



It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken adults
-Frederick Douglas

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION

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COMMUNITY SAILS ON GOLDEN BEAR

EXPLORATION SAILS PROGRAM: THE SF SCHOOL DISTRICT THURSDAY SAILS-EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN SF: OUR OLDEST AND MOST WIDELY USED SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF SAN FRANCISCO-Three hour trips on SF Bay with the students getting a chance at

the wheel. Thursday sails on **Thursdays at noon**, show up a half hour early, SF Marina. Harbor Master's Office.

As usual, Blue Water is working with the District to cement the memorandum of understanding for the voyages and it is likely the sails will begin in late October or early November. Meanwhile, we are using the Thursday slots to fill with various community group sails described below.

COMMUNITY GROUP SAILS:

1. Silver Springs Alternative School from Grass Valley is going out on September 22, Bear, Captain Rick, Ben and maybe Ken.
2. Edgewood Center, September 29, Captains Ben and Rick. Bear.
3. Sacramento Probation first time try out sail. (When a probation department wants to check us out for a single sail to decide if a regular "Ocean Gate" program makes sense, we send them to Captain Les who runs the community sails.) October 6, Captains Ben and Rick.
4. And another "try out sail" this time with San Joaquin, October 13 with Captains Ben and Rick and perhaps Ken.

NOTE THAT GOLDEN BEAR HAS MOVED TO ANOTHER SLIP IN THE SAME MARINA, ACTUALLY A BETTER BERTH CLOSE TO THE MOUTH OF THE MARINA. WE STILL MEET AT THE HARBOR MASTERS OFFICE.

SF MARINA EVENT: BLUE WATER HAS A BOOTH AT THE SF MARINA GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS EVENT, SEPTEMBER 21, 5-7. GOOD WAY TO INTRODUCE BLUE WATER TO OUR NEIGHBORS. APRIL, COLM, JOANNE, RICK, MARC AND BEN PLAN TO MEET AND GREET.



COMMUNITY SAILS ON GOLDEN BEAR

OCEAN'S GATE PROGRAM-PROBATION DEPARTMENTS EXPANSION

These programs for students on probation or incarcerated is now enlarging beyond Alameda County to four or five additional counties and three or four more have expressed real interest. There will be a retreat at Berkeley Yacht Club on a Thursday night, **SEPTEMBER 22** to discuss among the participants in the program how to organize to meet the growing demands and how to enlarge our training so that these students, whose needs can be quite different than the average student, can be met.

We have already altered the program to have one on one mentoring, thus two boats on the sails so that the boats are not too crowded. Double sails are the name of the game and our first such planned sail was with **Camp Sweeney** last weekend, Benjamin and Bear racing to the Gate to the great excitement of the students.

The next Camp Sweeney sail will practice live MOB on both boats. October or early November.

The second **City and County of San Francisco Juvenile Probation** sail is October 1 and will be a double sail, Benjamin and either Bear or Aleta.

The Girls' Program Alameda County Probation has had two sails now and the third, on Fernweh, is planned for October 29.

El Dorado Probation is setting dates for their third sail.



DOUBLE SAIL WITH OCEAN GATE STUDENTS IN HIGH WIND

MONEY?

We have about \$17,000 on hand, receiving several small donations.

APRIL, STEVE K, FERMIN, LOUIS AND OTHERS CONTINUE TO WORK ON OUR WEBSITE TO ALLOW EASIER DONATIONS AND TO EXPLORE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS. They pledge to provide a written report to the Board at the next meeting.

BERKELEY YACHT CLUB PRESENTATION: BYC has asked us to give a presentation about Blue Water and to see if more volunteers from that great club can be obtained...April and Shannon stepped to the plate and April will put on one of her movies. **THIS SATURDAY AT SEVEN...**they would like more of the volunteers to show up and help if you have time.



DOUBLE SAIL WITH OCEAN GATE

COORDINATION OF PROBATION SAILS: RETREAT AT BYC.

