



# NEWSLETTER and MINUTES JANUARY 14, 2025 (via ZOOM)

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**MEETINGS ARE ALL ON ZOOM UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

**ALL VOLUNTEER ALL THE TIME... NO ONE ON PAYROLL, EVERY DIME GOES TO THE PROGRAMS AND BOAT UPKEEP.**

**USE OUR WEBSITE EVENTS LINK ("Get Involved" button) TO SIGN UP FOR SAILS OR CONTACT THE SAIL ORGANIZER.**



## SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT SAILS:

We sail with every middle and high school in the SF District system...Next sails **1/23;1/30;2/13;2/20** and we are booked until end of the School Year thanks to the efforts of Captain Les. Police are likely to be assigned to the sails again in Spring. On Golden Bear from San Francisco.

## COMMUNITY SAILS:

Community sails are continuing, and we have many new exciting programs:

1. **PROJECT REBOUND**, both SF State and Cal State East Bay, which work integrating the previously incarcerated back into society and has many interns, will be working with Blue Water again and Kimberly is working with them to set up sails. They are now signed up to

help with the Sweeney sails, the first one being on 2/28, a double sail with Benjamin Walters and Aleta.

2. ROCKING THE BOAT, a small boat building non profit, has been teaching kids in Hunters Point boat building and Captain Les has contacted them to set up sails with their students. He will report back at the next meeting: they are interested.

3. ALAMEDA SCHOOLS. Kimberly is working with schools in Alameda County to work with some of their underserved students and sails with them are likely in Spring.

4. CDC sails are being set up by the Christina and will be on our events calendar soon.

5. President Shannon is working to set up sails with the SF PORT AUTHORITY for this summer. July 7, 8, and 10<sup>th</sup>.

6. PAL, the police Activities League, is interested in exploring joint programs, including a possible racing team. Captains Lee and Jim are dealing with this possibility and the goal is a racing team designed for this coming year.

7. Such people as Captain Jim, Christina and Kimberly are reaching out to even more community groups and that is one reason we have so many of these sails on the schedule. Check out which groups you would like to work with...!



#### **PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:**

**ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION:** The first class of our new ten course program began with a double sail on Aleta and Benjamin Walters. The next class on January 31 has class room work with the students building and labeling a model boat they take back with them to Sweeney, then out to sail on the Bay. The next months will have a live overboard drill as always, but also a race to Angel between Aleta and Benjamin (Aleta is on half the sails.) The graduation will have various contests such as kayak races and line tossing and Kimberly will better arrange the pot luck for graduation. This program will be intense, mentor mentee method.

**EI DORADO PROBATION:** Captain Lee will be checking on their current status.

**MARIN PROBATION:** Christina is convinced she can get this program started in the next few months. Stay tuned.



## **Training & Certification:**

The quickest way to move up the certification ladder...and a lot of fun.

1. **First Aid and CPR** –Our next class will be scheduled **March 22**, at the **Berkeley Yacht Club, 930-Noon**. FREE TO VOLUNTEERS, MUCH OF IT ONLINE, AND REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION AS CREW AND CAPTAINS. YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ON LINE PORTION BEFORE ATTENDING THE CLASS WHICH HAS THE “HANDS ON” PRACTICE.
2. Certification sail on **Bear** **February 15** and includes **live overboard drill**
3. **Benjamin Walters** **NIGHT LIVE OVERBOARD PRACTICE 1/25** (Only sign up if you have already completed a day live overboard practice)
4. **ALETA** has a full certification sail set for **March 29** (just completed one on **January 11.**)
5. 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.

**MOVE UP THE CERTIFICATION LADDER SO WE CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF THE YOUTH.**



## **BOSUN'S REPORT:**

**GOLDEN BEAR:** Hydraulics fixed and aside from some deckwork in the future, she is in good shape.

**ALETA:** New Labels are going on the controls and the companionway steps are being fixed. We may need a new gooseneck and Bosun Scott will be checking that out. Eric, as assistant bosun, helped Scott on maintenance this month.

**BENJAMIN WALTERS:** New reefing and furling lines installed and the repaired gennaker is back. New fire extinguisher. All at owner expense. .

Captain Scott has developed a check list for Aleta for captains to review when taking the boat out and putting it away and Bear and Benjamin are doing the same.

## **OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING**

Recall that Lee and other captains will be continuing offshore training in Benjamin Walters, next Spring probably...



**MONEY:** \$30,424 in the bank. So we can afford some of the maintenance and repairs cited above. Kimberly and Shannon have been working hard on getting money in, including working with Marty on grants. Boats need money. if you can, donations are ALWAYS needed. All money goes to boats. And insurance.

We have had several donations in kind...from anchors, to foul weather gear and life jackets.... thanks to those who have thought of us. If you have good gear or services to donate, we want them...contact Lee at [lstimmel@stimmel-law.com](mailto:lstimmel@stimmel-law.com).

