



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 (via ZOOM)

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PANDEMIC CANCELLATION OF MOST STUDENT SAILS AT LEAST UNTIL OCTOBER. 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: Beginning our next class subject to pandemic restrictions on numbers on board on October 11 and continuing until January. Students limited to five, two Pos and our own crew limited as well. But...the classes begin again! PO Lozo will be the PO in charge of the students.



REOPENING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED.

DAVID M, SHANNON, COLM AND AMY are the committee created to create a recommended set of policies for the Board.

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 –October 3, 48 Gold Street, second floor. Sign up now if you want a space. This is our second program, the first having been completed on August 1 with certification cards already in the hands of the participants. You do an online program first, then some hands on at this course. All 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. Benjamin Walters night training October 3
2. Night Practice on Benjamin Walters October 9
3. Day certification sail on Benjamin Walters October 18
4. Day certification sail on Benjamin Walters November 7
5. Aleta will have her own training schedule set up once Captain David returns in about two weeks.
Training on Aleta to begin in November.

SIGN UP ON THE EVENTS PAGE.

SHORLINE CLEAN UP FOR BLUE WATER MEMBERS!

WE DID OUR SECOND SHORE CLEAN UP ON SEPTEMBER 26, ORGANIZED BY Shannon Kastner in San Francisco for International Coastal Clean Up Day! It was a beautiful day and fun to meet up.

**Contact Joanne Martin for Questions 408-829-4149 hijoanne123@gmail.com
Sign up at our Get Involved button on our website for the next one. Do not need any certification for this...good chance to meet your fellow volunteers...**

OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

Lee and other captains are beginning offshore training in Benjamin Walters, the first occurring on October 3-4 and we can expect sails every six weeks or so. Pandemic restrictions limit these efforts to full crews of five...once gone, we will add three more to the average crew. These are overnight sails, standing watch all night after dinner at locales such as Drakes Bay or Half Moon Bay. Will be on the events page in the next several weeks.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: The pulpit remains to be repaired; fuel lines to be replaced. Captain Colm working on coffee grinder.

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.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Engine panel repaired, cabin top painted, new night vision, new jib sheet, starboard fender ring replaced, all at owner expense.

BRIGATINE MATHEW TURNER CONNECTION?

Recall that the board of this square rigger berthed in Sausalito has expressed interest in Blue Water sails on this vessel. Once the virus retreats, we will continue to explore this option.

GASLIGHT CONNECTION?

Bay Lights Charters who operate the traditional rigged scow schooner Gas Light and are interested in working with us on student sails, invite us to check out their boat in Richmond on **October 8, 2020 at 4:00 PM**. (Continued from a September planned sail due to air quality.) Sign up on our events page. Back by 7:00 PM.

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: \$25,369 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 \$2080 we have already paid in berth fees. 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... Aleta's trip to the yard was well over 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.

TRANSLATIONS

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

INTERNSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Eric G. developed the first draft of our new internship program and he, Lee and Joanne will be working to implement it and hone it. So far, we have had two great successes.

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: OCTOBER 13, almost certainly 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>



We have more volunteers becoming certified than ever before and are committed to increasing the certification sails until we can meet the growing needs of the children who are challenged not only by the pandemic/fires/economic situation we all face but by the living conditions they are forced to confront. The wind and sea are needed by them more than ever...and adults caring enough about them to take them there. HELP US HELP THEM...As one student from Camp Sweeney once told the writer as he stared at the Bay, "It's always out here, isn't it? But I'm not...."

We can get them there...with you volunteering your time or money...or both. If we had to choose...we want your time...and your energy...showing these students that they matter, and a new world of adventure can await them...