WITH MORE AND MORE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS INDICATING AN INTEREST IN WORKING WITH BLUE WATER, WE ARE CONSIDERING DIVIDING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS INTO SUB COMMITTEES...MUCH AS LES RUNS COMMUNITY AND LEE RUNS CAMP SWEENEY AND BILL RUNS THE GIRLS PROGRAM IN PROBATION, WE WOULD HAVE THE INDIVIDUAL PROBATION DEPARTMENTS ASSIGNED TO A VOLUNTEER WHO WOULD COORDINATE IT.

We also will need to consider special training for those of us working the probation sails...and creating methods of measuring results. This and more needs to be integrated into our programs which we have now been doing for over three years with Alameda County.

THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT A **RETREAT** FOR OCEAN GATE VOLUNTEERS AND POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERS ON A THURSDAY NIGHT RETREAT AT THE BERKELEY YACHT CLUB, BEER PROVIDED, YOU BRING YOUR DINNER, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016 AT SIX O'CLOCK, MAIN ROOM BERKELEY YACHT CLUB. RSVP TO LEE AT lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



PROBATION CHIEF'S SAIL

Certification Trainings:

1. **MOB PRACTICE.** To be scheduled in the next few weeks and will include both Aleta and Bear.
2. **FULL DAY CERTIFICATION ON ALETA TAUGHT BY CAPTAIN DAVID:** *The goal is to have new crew and captains certified after a full day on board with no students, simply learning the boat and being certified by their smart phones by the time they leave the boat. THE TWO FULL DAY CERTIFICATIONS ARE **SEPTEMBER 17 AND SEPTEMBER 25.** Sign up for either or both on volunteer spot and also e mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com to get on board...limited to fifteen students per boat...they are already half booked...and note some probation officers are signed on so they can be captains and crew for their own students!!* Captains Bill and Ken plan more such full day certifications in the future.
3. **And certification is available to new volunteers who attend our regular program sails and work the boat. Contact the captain to make sure the sail is staffed correctly for such certification.**

4. **FULL DAY CERTIFICATION ON GOLDEN BEAR OCTOBER 22.** As with Aleta full day certifications, this is a chance for sailors to complete the entire process in a single day of sailing on the Bay. You leave the boat knowing the boat. Will leave from SF Marina.



GOLDEN BEAR ON A CERTIFICATION SAIL

BOAT CONDITION

1. **Bear:** She needs a new fender and Bosun Colm is pondering a porta potty since that is considered necessary for our longer probation sails.
2. **Aleta:** Boom vang has been pressurized by COLM. LEONARD AND BILL have created a check list for routine maintenance for the vessel. Bilge pump float switch may have to be replaced.
3. **Benjamin Walters:** Boat to be hauled November 4 for three weeks of intensive work...mast to come down and be painted, all new electronics, etc. etc. All at owner expense.
4. **Fernweh:** The boat will be hauled in November with much work planned at owner expense, much chain plate work.

An anonymous donor has now contributed about thirty float coats with strobes, dry pants and sailing gloves which are mostly used on our probation sails. Since we have limited the number of students on those sails to six, we are putting sets of six on Bear and Aleta and keeping the rest at Benjamin's dock. We have found being suited up in "uniform" has a salutary effect on the students, much like a football team suiting up in gear before a game. Check out the pictures for the effect. In the picture below of the women probation officers, they are wearing the float coats. And given the cold and wet weather that is a SF summer sail, this type of gear was increasingly necessary.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT: Sategna has now placed ten thousand dollars in trust for Blue Water's scholarship program. Hunter is almost done with his barber school, another student is applying for EMT in the Fall and we are looking for others to help.



CAPTAIN BEN TEACHING



GIRLS' PROBATION SAIL-THE OFFICERS

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE: This is our welcoming committee for people interested in joining as volunteers, made up of **Les, Kate, Ben and Rick**. If you have someone interested or are interested yourself, these volunteers will integrate you into the sails.

