

WindWord

The Newsletter of the Footloose Sailing Association

Leave your disability at the dock



Michael Freeman

It is with great regret that we report the passing of another memorable Footloose volunteer. Although Michael became literally footloose after losing part of his leg in an accident, he didn't let it stop him from making a major contribution to Footloose.

He started participating with and promoting Footloose in our early years. He has been on the board, a financial supporter, electronics wizard, boat maintainer, skipper, event helper and many other things. Thank-you Michael, you will be missed.

Footloose 2021 Sailing Schedule

Yes, we will sail this year.

Sail Day scheduled
for August 14

See inside for
registration details

*Please see inside for details
regarding Michael's
memorial service*



*Footloose is an all volunteer
501(c)(3) organization funded
entirely by donations.*

At The Tiller



Ahoy Footloose sailors!

We have been working towards a plan that can get us sailing. At least initially with limitations and then trying to expand from there depending on how the first event goes and what happens with the virus variants and state regulations. We are planning an event by reservation only on August 14. This will involve just the big boats with limited seating and no davit system so the sailors will have to be able to load themselves or with help from their attendant. There will be more information on the website for this event.

There is also some other big news in that we have now launched our Harbor 20 that was generously donated by the efforts of many Rotary groups!

Footloose always has ongoing efforts by volunteers in meetings, fund raising, administration, outreach, paperwork, accounting, maintenance, trailer and boat sales. A big thank you to the Footloose Volunteers as well as all the businesses and organizations that support us!

You can keep up with Footloose on our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FootlooseSailinGAssociation/>

or at our website:

footloosedisabledsailing.org.

fair winds, Captain Bob



Michael Freeman sailing with Tom Moberg in 2018

Michael Freeman

December 15, 1946 – July 3, 2021

A memorial open to all friends and family will be held at Haven of Rest in Gig Harbor, Washington on August 28th at 2 pm. Remembrances may be made to Footloose Sailing organization via their website. (Published by News Tribune (Tacoma) July 14, 2021.



Thank-you Elliott Bay Marina

Footloose would like to thank the Elliott Bay Marina for listing us as the Charity of the Month in their April 2021 Newsletter. The continuing support of the marine industry is a big part of Footloose's success.

FOOTLOOSE 2021 SEASON – SAIL SIGN-UP PROCEDURE

SAIL DAYS

Saturday, August 14, 2021
Saturday, September 11, 2021
Saturday, September 25, 2021

SAIL TIMES

12:00 - 2:00, 2:30 – 4:30.

BOATS AVAILABLE

Surprise – Columbia 22
Eoghan – Columbia 21
Inspiration – Catalina Capri 22
Joe’s Vision – Harbor 20

Participants

The davit system and Footloose volunteers will not be available. Participants will have to be able to load by themselves or with help from their caregiver or friend. The black trailer and tents will not be setup and there will be no tables or chairs. Also note that the small boats won't be used.

Contact us through info@footloosedisabledsailing.org with name, phone number, date desired and Footloose will contact you.

Go to Join then Forms on the website and print out the registration, liability and covid documents, fill them out and bring the forms with you to the event.

Be at leschi 1/2 hour before your sailing time so that we can get a life vest on you and out to be loaded on your boat which will leave at the designated time

there is no charge for the 2021 sailing season

Volunteers

Volunteers will be required for life jacket checks, boat cleaning and skippering and assisting on the boats.

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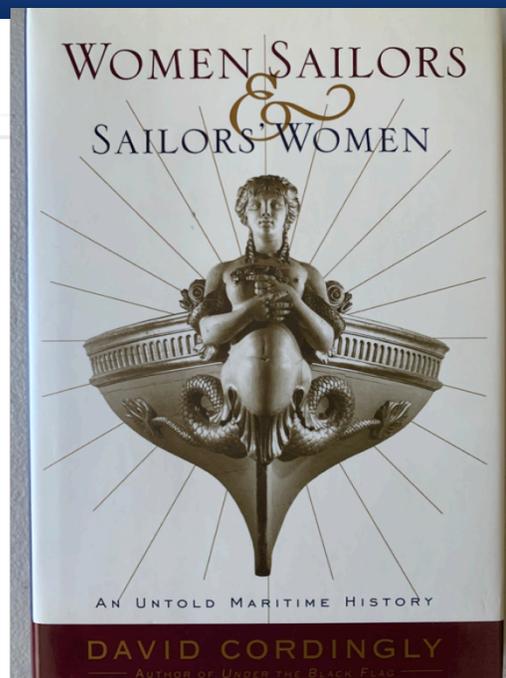
Rules for the 2021 Sailing Season

The rules for social distancing and masking will be the state rules in effect at the time of the sails. Footloose will post the latest rules on the website prior to the events. Please note the davit system/Hoyer lift will not be available for loading or unloading participants.



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We Can Read

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Women Sailors & Sailors Women – David Cordingly. A history of women and the sea, during the times when sailing ships ruled the oceans.

The Boat Who Wouldn't Float – Farley Mowat. The humorous true story of a boat sailed in the North Atlantic, that sank eight times.

A World of My Own – Robin Knox-Johnston. Know-Johnston's story of his solo, non-stop voyage around the world in 1968-69.

Tuning the Rig - Harvey Oxenhorn. A story of the author's experience sailing in the 1970s into the Arctic, in a 1908 3-masted square rigger.

The Custom of the Sea – Neil Hanson. Four shipwrecked sailors in 1884, one must die so the others might live. The story of the Minonette's last voyage and the murder trial of the survivors.

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Fastnet, Force 10 – John Rousmaniere. The story of the 1979 race from the Isle of Wight to Fastnet Rock and back. A sixty-knot storm sank 5 yachts, forced twenty-four crews to abandon ship, and drowned fifteen people.

Capsized – James Nalepka & Steven Callahan. Nalepka recounts his experience of spending 119 days in a capsized catamaran.

Erebus – Michael Palin. Palin presents the story of Erebus from its launch in 1826 to its final catastrophe in the Arctic.

Yachtsman in Red China – David J. Steele. The story of an amateur boat builder and the adventures he has, including being kidnapped by Chinese fishermen.

Godforsaken Sea – Derek Lundy. An account of the 1996-97 Vendee Globe round-the-world single-handed yacht race.

West! Sail West, Man! – Hein Zenker. Zenker tells of voyage around the world with his wife in a 20-foot sailboat they built themselves.

The Race – Tim Zimmermann. The author chronicles the history of extreme sailing, spotlights the people that have driven the sport and tells the story of the first nonstop, round-the-world race.

*There was an Old Man in a boat,
Who said, 'I'm afloat, I'm afloat!'
When they said, 'No' you ain't!
He was ready to faint,
That unhappy Old Man in a boat.
Edward Lear*

Footloose Paraphernalia



Show the world you are part of Footloose and contribute to Footloose at the same time. Go to the Footloose website and click on Shop.

In addition to the Unisex Twill Hat, Ceramic Mug and Knit Beanie shown above, you can also purchase Spiral Notebooks, Stainless Steel Coffee Mugs and Unisex Trucker Hats.

For Sale

The following boats are still for sale, with all proceeds going to support Footloose

1. Interlake sailboat - \$1,000
2. Sundolphin dinghy - \$800
3. Catalina 16.5 - \$1,200

Details can be found in earlier editions of Wind Word.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FOOTLOOSE

Web site – footloosedisablesailing.org

Email – info@footloosedisablesailing.org

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Please forward this Newsletter to anyone you know that may be interested in sailing or volunteering with, or donating to, Footloose.