

THE PIN RAIL

An e-newsletter from the Tall Ship Education Academy



CELEBRATE WITH SALSA! MARCH 31, 2007

Celebrate with Salsa!

March 31, 2007
5pm to 8pm
Bay View Boat Club
San Francisco

Mary Ferretti-Breidinger joined the Women's Challenge last August and sailed for three adventure filled days with her daughter, Christina Marquez (TSSG 2006). Mary has organized a fundraiser party at the Bay View



Boat Club in San Francisco on March 31, 2007 from 5 to 8pm to raise money to support the Tall Ship Education Academy.

You are cordially invite to attend! Festivities will

include dinner, a raffle drawing, silent auction and salsa music to follow. Tickets for dinner are \$30 and donations are welcome. You can purchase raffle drawing tickets or event tickets on the web or by sending in a check. Visit our website for details on ticket purchases.

View the impressive list of silent auction items and raffle prizes on page 5. Hope to see you there!

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APPLICATION DEADLINE NEARING FOR GIRLS SUMMER AT SEA

Applications for Girls Summer at Sea, a six week pilot summer program from TSEA, are due March 16, 2007.

Girls Summer at Sea is



an academic program for 10th, 11th and 12th grade girls. Students will spend three weeks aboard the schooner *Seaward* and earn credit from TSEA and SF State for their six weeks of work. The program runs from June 25, 2007 to August 3, 2007 and includes a three week voyage along the California coast.

TSEA offers a sliding

scale tuition program for eligible students and families. Applications for both Girls Summer at Sea and the sliding scale tuition program are available on our website.

Girls Summer at Sea
June 25-August 3, 2007
Applications due
March 16

Special points of interest:

- **March 16, 2007:** Applications for Girls Summer at Sea due.
- **March 31, 2007:** Celebrate with Salsa Fundraiser Party
- **April 19, 2007:** Women's Challenge 6 departs.

WORDS FROM AN ALUM: JANE MARQUE, TSSG 2006

Each issue we feature words or thoughts from an alum. The following is an excerpt from an essay Jane Marque wrote in the process of applying to college this year. Jane is a senior at Gateway High School in San Francisco.

I am at a loss for words when I try to describe what a powerful adventure the Tall Ship Semester for Girls was. All I know is that this semester voyage shaped and matured each one of us girls as individuals.

Those six weeks I spent at sea quickly evolved into a passion of mine. Sailing taught me to push forward in life and to follow my dreams and aspirations. Sailing means the world to me and I only wish others could have the same experience I did.

My captain told us that the hardest part of the journey is coming home and the best way to cope with returning home "is to keep doing it." That idea motivated me to start a sailing club at my high

school so that others could be exposed to sailing. It has been a bumpy road trying to get my sailing club started; I have had to negotiate



TSSG '06 learns to rig a Pelican at SFMNHP

a place to sail, find a school spon-

sor, recruit students, deal with liability issues and school policies. I also had to find a place to sail! Through my internship in TSSG, I had met many people at the San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park. They agreed to provide sailing lessons for free and that is what finally got my sailing club kicked off. We have a solid ten members and practices on the San Francisco Bay. This, to me, is a miracle. I could have never imagined myself a year ago successfully starting my own sailing club. Not because I had no interest in sailing, but merely because I would not have had the confidence or leadership skills that I have now to take this sort of initiative.

ALUMNAE COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK



The alumnae of the Tall Ship Semester for Girls are an amazing group of young women that range in age from 16 to 25 and have a plethora of interests and talents. This year, a small group of alumnae have formed a committee to organize the group and support the work of TSEA.

Already, Christine Fong ('06) has initiated an alumnae fund with a letter campaign in December. Erin Carter ('05) created a Myspace page that will be monitored by alumnae committee members and will answer questions of perspective students (To see the Myspace

page, go to www.myspace.com/tallshipsemester4girls). Rocio Cisneros ('05) will work with a volunteer to create another video to promote the program and Nora Hemm ('04) will be helping to get current contact information for all the TSSG alums. Wren Robb ('05) has a creative plan to support TSEA with her artistic talents.

With the alumnae committee, we are hoping to keep alums of TSSG connected—not just virtually through Myspace! We hope to reconnect with alums through Nora's project and find out what they are up to. We also would like to con-

nect the alums back to sailing opportunities with each other and with others.

There are parties to plan and projects to brainstorm! If you are an alum and are interested in working with the alumnae committee, contact Erin through the Myspace page or Nettie at the office.



TSEA RECEIVES DONATION FROM CIBC WORLD MARKETS!

