



## NEWSLETTER and MINUTES SEPTEMBER 13, 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:

**WE STILL WAIT FOR DATES FROM THE DISTRICT TO BEGIN THIS PROGRAM...OUR OLDEST PROGRAM, BEGAN IN 1990. LIKELY EARLY OCTOBER.**

#### MARIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

***Our three summer sails with the MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT went well and they are scheduling more for the future...and now our school programs extend to Marin County. We may be working with Gaslight charters for one of the sails. Sign up on our events page.***

#### PIEDMONT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Piedmont School District loved their first sail and has scheduled another one for October 14 and they are planning to donate to Blue Water as well...**

## COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are expanding with more scheduled for this Fall than at any time in the past: we need volunteers to sign up for those sails!!

1. *Huckleberry Program*. They want to schedule the next one in early Fall. Stay tuned.
2. *Hanna Center*, a residential program for traumatized children have asked us to set up a regularly scheduled series of sails. **September 20** 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 is coming down for another sail on **9/29**.
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 have a donation sail with *WPO*, an organization of women CEOs, on **10/18**.
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 will be set up this month and if interested in joining this effort, contact Mariette at [Mariette.Lapiz@comcast.net](mailto:Mariette.Lapiz@comcast.net) who will be running the program.

## PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION The beginning of the new class has already occurred and sails are set for every other week now, including live overboard drill and a night sail.

EI DORADO PROBATION August 7 was our first sail, and it went well...they now want to set up monthly sails but before we could select dates, we were contacted by them with...you guessed it...a breakout of Covid at their facility and now fire in the Tahoe area. We will be setting up sails in the next few months as a regular program and they are interested in participating in a possible racing team. 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 two are on **10/15** and **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.



## **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. Covid keeps interrupting the time schedule on this, but Andrew is determined to make this happen. 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. Stay tuned.



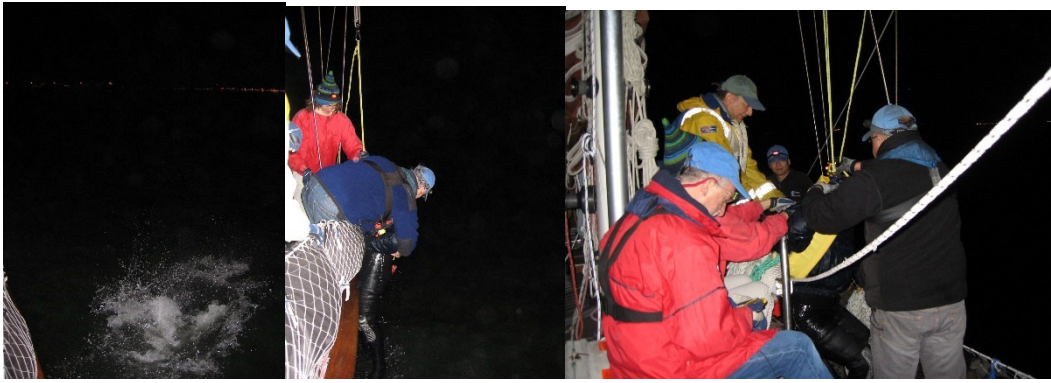
**MAKE AND MEND DAYS** -the traditional party/gathering to clean and do minor repairs on all three boats, pot luck, hard work and listening to lies about past sailing experiences...and necessary for our boats. At Berkeley Marine Dock O on March 18, ten o'clock to three or four....good way to meet the hundred of people in Blue Water now....



## Training & Certification:

OUR SAFETY OFFICER DAVID MISCHER HAS NOW SCHEDULED REGULAR CERTIFICATION SAILS ON ALL THREE BOATS EVERY OTHER MONTH FOR THE NEXT YEAR. MANY WILL HAVE LIVE OVERBOARD DRILL AND ALL ARE A GREAT WAY TO GET CERTIFIED IN A SINGLE DAY...AND A LOT OF FUN AND WORK. CHECK THE EVENTS PAGE AND SIGN UP!

**1. First Aid and CPR** –Our next class will be at Golden Gate Yacht Club on **OCTOBER 15, 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 night overboard practice on SEPTEMBER 10 which went well. The next certification sail for Benjamin is **December 10.**
3. Certification Sails on Bear are scheduled for **10/1** and **12/7**. Both will have live overboard drill.
3. Aleta certification are scheduled for **9/24** (if back from the Yard...see below...) and **11/9.**
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 new certified captains, as well as new certified crew. Given our expanding programs, this is great news.

## ***CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING***

Lee is charged with creating a synopsis and plan for further consideration. Want to participate? Contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

## **OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING**

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, in Fall after new dodger put on probably...Depending on status of Covid.



## **BOSUN'S REPORT:**



**GOLDEN BEAR:** Captain Colm created a long list of tasks which he and other bosuns and captains are hard at work completing. More major projects...deck work and hull work...awaits negotiations as to compensation from St Francis for a minor collision while Bear was at the dock. She is sailing yet...and passed her survey with flying colors.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** Dodger and cover to be replaced in late November. Bilge pumps being replaced or updated. Oil and oil filter changed and forward running lights rewired. All at owner expense. Passed survey with above average rating.

**DEVINE WIND:** Captain Andrew reports all is well on board, and she is ready to race.

**ALETA:** The mystery of her slipping out of gear is solved...her prop strut was broken and she is now hauled getting new strut, new shaft, serviced folding prop...aside from that, she passed her survey with good grades. Hopefully back in yard soon. She is at Berkeley Marine Center if you want to check out what she looks like under the waterline.

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

### **PRESIDENT'S COCKTAIL PARTY ON GASLIGHT AS A FUND RAISER.**

President Shannon is setting up with the Gaslight people a party on their large vessel (which can hold 45 people, rain or shine) in January or February. Given our large costs with Aleta in the Yard, this will be necessary and the Gaslight people, who charter their vessel for a living, are encouraging this as their contribution to Blue Water.

### **ANNUAL PARTY TO BE A PICNIC?**

It looks now as the venue will either be the Berkeley Yacht Club or an outdoor venue as a picnic in Spring once we are convinced that Covid is finally over. 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 three-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 three 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](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com)

**MONEY:** \$21,442 in the bank and we await a major bill for Aleta's prop repair.

Remember, we need about \$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...Boats eat money. 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:

### 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, this 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 year. Lee and Jim are putting together the Italian program and invite others to help.

### JOSUE'

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 next year and still gets nearly all straight A's. We have now asked Sategna to help pay for his last year's tuition. Josue' is working full time to help pay the costs...how many of us could do that...an example of what can be done to change lives...

Want to help? E mail Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

## STORY CATCHER APP FOR BLUE WATER!

April reports good progress and hopes to have it for us in the next month or three.



## 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

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**NEXT MEETING October 11, 2022, BY ZOOM.**

