



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

BLUE WATER FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

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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. On Thursday at noon, show up a half hour early, SF Marina. Harbor Master's Office.

Sails for the new school year will start in October and we still await the precise schedule for the year. Captains Ben and Tim will act as coordinators for these sails and are looking to set up regular Thursday sailing crew similar to the regular crews we have with other programs. Lynn will be on the regular crew along with Ben.

Note that Golden Bear is now returned and fully operational and will be the boat used for these sails. Our twenty sixth year of doing these sails, people. Those interested in forming this team contact Ben at **510-414-3181. THE GOAL IS PERHAPS TEN TO TWELVE PEOPLE WHO TRADE OFF ON MANNING THE THURSDAY SAILS...JUST AS WE DO THE TUESDAY SAILS AND THE OTHER PROGRAMS.**

POLICE OFFICERS NOW ATTENDING MOST SAILS AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MARINERS PROGRAM:

These Tuesday weekly sails will begin concurrent with the Exploration Sails above. These are the same Middle School students who come back weekly for classes on Bear and become excellent sailors. While one school is now signed up, we await word on the other school.

Contact Marc at marcgounard@yahoo.com should you want to be on board or, again, go to Volunteer Spot on our webpage.

COMMUNITY GROUP SAILS:

Captain Les is in charge and always looking for captains and crew. These are often on weekends and will usually be on Bear leaving from SF.

Next is Edgewood School on **September 17 (a Thursday) and this sail is now fully crewed.**

Next scheduled is GREENAGERS sail on Saturday, **November 21 with Captain Les and Ben and they need more crew. Noon. Go to Volunteer Spot to sign on.**

And in the far distance we have Project Avery for **May 21, 2016. These are students with incarcerated parents, one of our favorite group of kids.**

Go to Volunteer Spot to get on board.

GLEAMING OCEAN SAILS: These are the high school mentor-mentee ten week courses where students are taught the ropes by a permanent mentor on a cruising vessel in the Bay and ultimately, if they graduate and are interested, out the Gate for ocean voyages.

Captain Bill and Sonya now have scheduled the sails for this year's class:

SEPTEMBER 26; OCTOBER 10; OCTOBER 17; OCTOBER 31; NOVEMBER 14; NOVEMBER 21 (NIGHT SAIL); DECEMBER 12 (GRADUATION SAIL); JANUARY 9 (ANCHOR OUT OVER A SATURDY NIGHT.)

We plan to have sufficient committed volunteers to staff all these sails but that does not mean you are on each sail...but you should plan to be on enough sails so that a mentor relationship can be developed. These programs build long term connections. Some of our volunteers were students on this program and some of our volunteers are still in the lives of students four or five years after the class. This can be a life changing experience for both you and the student.

Contact Bill at bill@bluewaterfoundation.org if you want to check out these types of courses.



OCEAN'S GATE PROGRAM

The ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT students from Camp Sweeney make up the kids on these sails.

Our next regular sail is **SEPTEMBER 20 (SUNDAY)** meet at Benjamin Walters at 900. May be a double sail with Aleta. We need a few more crew for Aleta. The head of the probation department, La Donna, plans to be on board.

We also have a special sail being set up for the El Dorado County probation department on **OCTOBER 17**, perhaps on Aleta, perhaps on Benjamin...stay tuned. Captains Colm and Lee are committed thus far for this sail and we need more volunteers to make this happen.

On September 17 BLUE WATER will be honored at a dinner-ceremony put on by the Probation Department and several members plan to be there.

