

Wind & Word

The Newsletter of the Footloose Sailing Association

Leave your disability at the dock

ANOTHER GREAT SEASON!



At The Tiller Fall 2023

Ahoy Footloose sailors!

Here we are at the end of another sailing season. Our participation numbers are still climbing back from pre-pandemic with a cool spring and rare, cold rainfall canceling the 2:30 sailing at the last event. All considered it was a good sailing season with a setup day, 9 daysails, 3 days (two nights) at Blake Island and a shutdown day.

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

At The Tiller Fall 2023 (cont'd)

There are still bugs to be worked out in the reservation system, but we have a better handle on the participation and boat assignment at an event before the event happens. A lot of you remember the first come, first serve of the old days and the chaos and standing around it caused.

The physical changes at the marina have taken some getting used to, but we are figuring it out. There will be more changes in the future but we don't know what and when at this point. A note to the mobility impaired that the ramp that the marina installed near the south part of the marina is steeper than the ramp we had. Luckily we now use the gate at the north end for most participants so it isn't an issue.

We are planning on having our midwinter potluck so keep watch for an announcement on the website, facebook and the winter newsletter.

Footloose always has continuing 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/>

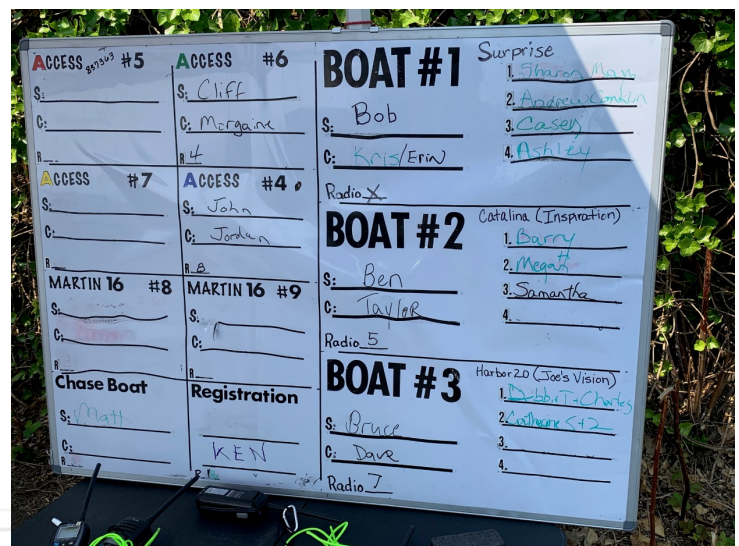
or at our website:

footloosedisablesailing.org.

fair winds, Captain Bob



Start of the Day



Loading Up



Fully Crewed



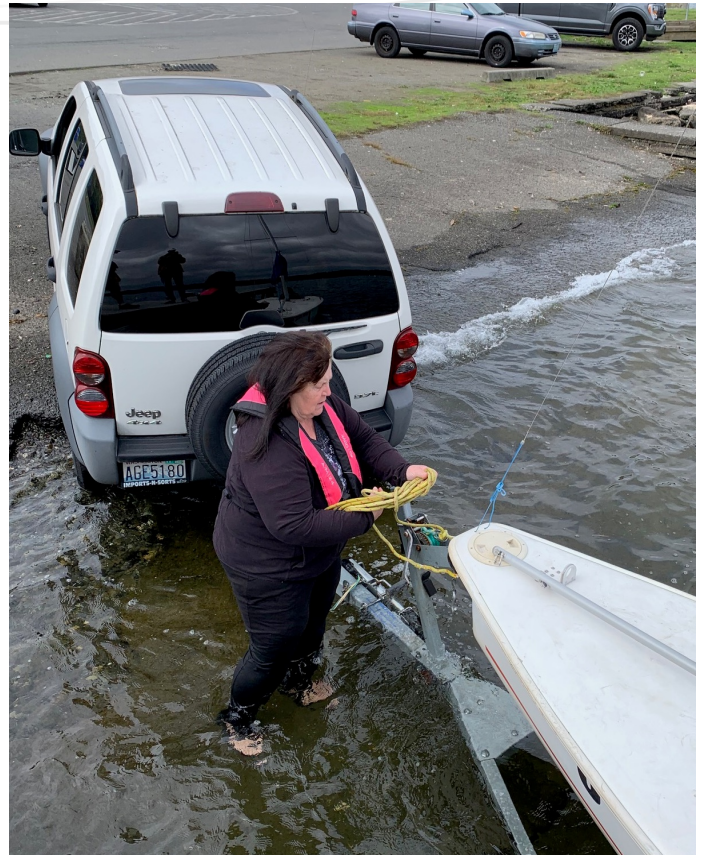
On The Water



Behind the Scenes



In Tim's absence, Access dinghy assembly is done by committee.



Natalie takes one for the team on Shutdown Day



Kat demonstrates improper arm placement when being transferred



When a mooring ring goes bad, Leschi 2023.

Supporting Footloose

All of the money donated to Footloose is spent on the operation of the sailing program. No money is spent on salaries or fund-raising. If you are interested in supporting Footloose by paying specifically for one or more of the following expenses, please let us know.

- business cards - \$20
- fuel - \$100
- dock lines - \$160
- brochures - \$185
- gel coat hull repair - \$225
- Access spar storage box - \$250
- Small equipment replacement - \$350
- Phone - \$360
- Mail box - \$360
- Boat and trailer license tabs - \$388
- Dock fender boards to protect boats at low lake levels - \$400
- Storage locker rental - \$540
- Dock box - \$900
- General maintenance and repairs - \$1,000
- Insurance
 - o Black trailer - \$250
 - o Directors and Officers - \$825
 - o Boats - \$2,079
 - o Liability - \$3,750
- Moorage - \$5,200

Most of the costs shown above are incurred annually. The list does not include the costs of major repairs, haul-outs, bottom painting and significant equipment replacement.

Footloose

*Leave Your Disability, but
not your dog, at the Dock!*

The Next Edition of Wind Word

The Winter 2024 edition of Wind Word will be published in early 2024. If you have any stories, notes or experiences with Footloose that you would like to share with others, please email me your prose at rfpstow@comcast.net. Photos of Footloose events are also appreciated.

Photo Credits

Thank-you to those that contributed photos to this edition of Wind Word. You know who you are.



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