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The Newsletter of the Footloose Sailing Association

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Washington State Parks (.gov)

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Blake Island Marine State Park | Washington State Parks

Moorage is first-come, first-served and limited to three consecutive nights. Boats larger than 45 feet are not permitted to moor at buoys and must use the dock. [Read more](#)



Footloose Sailing Association

<https://footloosedisabledsailing.org/blake-island-trip>

Blake Island Trip

Our annual **Blake Island** trip is lots of fun! We leave Sunday morning from Elliot Bay marina, 2601 West Marina Place, Seattle, WA, 98199 and sail across Puget ... [Read more](#)



roadtothesea.com

<https://roadtothesea.com/2020/07/30/blake-island-ma...>

Blake Island Marine State Park - Road to the Sea

Jul 30, 2020 — It is the closest marine state park to Seattle, so it gets it fair share of boater traffic. Everyone spoke highly of it, and I was excited to put it on our ... [Read more](#)

It's time to register for Blake Island '26

Planning is well underway for this year's Island camping trip. In order to co-ordinate transportation for bodies, food and equipment we are asking that you sign up as soon as possible.

The first item on our list is how many boats will be available so please let us know if you can provide transportation. Once we have this information we can determine how many participants and volunteers we can include. Thanks in advance for your interest.

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Move United is the
national leader in
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sports.

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

Sail on John, with our thanks and best wishes.



Kent and John – John always offered the tiller to other people.

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of John Smith on April 4. He was our oldest volunteer, and one of the longest serving. He started giving his time to Footloose in 2008 and continued to through the 2023 season, at the age of 94.

He would be one of the first to show up on a sail day and would continue to work until the last Martin was put to bed.



John at setup day 2019, aged 90.

At the Tiller Summer 2026



Ahoy Footloose sailors! The start of our season has been as good other than one event canceled due to the threat of lightning. You don't want to be out there well grounded in the water with a long metal stick in the air! We also had an issue with the restrooms being out of service, but they are open now and we can look forward to some great summer sailing! Thank you to all who participated in the restroom repair email campaign with the city.

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At The Tiller Summer 2026 (cont'd)

Also, thank you to all of you who participated in the WA State Parks questionnaire about the future of the facilities at Blake Island. I feel that the state doesn't have any money right now, so there won't be any drastic changes. It will be sad to see the dinner-dance building torn down. I'd like to see the tribes keep it going because it was a great cultural center.

The Blake Island event will be July 19,20,21. Right now (middle of June) we are finding boats to help take people to Blake. Then we'll know how many participants can go to Blake. So, if you know a boat owner who could help let us know at info@footloosedisabledsailing.org. Use the same email if you would like to go as a participant.

We are going to have a sponsor day with the Providence Swedish Neuroscience Institute MS Adventure Program at our Footloose event on July 11 at North Leschi. They have participated with us before at some of our Blake Island camping trips. There will be just one North Leschi daysail in July and two sailing events in August and two in September. Make sure that you show up with enough time to get you on the boat for the designated sail time. It's 11am for the 12 o'clock sail, we're loading the boats at 11:30 and show up at 1:30 for the 2:30 sail, we're loading the boats at 2. Print out and fill out the registration-liability forms from the website at home and bring them with you to the event, it makes things move faster at registration to get you out on the water! You only have to do the forms once a year.

New participants contact Footloose through e-mail info@footloosedisabledsailing.org to discuss needs and boats, to pick a day and a boat, make a reservation and prepay through PayPal on the website 'support' button or Zelle (Bank of America - info@footloosedisabledsailing.org). Volunteers will also need to bring the registration-liability forms from the Footloose website to the event.

IF YOU DON'T FILL OUT AND SIGN THE FOOTLOOSE REGISTRATION-LIABILITY FORMS YOU ARE NOT COVERED BY THE FOOTLOOSE INSURANCE!

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

Mid-Winter Potluck



The above photo taken at the Potluck shows Eric Laschever holding the Loose Screw Award trophy. Eric was a co-winner of the award, for his support of Footloose at last year's Duck Dodge.

The other co-winner was Eulalie Sullivan who was unable to attend as she was setting sail from Cape Town on a sail across the Atlantic. Eulalie has volunteered for 2 years and started serving on the Board of Directors last year.

Our thanks to the Emmanuel Episcopal Church on Mercer Island for graciously lending their facilities for the mid-winter potluck, again.



Celebratory cake served at the Potluck.

Providence Swedish Sponsored Sail

Our thanks to the Providence Swedish Neuroscience Institute MS Adventure Program for sponsoring the July 11 sail day. We will therefore not be asking for sail day donations from our sailors for this event.



Suzanne, Samuel and Lily sailing Joe's Vision

2026 Sailing Schedule

June 27 – day sail

July 11 – day sail

July 19 – 21 – Blake Island camping trip

August 8 – day sail

August 22 – day sail

September 12 – day sail

September 26 – day sail

October 3 – Shut down 10 a.m. – no sailing

Day Sail

Volunteers at 10 a.m.

Sailors at 11 a.m.

Start loading boats at 11:30

First sail 12:00 to 2:00

Second sail 2:30 to 4:30

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Find and select "**Send Money with Zelle®**" (typically located under Transfers, Payments, or Bill Pay).

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Add **Info@footloosedisabledsailing.org** as the recipient. Please verify that the name matches our organization.

4 Set Amount & Note

Enter your donation or payment amount. In the "**Memo**" or "**Note**" field, please specify the purpose (e.g., "*Annual Membership*", "*Donation*", or "*In Honor of...*").

5 Review & Send

Double-check the payment details for accuracy, then click confirm to send. Your contribution goes to work immediately!

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