In our last issue, we announced that CIBC World Markets would include TSEA as a charity to benefit from its annual Miracle Day. On February 23, 2007, TSEA received a \$15,000 donation from CIBC World Markets Corp., through the firm's CIBC World Markets Miracle Day campaign.

Andrew Seligson, a longtime TSEA supporter, set TSEA up with Miracle Day last year. Both Andrew and Pequot Capital were instrumental in getting this significant donation for TSEA.

TSEA is one of three hundred fifty-three Miracle Day charities approved by CIBC World Markets to receive a Miracle Day grant. CIBC World Markets marked its 10th annual Miracle Day event on December 6, 2006, raising over \$7.8 million for charities serving children who are underserved, at risk or in need. On Miracle Day, 95% of CIBC World Markets' net commissions from trades made through the firm that day are donated to participating Miracle Day charities located throughout the United States.

"Through Miracle Day, and in partnership with our clients, employees, and participating Miracle Day charities, we continue to build awareness of children's issues and improve the quality of life for children in need in the areas we serve," says Charles Holmes, Managing Director of U.S. Equities and Chairman of the Miracle Day Committee. "Participating charities are active in the areas where CIBC World Mar-



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kets has employees or clients and Miracle Day grants provide a direct connection to help in those local communities. Everyone involved has much to be proud of, and I want to personally congratulate all of our employees, clients and charity partners on this collaborative achievement."

CIBC World Markets is the whole-

sale and corporate banking arm of CIBC, providing a range of integrated credit and capital markets products, investment banking, and merchant banking to clients in key financial markets in North America and around the world. CIBC World Markets delivers innovative capital solutions to growth-oriented companies and is broadly active in capital markets. CIBC World Markets offers advisory expertise across a

wide range of industries and provides top-ranked research for its corporate, government and institutional investor clients.

In the previous six years alone, CIBC World Markets has donated \$64 million in Miracle Day grants to U.S.

charities supporting children's causes. Visit www.cibcwmmiracleday.com for more information.

Many thanks to CIBC World Markets, Andrew, Pequot Capital and all who traded on our behalf!

TSEA LOGO RECEIVES TRADEMARK

At the November 2005 reception, TSEA unveiled our new logo. The logo was designed by volunteer Marc Crosina with input from a number of the organization's stakeholders including the Board of Directors. Board Member Marissa Viray worked closely with Marc who produced a beautiful logo that succinctly depicts the learning and adventure that TSEA offers its students.

The law firm of Heller Erhman LLC represents TSEA pro bono in matters concerning trademarks and submitted the new TSEA logo to the

US Patent & Trademark Office. We are pleased to announce that in January, the application for trademark was approved by the US Patent and Trademark Office. Our logo can now have a ® placed by it

indicating that it is registered and in the future, it will have a TM indication its trademark.

Many thanks to Marc, Marissa and Heller Erhman for their help!

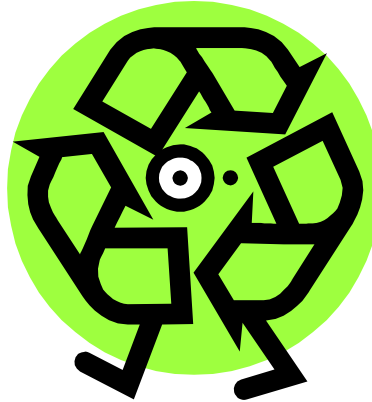
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RESULTS FROM TSEA'S RECYCLING PROGRAM

TSEA recycles ink jet cartridges, toner cartridges, cell phones and other copy machine items. We are becoming known on the SF State campus as a place to recycle these items! Many individuals and several businesses (like Timbuk2 Bags and Colemanbrandworx) as well as several departments at SF State help in our efforts by consistently donating items. The efforts of these businesses and our alum volun-



teers who sort, organize and mail the items, has helped to raise over \$900 for TSEA since last summer.

If you, your family or the business you work for isn't recycling printer and copier items, please contact us and we will help you do your part in keeping the earth green. Thanks!

Recycle! Its good for TSEA!

GOLDEN GATE TALL SHIP SOCIETY SAILING OPTIONS

The Golden Gate Tall Ship Society (GGTSS) has long been a supporter of TSEA. Each year, GGTSS members raise funds to provide scholarships for sailtraining opportunities for Bay Area youth. This summer (August 5-9) GGTSS is sponsoring a **coed trip for teenagers aboard the Schooner Seaward**. Apply for the program on their website.

GGTSS also offers opportunities to sail aboard ships in the Bay. These sails generate their scholarship monies. Mark you calendars and join GGTSS for one of these sails:



April 29, 2007

Opening Day on the Bay
Scow Schooner *Gaslight*

May 12, 2007

KFOG Ka-BOOM!
Scow Schooner *Gaslight*

Ticket prices for all sails:

\$65 for GGTSS members
\$80 for guest of GGTSS member
\$90 for all others

Sign up for a sail at the GGTSS website: www.ggtss.org Also, check their website for more sailing dates in June and October of this year.

