



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2024 (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 almost always on Thursday...and with two exceptions in December, every Thursday will have a sail until the end of the school year. And those two exceptions are likely to be filled soon. Next sails 12/5.

We have them work the boat, be at the wheel, show them the life teeming in the Bay. They are at the helm of a famous 46-foot open ocean racer...and working the boat. We have now been doing this for well over thirty years...our first students have grown children now...

COMMUNITY SAILS:

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

1. SF PORT AUTHORITY has a summer program for high school students and is reaching out for a week of classes this coming summer. Shannon is in communication with them. Stay tuned.
2. CDC of Marin is checking out community groups in Marin City and other locales in Marin.
3. SILVER SPRINGS HIGH just completed their sail on Bear and wants to keep scheduling these sails.
4. PAL (Police Activities League), which is an eighty-year-old organization that provides sports to youth in the City, working with police, is exploring possible sails with Blue Water. Their board will be meeting to decide the scope of the partnership. Stay tuned.
5. Such people as Captain Jim 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 YEAR Our graduation of the last class was November 1 and was as great as usual. The next class will begin in December and we are expanding the curriculum to include boat maintenance and an advanced class for returning students. Still mentor mentee method as its core.

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



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 on **NOVEMBER 23, 2024, BERKELEY YACHT CLUB**. 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. SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE EVENTS PAGE.
2. Certification sail on Bear end of January...check events page.
3. Benjamin Walters has a live overboard practice sail on **NOVEMBER 16** and has night overboard live practice on **DECEMBER 7**. DO NOT SIGN UP FOR NIGHT OVERBOARD WORK UNTIL YOU HAVE DONE A DAY OVERBOARD DRILL.
4. ALETA has her certification sail on **JANUARY 11** and will include live overboard drill.
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: A scrape on the hull was fixed with epoxy. Parts of the foredeck still need cleaning. Dehumidifier that vacates overboard being installed.

ALETA: Captain Scott reports the boat in good condition but reminded all to lock the boat when leaving...he has found the hatch open and Aleta is on a public dock, recall. Also, top the fuel cans after use.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: New windex installed after bird sat on old one and new gennaker bag and repaired gennaker should be coming within a month. New wet weather gear for kids being purchased. All at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: Ready to race.

Captains Scott and Lee have developed a check list for captains to review when taking the boat out and putting it away and Bear will be doing the same.



OCEAN VOYAGES TRAINING

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



XMAS LIGHT PARADE AT SF MARINE...WITH GOLDEN BEAR?

On December 13 SF Marina has the lighted boat parade and has invited Golden Bear to participate. We need volunteers to decorate the boat with lights and celebrate either on shore or on the boat. Sign up on our events page and let's show SF our spirit!

WEBSITE MODERNIZATION: Captain Louie, who makes his living designing websites, is volunteering his time to update and improve our website. Within a few days of this newsletter, it should be up and running...take a look...and THANKS LOUIE!

MONEY: 16,265.26 thanks to a major donation from Captain Roger and work selling used and new gear by Kimberly who is also working hard on the GIVING TUESDAY program to raise money...we are all volunteer and have no payroll...but boats costs....as does gear. *If you can, donations are ALWAYS needed. All money goes to boats. And insurance.*

Our donations in kind, including two introductory courses from MODERN SAILING have now been distributed along with the sailing gear that was donated. We will have two more courses to give away next year thanks to MODERN SAILING. If you have gear you want to donate, let us know! E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



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 Hanna Center student to the music festival in a village in Tuscany this summer. We are now searching for the next student to go to Italy for a culture change that can change the life of the student. In the next few months Jim and Lee will begin the selection process for the next student.

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. Josue', our scholarship recipient, graduated Suma cum laud with a BS in nursing from USF, was the selected student speaker at his graduation, and has agreed to work with Blue Water and Sategna to help others follow his footsteps...straight As while working full time for a BS in nursing!!

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

Want to help? E mail Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.



GRANT COMMITTEE?

In terms of fund raising, we will be having our President’s Cocktail party in the City in March and were invited by THE BARRIOS TRUST to apply for a grant by one of their board members who is a new Blue Water volunteer.

SF Rec and Park has also offered to introduce us to various entities that may provide volunteers or donations.

Kimberly is tireless in her efforts to find foundations and grants and would like to form a permanent committee to respond quickly to grant applications. She is looking for two people willing to help...YOU?? If so, contact Lee who will get you in touch with her. LSTIMMEL@STIMMEL-LAW.COM

Insurance

Working long boring hours, Captain Steve again is beginning to prepare for renewal of insurance...which will take many months...Thanks to Steve for fighting the good fight.

MEDIA COMMITTEE: Our Media Committee is creating a media policy which will be drafted and presented to the Board in the near future.



MAKE AND MEND DAY NOVEMBER 2-REPORT

Our annual meeting of the boats at the Berkeley Yacht Club dock so we clean up, check safety gear, running rigging, etc. went splendidly with potluck, exchanging of expertise and some trips up the mast. We will do another one sooner than a year away, perhaps in summer.

NEW ASSISTANT BOSUNS FOR ALETA:

Captain Scott put out the word for two volunteers to help him maintain the Yellow Bomber and Captain Eric and Haro stepped up.



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

POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE, A VETERAN OF TEAM SPORTS FOR SF YOUTH, IS INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH BLUE WATER AND EXPLORING A POSSIBLE RACING TEAM. This will be planned over the next several months and we need some racers to help make this happen...if you are interested, we form a committee and please contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. At risk kids taking on the yacht clubs? Sounds good...

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 10, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

Note a theme above...all these things from maintaining the boats, to getting insurance, to seeking money to buy gear, to setting up new programs, to fixing the website and media...all these many, many things are done by volunteers stepping up to make it happen. And that has been the theme since 1990.

So, many of you despair at the last election; many of you feel helpless and frustrated. But you CAN make a difference, you can light that candle in the dark...for the people who need our help need it now more than ever. **JOIN US WORKING TO MAKE THIS WORLD A LITTLE BRIGHTER.**

