

WindWord

The Newsletter of the Footloose Sailing Association

Leave your disability at the dock

We Are Back!!



June 12 – Ben takes a crew out in Inspiration.

At The Tiller Summer 2022

Ahoy Footloose sailors!

Seattle finally has some summer and Footloose finally has sailing! So far we've had two events with all the boats and davit system available. The first event threatened rain and the second event threatened a hot (continued on Page 2)

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 9 – Daysail

July 24 – 26
Blake Island Trip

August 13 –
Daysail

HELP NEEDED

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

At The Tiller (cont'd)

day. Both events came off with great sailing with no rain at the first and enough wind (10 to 15) to keep things cool. The wind at the second event made it an easy visit the dinosaur in Medina!

As mentioned in the spring newsletter, we have a new way of signing up for the events this summer. New participants contact Footloose through e-mail

info@footloosedisabledsailing.org to discuss needs and boats, but the old hands will be able to pick a day and a boat, make a reservation and prepay through PayPal (go sailing>daysail>register>boat&time). Then print out, fill out and bring the three forms from the Footloose website with you to the event. Volunteers will need to bring the three forms from the Footloose website to the event and with regular attendance at some point be processed through the Move United national background check and the Safesport disability sensitivity program for volunteers.

Another complicating factor in the 2022 season will be the upcoming remodel of the North Leschi marina towards the end of the summer which will be a major change in the configuration of the marina. One of the results of the remodel will be the removal of the metal wheelchair ramp from the parking lot to the marina. If you know someone in need of a ramp contact me through info@footloosedisabledsailing.org

We will have our 2 night camping trip to Blake Island this summer included in our schedule July 24,25,26. Reservations for that will be separate from the new reservation system and will be done through me info@footloosedisabledsailing.org.

Footloose has ongoing efforts by volunteers in meetings, fund raising, administration, outreach, paperwork, accounting, maintenance,

newsletter, 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



Salisbury FC

Treasurer

Footloose would like to thank Susan Arrieta for helping with the Treasurer duties since 2019 and being our Treasurer since 2020. She did a great job and her work will be missed. As she is now stepping down from this position we need someone to fill her shoes.

Please contact us for more information and/or if you or someone you know would be willing to be our new Treasurer.

Trailer Towing

Ben Lobaugh currently hauls the Black Trailer to and from each Sail Day. Other commitments mean that sometimes he is unable to do this.

Please let us know if you are able to occasionally tow this trailer or tow a boat trailer at the end of the season.

The Season To-date



Bob and Mark cleaning sails



Sue swabbing the decks



The first of Keith's two trips up the mast of Joe's Vision



Cliff "volunteered" to ride in the Martin for the tow from the Stan Sayres boat launch.



← Dock Master Tim preparing an Access dinghy



Registration set to go



← Chris sailing Martin 8 with a level horizon



Preparing the Martins

A Note to our Volunteers



Risto, Cliff and Ken on stand-by

It may appear, to someone walking by, that Footloose has a surplus of volunteers. Nothing is further from the truth.

Shore-side support, with all of the participants out on boats, requires:

- The Dock Master, monitoring the boats
- A chase boat driver ready to tow the dinghies in or provide other support
- A registration person to greet the next group of sailors
- Someone to spell these people

On-board support:

- each of the big boats requires a skipper and able body
- each dinghy needs a skipper

And with the participants on shore volunteers are needed to:

- help participants with life jackets and slings
- escort participants to and from their boats

- when required load and unload participants with the hoist lift

Set-up and Take-down

- unload the Black Trailer and set up registration
- uncover and prepare the boats
- take down and load equipment back into the Black Trailer
- dismantle, where applicable, cover the boats again and install the spider web that keeps the Martins and access dinghy in place

A "typical" day with three big boats and four dinghies out requires 10 volunteers on the water and 6 people on shore providing support.

If you find yourself looking for something to do please ask one of the other volunteers. When all of the boats are out the time can be used to familiarize newer volunteers with our systems and equipment. This can include training on the use of the hoist lift, going through the rigging of the sailboats and the installation of the electronic controls on the Martin.

Each sailday is meant to be worthwhile and fun for both the participants and the volunteers, so please join in.



Ben with a group of new volunteers

Sailing Schedule

Participant sign-up is now done on line. If you are having trouble with the system please contact us prior to the event so that we can plan for your attendance.

Upcoming events

July 9 – day sail

July 24-26 - Blake Island Trip

August 13 – day sail

August 27 – day sail

September 10 – day sail

September 24 – day sail

October 1 – shut down day, no sailing

Footloose Training Manual

This Manual has been assembled as a guide primarily for new participants, volunteers and those just trying to get a better understanding of how Footloose operates. It contains information on membership, role responsibilities, equipment set-up, safety and the daily operation of Footloose. If you have any questions or comments please ask at an event or contact Footloose at info@footloosedisabledsailing.org.

The Manual is now available on our website. A link can be found on the Volunteer page and the Forms page under Join or Events Info. Please let us know if you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding the manual as it is meant to be an ongoing production.

Support Footloose

You can show your support of and participation with Footloose by buying a tee shirt at an event or by buying items in the Shop section of our website.

We still have two dinghies and a tender for sale (see previous Wind Words). If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact us.



Life Jacket School?

Sort of. The jackets were being tested. (they all passed.)



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