full day certifications of captains beginning who can then train others. Our goal is to have tandem sails with Aleta and Benjamin this Spring...for that we need more first captains on Aleta. Aleta is back from yard in great shape...and time to use her far more.

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS PAGE.

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Lee and other captains are beginning offshore training in Benjamin Walters, the first occurring on October 3-4 but Benjamin will be repowered (at Owner expense) in February, 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)

Statement of Work:

1. Repaint bottom, one coat -- last completed March 2018 (one coat, Petit Trinidad Blue antifouling paint)
2. Sail Drive - inspect; anticipating corrosion on intake due to electrolysis incident (electrolysis has been resolved).
3. Fuel Line, tank to/from engine - line has been purchased and is aboard; needs installation only and to be compliant with insurance inspection.
4. Knot Meter - add sensor and head unit
5. Depth Gauge - install transponder (see following), and head unit
6. Unused Seacock (Starboard, aft) - repurpose opening for depth gauge; If not, remove and plug.
7. Simultaneously, it's hoped that we can coordinate installation of the new pulpit as the yards are adjacent.

Estimated Cost: \$5,000

We will be completing this work on Golden Bear while the pandemic limits our sails on her.

ALETA: Back in slip after haul-out at Berkeley Marine Center, bottom painted, cutlass bearing work, hydraulic backstay repaired, and the small hole in the starboard bow repaired. New fire extinguishers. She's ready to go...

BENJAMIN WALTERS: In February List Marine will replace the current 40-year-old Isuzu with a new Yanmar. The vessel will be unavailable for about a month. Meanwhile we are repairing the auto helm and the knot meter. All at owner expense. Meanwhile, the current engine is fine for Bay sailing and the Sweeney sails continue on her, in compliance with our Pandemic guidelines.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION? GASLIGHT CONNECTION?

Both the Mathew Turner and Bay Lights Charters who operate traditional schooners would like to have some probation sails in conjunction with Blue Water Foundation. Gas Light had several of our volunteers on a night sail to check out the boat and Mathew Turner will be setting up a similar sail. Our goal is to have the boats have one or two classes on board, with Blue Water mentors also present, so that our probation students get additional experience and instruction on these magnificent vessels. This should be happening in the next few months. Stay tuned for dates.

ANNUAL PARTY AND NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS DELAYED

Again, due to the virus, our usual Spring Party will have to be winter or spring. Stay tuned for a date. At the party we will have our awards for Volunteers of the Year, Bosun's award, and Partner of the Year. In a few months we will be sending out information on method of selection of Volunteers of the Year award as well as awards for our partners in the community. The party committee is now Lee, Mariette and Joanne and will be looking for more volunteers a few months before the party which is to be at BYC or GGYC.

MONEY: \$23,674 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. Berkeley Marina has given us a free berth for Aleta and will repay us the approximate \$2000 we have already paid in berth fees and we should be getting that in the immediate

future. The recent haul outs are going to drain our funds so the Development Committee will have to find other sources in very tough times.

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.

Shannon will be working with the development committee to develop a "giving Tuesday" which we used last year to help raise money. Debbie had a birthday drive that raised about \$200.00 online. Think about doing that yourself...and we received a \$500.00 donation from Gaslight charters, described in more detail below. THANKS FOR THE DONATIONS!!

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.

TRANSLATIONS

Our website now has releases in Spanish created by our many Spanish speakers.... thanks to them!

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.

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.



ONLINE TRAINING: Hugh, one of our certified crew, is exploring online courses that can help our students learn even when not on board...and help our own certification process.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 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

MOB GEAR CHANGE?

Captain Steve is experimenting with block and tackle changes that could allow one person to pull a MOB out of the water using life sling. This would allow us to practice our live MOB drill again. We have perhaps a dozen people who are ready to be captains or crew but cannot finish certification due to this last requirement. We shall check it out and if it works, will be scheduling the live MOB to finish up these new volunteers...



It is increasingly difficult to be a student in the pandemic world...but for the populations we serve, the problems are magnified tremendously. They often have no access to internet, much less laptops. The few parks and playgrounds are closed or restricted. For the incarcerated students, they are living in perhaps the most dangerous living arrangements, despite constant testing and care from the facilities. Most of their out of camp activities are cancelled...and their homes, always dangerous, have this added danger of illness and relatives endangered.

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...the time is now.