



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

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CHECK THE MOVIES ON THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE!



SCHEDULE OF SAIL: Go to our website and click on the Events link to see our coming sails and events and you can join the sail by following the links and signing up as a volunteer or guest. 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 considered:

1. Sails with the Veterans organization at Diablo Valley College.
2. Sails with SF Probation with students not incarcerated but on probation.
3. Sails with patients at a mental health facility. Our first sail with them will be with their staff so they can check out the experience. That will likely be on November 20 on Golden Bear.

And our regular SF District sails have now begun (every Thursday on Bear) and the probation sails continue (usually on weekends) as do the Community Sails (both weekdays and weekends.) Sign up!

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION:

1. **CPR AND FIRST AID** taught by Captain Les, in Alameda, OCTOBER 27. Free to volunteers and, again, required for full certification. Volunteer Spot to sign on.

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. **SEPTEMBER 26, SF MARINA COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND BOOTH.** Our president, Shannon, will man the booth at the SF Marina in the afternoon and is looking for people to help her. This is the SF Marina effort to get community groups and the public to know each other and a great way to meet and greet potential volunteers. On our [signup page](#).

MONEY? Yes, 12,538 but Treasurer Marty reminded us that our insurance alone cost annually \$12,000 each year. Our fund raising committee has taken note and is preparing new efforts to make that budget. We have just finished a new brochure describing our history which will be available to educate people as to what we are and what we do. Few entities have survived for thirty years with no major grants and no paid employees...we need to keep that going.



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

JOHN GILMORE

STEVE KASTNER

JOANNE MARTIN

ALETA BOSUNS COMMITTEE

LEONARD LEE

PAUL MARBURY

PAUL HARRIS

ROBERT CIESLINSKI

SCOTT RACETTE

We just had a Make and Mend party for Golden Bear, checking her safety gear, adding/repairing some hardware, and cleaning her in and out. She looks great.

THANKS TO THE BOSUN'S COMMITTEE WHO ARE DOING THEIR JOB!!



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...

JIM RUMER MEMORIAL

Most of you already know that Jim, one of the founders of Blue Water and instrumental in bringing Golden Bear to the Foundation, died this month. It has been agreed to place a plaque on Golden Bear in his name and add to the plaque those bosuns on Golden Bear or Aleta who have shown remarkable diligence, as Jim did, in keeping these boats safe for the kids and volunteers. A Jim Rumer Award will be awarded to the bosun once a year at our awards party.

Jim was one of those men who somehow dominate a room with his presence, charisma, and good-natured joking. A superb sailor and teacher, he exhibited the true caring for our students that is a hallmark of Blue Water. A leader, a giver, performing with scrupulous care his tasks to keep the boats ready to show the students wind and water. All of us



JIM RUMER WITH BEN WENGROFSKY

are proud to have worked with this remarkable man.

MINIMUM USE REQUIREMENT FOR INSURANCE: The board voted that for a boat to qualify for Blue Water insurance coverage it should take students out at least ten times a year. Less than that, the premiums will be paid prorated...e.g. five sails, Blue Water pays half the premiums.

TAX ASSESSMENT APPEAL: Our treasurer has been fighting with the taxing authorities for over a year since they assess taxes upon us despite our 501C3 status and value the boats far too high. JOANNE has agreed to continue the fight...

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 9, 2018 6pm to 8 pm...and ALWAYS OVER BY EIGHT, FOOD AND DRINK SERVED, 12TH FLOOR, 155 MONTGOMERY, SF, TWO BLOCKS FROM BART



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