Consider joining GGTSS! Membership is \$35 per year.

Students needing scholarships can apply online at the website as well.

SIGN UP FOR WOMEN'S SAILING CHALLENGE 6!

There are a couple berths left on the next Women's Sailing Challenge that runs April 19-22, 2007. Here is your chance to get out and explore San Francisco Bay on an 85 foot schooner!

The Women's Challenge is limited to 12 participants and runs aboard the Schooner *Seaward*. Become part of a small crew of women that works side-by-side to learn the skills to sail a large schooner on the Bay and along the Northern Califor-

nia coast. No sailing experience is necessary just a willingness to expand your horizons. As a group, your success will depend not only on what you as an individual learn about sailing but on the strength of your group's ability to work together as a team.

Participants are required to fundraise a minimum of \$1,200. Past

participants have raised funds in a variety of unique ways — Celebrate with Salsa (Page 1) is the fundrais-

ing effort of one participant.

Proceeds from the Women's Challenge

benefit the Tall Ship Semester for Girls program. Join Us!

12 Women
3 Days
1 Amazing Adventure
EXPLORE YOUR LIMITS!



Fundraiser Drawing!

TO BENEFIT THE
TALL SHIP SEMESTER FOR GIRLS



March 31, 2007

Thank you to Noe Valley Business for

Gift Certificates to:

Alice's Chinese Cuisine in Noe Valley
Joe's 24th Street Café
Noe's Bar and Grill
Basso's of Noe Valley
Swatdee Thai Cuisine
Casa Mexicana
Regent Thai

Small Fry's (Baby boy 1st set of blue jeans)

Gallery of Jewels
One Stop Party Shop
Sun Valley Dairy

Gifts from:

Starbucks Gift Basket
Basket of Hair products donated by Hot Headz
Cotton T-shirt donated by Cotton Basics

Drawing Tickets are one ticket for \$2 or six tickets for \$5

You are invited to join us and

Celebrate with Salsa!

Bay View Boat Club • 489 Terry Francois Blvd. (China Basin St.) • March 31, 2007 • 5-8pm • \$30 per dinner ticket

The Drawing will take place at the an evening of celebration at the Bay View Boat Club. Festivities will include food, silent auction, raffle drawing and salsa music. Silent auction items include a weekend excursion to Monterey, a night out North Beach, Sailing San Francisco Bay and MUCH MORE! Visit our website for prize details and ticket information!

BIG THANKS TO...

The locally owned Sports Basement teamed up with TSEA with two unique fundraising ideas. In November, as part of the invitation to our annual reception, Sports Basement offered discount coupons to attendees. In December, Sports Basement sponsored a shopping night for TSEA supporters. For purchases made using the coupons and for all purchases made at the shopping night, Sports Basement donated 5% of the price of purchased items to TSEA.



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Thanks to Sports Basement and all of you who shopped, Sports Basement will donate over \$1,000 to TSEA.

Special thanks to Katie Loughran, Leslie Santarina, Sara Winslow and Kirsten Alt who helped organize and run the event.



The Tall Ship Education Academy is a special project of the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department at San Francisco State University. The Academy is a non profit

CATCH THE VOLUNTEER WAVE!

What's your interest? What's your expertise? In this time of growth and development for TSEA, we are in need of support of all kinds. We post specific volunteer positions on VolunteerMatch.com Here are a few things we are working on:

- **Board Development:** TSEA seeks individuals to sit on the board of directors who will take an active role in the organization's fiscal, legal and ethical matters. The two major initiatives for the Board of Directors in the current and next fiscal year are a) To build a sustainable funding engine that that supports our organizational needs. b) To increase the visibility of the organization in the Bay Area community by marketing and public relations work, fundraising events and increased enrollment.
- **Marketing and Public Relations:** we have convened a marketing committee that plans to expand TSEA's reach in print media, video media and the web. Lots of projects have been put on the drawing board and we need help making them all happen!
- **Events:** we will have a series of events in the next year — big and small. If you are interested in event planning, join our committee and give these events your signature!
- **Grant Writing:** we are busy finding funding to support our programs. If you have expertise in grant writing, editing or proofing, we'd love to have your eyes on our submissions.
- **Alumnae Committee:** if you are an alum, please consider joining the alum committee and get your old crew together and involved.
- And we'll need help stuffing envelopes and distributing flyers.

Thanks! We hope you'll get involved!