Recall our goal is to set up a "Gleaming Ocean" type mentor course for Ocean's Gate this Fall...the same crew coming twice a month and learning all the basic skills, finishing up with an anchor out and a family sail. Probably beginning in November. Interested in this? Volunteer Spot or contact Lee at Istimmel@stimmel-law.com.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WITH SATEGNA FOUNDATION AND CAMP SWEENEY:

RECALL that Blue Water, working with Camp Sweeney staff, is coordinating and running a vocational scholarship program for three or more students each year, creating a selection process and then mentoring the students through the schools. The mentor subcommittee is still developing its procedures. More scholarships will be awarded annually. Interested in participating in the scholarship committee? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com

EMERYVILLE SAILS: Aleta is back in Emeryville at her berth and ready to do East Bay sails yet again. The first sail on August 18, Emeryville Park and Rec. went well and more will soon be scheduled.

Certification Trainings and Newly Scheduled:

1. *FIRST AID/CPR* was taught by Les on **AUGUST 22**, and all remarked it was excellent. The next one of these will be in four to six months.
2. Our Safety Chairman, Captain David Mischel, will be scheduling a series of certification sails as well as additional live MOB drills and stay tuned for the dates in the next newsletter.

MONEY: FUND RAISING EFFORTS:

We received donations from the Preyer Foundation and the SF District donated half its committed amount and we now have about \$17,000 in our coffers.

Marty reports our tax returns were filed.

Captain Bill has arranged a donation of \$3000 from his company and we are thanking them with a two boat sail on **FERNWEH AND BENJAMIN WALTERS** on **SEPTEMBER 27**. So far we have Captains Bill, Ken, Colm and David...but we could use more. Volunteer Spot.

MEDIA COMMITTEE THE MEDIA COMMITTEE continues to work under the direction of April to create cloud sharing space with photos, videos and access to all forms of community sharing. Already she has set up drop box for access to videos and photos. She hopes to get a full proposal to the board...with a description in detail...within six to eight weeks. We have tremendous talent to draw on, from people in the business (April) to professors in film making (Zaki.) Want some samples? Go to the home page of our website and check out some of the videos there. www.bluewaterfoundation.org. April will be working on a fund raising video, bringing in Zaki's expertise as well.



BOAT CONDITION

1. Bear: The jammed halyard is now loose and...she is lovely and like new. That's Captain Travis hanging on the mast turning her on the go. Go check her out...she has not looked this good for a decade.

2. Aleta: She is now back in Emeryville after taking on the bulk of the sails for the last year from SF. Ken reports that her jib furling line needs to be replaced and will plan a haul out in Winter for a bottom job. **KEN IS THE GUY IN CHARGE OF THE ALETA WINTER HAUL OUT.**

3. Benjamin Walters: The survey list is almost complete and she has new stanchion bases, a new boarding ladder that can be deployed by someone in the water, rewired in much of the compartments, new emergency battery unit, etc. etc. All at owner expense

4. Fernweh: Captain Bill's 1979 Morgan 46 foot ketch, pictured in this newsletter, **is now officially a volunteer boat of Blue Water** and will take students out for Gleaming Ocean, Ocean Gate and other similar programs. And, yes, it has a bath tub aboard. None of our other boats can boast that. (Bill will be removing it in the next few months.)



WEB ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS: Captain Louis, who does web design for a living, has offered to both recreate and administer the website and Captains Bill and David, as well as Fermin, are in discussions with him as to integrating in our certification site, making it user friendly, etc. etc. They will report back to the Board soon.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE: This is our welcoming committee for people interested in joining as volunteers, made up of Les, Kate, Ben and Rick. They are now integrating some new volunteers in and will be contacting the scouts who expressed an interest soon.

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.

FACE BOOK REPORT: We are now up to 604 Friends and we are in 42 countries.



CAPTAIN AND CREW PINS AND HATS FOR CERTIFIED CREW:

Pins for Captains have been created at a donor's expense and 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.

And that same donor has now ordered 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.

More Blue Water hats have been ordered and will be available for volunteers at our next board meeting.

NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2015

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.

More programs all the time: all three boats in service and a fourth coming on line. Working with kids from all over the Bay Area and now in the foothills of the Sierra, kids from dozens of agencies and schools...all need your help, all need you showing them the wind and the wonder. Help us help them.

You can't do everything...but you can change the world. Reach out...

