



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES DECEMBER 10, 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...Next sails **1/16;1/23;1/30** 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 in late Winter or early Spring.
2. ROCKING THE BOAT, a small boat building nonprofit, 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 tireless Chritina 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.
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...!

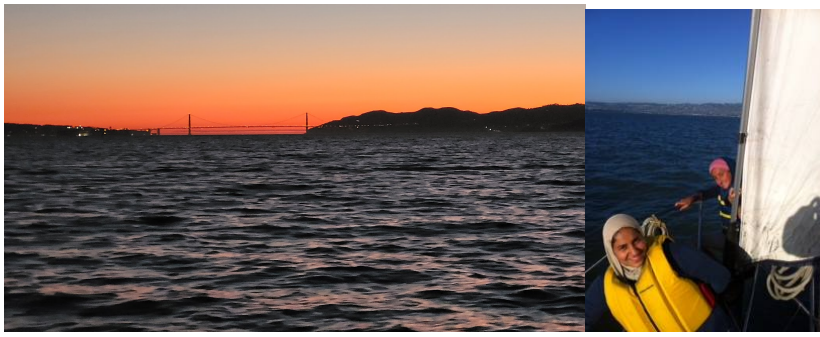


PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: Our next class begins **January 17** and has a new curriculum: Ten classes; graduation on a Sunday; a test with Mentors and Mentees before graduation; night sail and live overboard drill as always, but 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. It will change your life.

EI DORADO PROBATION: Captain Lee will be checking on their current status. Their Chief says will arrange in the near future.

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



WOMAN'S SAILING SEMINAR WORKING WITH BLUE WATER:

After our successful work with this organization, they want to do it again next year, Aleta and some of our women captains on board to help teach. Stay tuned for dates.

MEDIA COMMITTEE: We need to work on all of our media efforts and to design and get them up. We need those interested in those areas to join our committee and guide us in the right direction. If interested, let President Shannon know.

WEB SITE IMPROVEMENT: Captain Louis, who makes his living designing remarkable websites for businesses, redid our website, gratis, and it is truly improved. If you get a chance, visit our REMARKABLE new website. www.bluewaterfoundation.org. THANKS LOUIE!!



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 for February or March, at the 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.

THERE IS INTEREST IN MAKING THE TWO DAY WILDERNESS FIRST AID COURSE AVAILABLE AS WELL TO CAPTAINS. INTERESTED? LET LEE KNOW...lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.

2. Certification sail on **Bear** FEBRUARY check our calendar.
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 certification sail set for 1/11 with live overboard practice
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 deck work in the future, she is in good shape.

ALETA: Captain Scott reports no issues with the boat....a testament to his success in bringing her up to the right standards.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: New reefing lines being installed and still waiting for the repaired gennaker. 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: \$17,004 in the bank. Giving Tuesday netted a bit over \$3800.00. and will continue until year end. But liability insurance still costs 2100.00 a month...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. We need at least one more volunteer to join the committee to determine appropriate use of gifts in kind...so far Captains Andrew, Scott and Lee are on the committee. You? Contact Lee at lstimmel@stimmel-law.com. We have two more introductory sailing lessons from MODERN SAILING to award this coming year, either to students or a deserving volunteer. Know someone? Contact us.

Our President Shannon has set up the **President's Cocktail part for**

MARCH...a Saturday night in the City. Will arrange how to get tickets on our [events page](#) in the next month or so. 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. **Know a business that would like an intern? Get onto the committee.** These are usually temporary jobs to show these students what work is like...we have had three great successes with these in the past...then Covid hit and it became harder. Time to get this going again. **Contact Lee if interested. lstimmel@stimmel-law.com.**



SCHOLARSHIPS:

Recall that **Sategna Foundation**, our longtime partner, working with Jim Stanton and Lee, sent from Oakland 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!! Judah, a Sweeney student, may be our next choice.

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

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



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

The board adopted the protocols for interaction a few months ago which are now on our website ..be sure to review them before your next sail.



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

We began in 1990...Incorporated in 1992...40,000 students taken to the water over the decades. Our first students may have grandkids by now!!! And we keep going because people like you decided that complaining about the world is not enough...it's time to do something about it. Volunteer...or write a check...or both...but join us in making a difference!!

This is the place for sailors and others who care about the kids and the challenges they face and who want to do more than complain about it...to step up and do something about it! We are waiting for you...

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 14, 2024, 600 PM BY ZOOM.