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION ON LINE

Certification for each person is now all digitized and on line. You can update your certification status from a mobile device. This great system lets you use the internet...including mobile devices...to update your certification status and see what is left to do. Want to figure it out? Contact Bill or David and they will walk you through it, but it is easy, fast and smart. It also allows captains to check what you have listed as completed on line and certify you directly on line.

EMERYVILLE:

*Since we get a free berth in Emeryville, which has a new harbor master, it was decided to visit him and discuss the program and thank him for his support. **KEN, BILL AND LEONARD** will be arranging a meeting in the next few weeks.*



CAPTAIN KEN TEN YEARS AGO

ELECTION RESULTS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS: *And thanks to the past officers who have served us so well...*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

THIS LIST IS INCOMPLETE SINCE NOT ALL WHO MAY WANT TO BE ON THE BOARD WERE AT THE MEETING. IF YOU WANT TO BE ON THE BOARD PLEASE E MAIL LEE AND LET HIM KNOW. LSTIMMEL@STIMMEL-LAW.COM.

April Bell, Debbie Wright, Marty Ganapoler, Lee Stimmel, Rick Talley, Joanne Martin, Eric Gantos, Ben Wengrofsky, Ken Janke, Bill Mania, Les Schlesinger, Leonard Lee, Marc Gounard, Colm Pelow, Steve Kastner; Shannon Kastner, David Mischel, Leigh Hunt, Travis Dewater, Ed Armstrong, Jeff Bell, Fermin Caro Del Castillo, Nathan Chen, David Oberwiser, Cory Ross, Bob Bogiages, Lauranne Muir Lee, Tim Weeg, Paul Marbury, Jim Rumer, Zaki Lisha, Miranda Fry, Paul Featherstone, Kamran Masud, Tim Foley, Jim Mauldin, Kate Knowles, Kid Mikkellborg, Robert Tseng, Chris Johnson, Lynn Magnet, Mariette Lapiz, Christian Defauw, Jimmie Domingo Marquez,

OFFICERS:

President: Bill Mania
Treasurer: Marty Ganapoler
Corporate Secretary: Shannon Kastner
Recording Secretary: Lee Stimmel

PROGRAM HEADS:

Outreach and Welcoming Committee: Rick, April, Les

Safety and Training: David Mischel

Web and Technology: Louis, David M, Bill

Park and Rec Sails: Marc

Fund Raising: Nathan, April, Steve K.

Probation Sails: Lee overall with subdivisions of program heads among probation departments to be decided at the retreat.

SF District Sails: Rick, Tim, Ben

Community Sails: Les

Emeryville Sails: Ken

BOSUNS FOR VESSELS:

1. GOLDEN BEAR: COLM
2. ALETA: LEONARD AND KEN
3. BENJAMIN WALTERS: LEE
4. FERNWEH: BILL

BLUE WATER RETREAT TO BE PLANNED IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS: As before, due to expansion of programs and methods, time to regroup, exchange ideas and make plans for our next years. We are an evolving and expanding phenomena and we need to keep in touch with our expanding efforts and members. Precise time and place to be announced in the next newsletter.

CAPTAIN AND CREW PINS AND HATS FOR CERTIFIED CREW:

[Pins for Captains](#) have been handed out to captains. If you are a captain without one, see Lee. These should be worn while on board so that the captain responsible for the boat is clearly known by all on board. Each captain gets two of them to wear.

[Certified Crew Pins](#) to be worn as well...they are delivered and to be handed out at Board Meetings...or contact Lee if you want one sent to you. lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. ALL CERTIFIED CREW SHOULD WEAR THEM WHEN ON BOARD.



NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2016

6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12TH FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY, SF, TWO BLOCKS FROM BART. ALL WELCOME...ESPECIALLY STUDENTS.

**YOU CAN'T DO EVERYTHING...BUT YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.
YOU GOT SOMETHING BETTER TO DO IN THE NEXT MONTH?**