Our President Shannon will be setting up the **President's Cocktail in March**...a Saturday night in the City. Get tickets on our [events page](#). Ideally, this will be both fun and a way to raise money...and we want both...come!



## **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. Jim Stanton is working with Matt Zarem to set up internships at Spaulding Wood Boat Center, dealing with students from Sweeney and connecting also with the San Rafael police department. **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.**



**SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Recall that **Sategna Foundation**, our longtime partner, working with Jim Stanton and Lee, sent a Oakland High student to the music festival in a village in Tuscany this summer. There is a good chance he will get to go to the next music festival since the Italians loved him and his remarkable talent. Stay tuned.

Also recall that **Sategna Foundation** has agreed to fund an additional Sweeney or other equivalent student for vocational or college scholarships once our selection process is completed. We have Judah who may need some assistance to complete his other grants and scholarships and we are also looking for the next vocational scholarship recipient. PAL (Police Activities League) is a decades old organization that has retired police working with kids on sports teams and other activities, is interested in a sailing program with Blue Water and may have some kids that are right with this type of scholarship. We meet again with them this month.

**Sailing opens doors...scholarships help students walk through the doors.**

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



**PROTOCOL FOR CREW, STUDENT AND CAPTAIN INTERACTION ADOPTED BY BOARD.**

The board adopted the protocols for interaction which are now on our website...be sure to review them before your next sail. It is mostly common sense but makes the voyage more enjoyable for all...one volunteer commented that Blue Water sails are unique to her in that no one is screaming or shouting, something that she, as a racer, is used to...the kids are always watching and our actions, more than our words, show them proper behavior on board.

**MEDIA AND WEBSITE REPORT:**

We are looking for a student from one of the colleges we work with that could help improve our media presence and will have a report next month. Meanwhile Captain Louie has made a beautiful new design on our website and if you have not checked it out, do it now. [www.bluewaterfoundation.org](http://www.bluewaterfoundation.org).



## COB SUMMARY

A relatively new volunteer, after a live overboard practice, created a summary for herself to help her remember the overboard drill: she shared it and it is worth reviewing.

### COB Overboard Steps with Lifesling

learned at Blue Water Foundation with 5 person crew; one of which is Captain

When someone falls in water, first person to see, shouts: "Crew Overboard"

1st Captain (helmsman) designates pointer (one BWF crewperson)

Pointer tracks and reassures COB (USING A LOUD VOICE) and prepares to release Lifesling

Crew person CHECKS NO LINES IN WATER then turns on motor

Captain/helmsman turns boat head to wind

Second captain and two other BWF crew people furl the jib/genoa and drop the main sail

After helmsman turns boat, returning toward COB, pointer throws lifesling in water.

3 crew at midship:

- Prepare lifesling tackle

- Unhook spare halyard

- Second Captain decides:

  - Fender person who will hold at yellow lifesling line (under tackle) to keep COB from hitting side of boat when raised

  - 2 crew to hoist COB with lifesling tackle

  - One crew to raise legs of COB overlifelines

Pointer guides COB to the lifesling line

Using short phrases and hand motions (because hard for COB to hear in water), Pointer tells COB:

- How far away the floating line (aka rope) is; encourages, talks to COB

- How to use line to get to yellow PFD

- How to put on PFD with solid yellow part on their stomach

- How to clasp hands together under PFD to be pulled in

- Pointer walks Lifesling line to midship while pulling in COB

- Once at side of boat, how to reposition PFD with open sides of yellow PFD with metal buckles in front

- Again, how to place arms with PFD in position, clasp hands under the PFD

NOTE: check that light cord is not tangled up in Lifesling tackle

Almost there! Crew will now raise you onto the boat!

3 Crew at Midship (ideally in front of spreaders) execute raising of COB:

Fender person hold at yellow lifesling line (under tackle) to keep COB from hitting side of boat while

2 crew hoist COB SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY with lifesling tackle  
One crew raises legs of COB overlifelines  
Carefully lower COB ondeck; watch out for their back.  
Next check for hypothermia/ CPR...first aid?

*Note the first captain is in charge of assigning crew as needed and maneuvering the boat as required.  
Second captain is at the mast directing the crew there.*

**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... David Mischel [dmischel@gmail.com](mailto:dmischel@gmail.com)

**NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 600 PM BY ZOOM.**



*We began in 1991...over 40,000 students taken to the water over the decades. With no paid staff how do we keep going, maintaining two 46 foot boats? We were told it was impossible.*

*Not for sailors.*

*Sailors, by nature, combine two seeming contradictory impulses. They are individualistic, taking on sea and wind, enjoying the solitude and challenge of the sail...but they work together as crew to jointly make it happen. That has allowed us to prosper with no major grants, with no paid staff, for decade after decade. As for you...well, volunteer...or write a check...or both...but join us in making a difference!!*