



NEWSLETTER and MINUTES MARCH 4, 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 **3/13; 3/20;3/27** 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. They had their own sail on March 8 on Golden Bear and are now on the Sweeney sails as volunteers. As to the sail, Kimberly reports: "We had 12 guests from San Francisco State, including:
4 PR 500 Interns

1 administrator, Doris Fendt

7 formerly incarcerated individuals”

One of the formerly incarcerated had served fifty years in prison...

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

4. SF 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. A meeting with our racing expert, Captain Andrew, is set for March 11. Stay tuned.

5. LADY SAILORS HAPPY HOUR AT SOUTH BEACH YACHT CLUB was set up by Kimberly and Shannon and well attended and generated both volunteers and some cash for Blue Water. We will be setting up more as well as SALTY SAILORS HAPPY HOUR over the next few months.

6. PORT AUTHORITY SUMMER PROGRAM. Three sails the week of **July 7** for twelve high schoolers who have been selected to learn all about the Bay and Sea front. May be double boat sails leaving both the City and Berkeley.

7. OAKLAND PAL Kimberly will be setting up sails with the Oakland branch of the PAL. Stay tuned.



PROBATION DEPARTMENT SAILS:

ALAMEDA COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION: The classes continue, using both Benjamin Walters and/or Aleta. Our next class is on boat maintenance on March 14. Recall we have 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, a race to Angel between Aleta and Benjamin (Aleta is on half the sails.) The graduation will have various contests such as kayaking races and line tossing and Kimberly will arrange the potluck for graduation. This program will be intense, mentor mentee method. **EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE PROGRAM, SIGN UP FOR THE GRADUATION TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT...JUDGE THE RACES...AND GET SOME FOOD.**

EI DORADO PROBATION: EI Dorado juvenile Probation comes all the way down from the Sierras and will be having a sail in the next two months...check our calendar for the dates.

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.

Training & Certification:

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

1. **First Aid and CPR** –Our next class is scheduled for **March 29**, 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.*
2. **Certification sail on Bear** will be on **May 16** and will include a live overboard drill.
3. **Benjamin Walters** a full day certification on **March 22** and night overboard practice on **May 9**.
4. **ALETA** has a full certification sail set for **3/29**.
5. **RECALL THAT CALIFORNIA LAW NOW REQUIRES ALL PERSONS TAKING OTHERS SAILING TO HAVE THE CALIFORNIA BOATER'S CARD AND THAT IS REQUIRED FOR OUR CERTIFICATION...IT'S ALL ONLINE, EASY TO GET, CHEAP, AND DOES REVIEW FOR YOUR MUCH USEFUL INFORMATION. GET IT! REQUIRED FOR ALL FIRST AND SECOND CAPTAINS.**
6. And note that if you 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. You do not necessarily have to do the certification sails to get certified...but they move things more quickly.



BOSUN'S REPORT:

GOLDEN BEAR: Bosun Captain Colm is seeking to replace her ancient canvas covers at cost. Stay tuned. Boat in good shape.

ALETA: Bosun Captain Scott has arranged for a professional rigger to check the gooseneck and is planning on repairs to the companionway steps.

BENJAMIN WALTERS: Rigging of repaired whisker pole done. All at owner expense.

DEVINE WIND: New standing rigging this month and she is ready to explore racing with PAL, 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.



INSURANCE REPORT: Captain Steve will start the process to renew our liability insurance. Captains, be ready to give Steve your bio information. Note insurance is our single largest expense for the year...so help Steve minimize the cost to us. Never a reported accident; no injuries at all in thirty years...but they still charge us big bucks.

MONEY: \$36,195 in the bank...high for us. Shannon and Kimberly keep putting in requests for grants and have generated some real money for us. Even though we are all volunteer and have no payroll, boats remain expensive. If you can, donations are ALWAYS needed. All money goes to boats. And insurance.

AND DONATIONS IN KIND ALWAYS WELCOME. We have received foul weather gear, books, and courses have been donated by MODERN SAILING. Have some gear you want to write off? Contact 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 have now found the next student we are supporting, a soprano from the Bay Area...and a violinist from Oakland.....ideally, they will go to Italy for a culture change that can change the life of the student. Applications are in.

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. PAL has many students in SF that they are recommending, and Lee and Jim interview three such students this week. And recall we have a Sweeney student who needs a little help for his advanced courses. Stay tuned.

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

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



SCOUTING AWARD TO BLUE WATER: The Golden Gate District of the Boy Scouts of American gave an award to Blue Water for our community service on **March 11**...Note they are also active via their Camp Sweeney sea scout troop on the Ocean Gate sails.



MOTORING THE BOATS requires more emphasis in our training, we have noted, and Safety Officer David will add that as a certification skill...especially critical for our overboard drills. First captains, let others motor the boat when leaving the dock and returning to increase the skill level. And part of our certification will be motoring in reverse, turning, etc.

MORE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA is needed for our grant writing and the First Captains will be getting instructions on how to obtain it.

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

NEXT MEETING APRIL 8, 2025, 600 PM BY ZOOM.



So, what do you do in these times to regain balance, to help others, to show that compassion is not dead and greed is not triumphant? Simple...you help others. You help expecting nothing in return but the feeling that you are building community and building connection in a world too often defined by pure economics. You can rant and rave...or you can (also) take action for those who are needing your help. Like the kids we help. We are always looking for volunteers....You? www.bluewaterfoundation.org.