

Pacific **SEAFARING** Foundation
*Sailing and Seamanship
Experiences*

The Pacific Seafaring Foundation is focused on the goal of stopping the current, and continuing, decline in youth sailing education and future sailing participation beyond basic sail training. Pacific Seafaring Foundation yachts will provide sailing experiences through programs developed in partnership with non-profit sailing organizations to support and expand their existing training and outreach programs. Those programs are expected to offer learning experiences in cruising and exploring, crewing skills and teamwork and yacht preservation.

The yachts may also be employed by partner organizations in events as fundraising awards, leadership sailing and related activities. Supporters are encouraged to sponsor activities for their favored non-profit organizations.

In order to provide such resources and cover their costs we seek donations from the organizations using the boats, foundations, maritime industry and individuals.

Join us in this quest to benefit our sport, our youth and the communities involved.! Get involved and MAKE it happen!



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John R. McNeill (cont.)

John's sailing life has included sailing everything from an El Toro to an Americas Cup yacht, but has focused in the last two decades on the Gaff Schooner Yankee as skipper and caretaker. John came to the Foundation as a result of that deep love for Yankee, which was donated to the Foundation by her owners since 1926, the Ford family of Marin County. rovingjohn@sonic.net

Arthur Jonathan (Jon) Price

Born in Canada in 1937, Jon emigrated to the U.S. in 1964 and became a U.S. citizen. In 1968 he was employed by Levi Strauss & Co. with focus on raw material quality control. In 1986 he began a business finding, importing, and converting to U.S. specs AMG Mercedes-Benz automobiles. In 1993 he moved on to develop a database management car finding business on the Internet (in its infancy at the time) which he exploited with significant success. Retired in 2002, he now sails a 30' sloop, **Adagio**. After a long association with the Ford family, former owners and donors of schooner **Yankee**, he was asked to join the Foundation as Treasurer. jonprice500@gmail.com



The FLEET

YANKEE, 52' GAFF SCHOONER

The Yankee, built and launched in San Francisco in 1906 has spent all her years cruising and racing in the Bay, in recent years primarily in MMBA events. She began her racing by winning the first 'Farallon Race' in 1907. As the pandemic began she was, as above, in the midst of a project when the world came to a halt with her spars, rigging and some hull parts in storage. Today, she is our 'preservation'



project as we proceed with the needed repairs and assembly to put her back in active service on San Francisco Bay..

The FLEET

OCEAN QUEEN V, 55' MARCONI YAWL



In 1951 the OQV, a Philip Rhodes designed yawl, was built in Germany at Abeking & Rasmussen for Raymond M. Deméré. For over 60 years, she remained in the family and was used for ocean racing (the Buckner Race, the Light Ship Race, the Sir

Thomas Lipton Trophy Race, the Big Boat Series, etc.), as well as many treasured family adventures. In 1954, she sailed from Savannah via the Panama Canal to the San Francisco Bay, which became her primary home. Over the years, the family shared many memorable OQV cruises in both the Sea of Cortez and British Columbia. When Mr. Raymond Deméré, Jr. passed away in 2012, OQV was sold to St. Francis Yacht Club Staff Commodore Dewey Hines, who had crewed on her in his teens! Dewey sailed and raced her regularly until his passing, when the Queen was donated and dedicated to charitable activities.

The Ocean Queen V participation has been made possible by Robin and Lindy Driscoll and Barbara Deméré. via grants from the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

FANTASEAS, MORGAN 462 KETCH

We are excited to announce the donation of FANTASEAS, a Morgan 462 ketch, to the Foundation fleet, arranged by our early stage supporter, West Point Harbor and their President, Mark Sanders. FANTASEAS will give us a jump start in providing the programs for the Bay Area this season. This important addition adds to the generous early support with Silicon Valley Community Foundation grants from Robin & Lindy Driscoll and Barbara Deméré.



SEAFARERS – Who We Are

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Charles J. (Charlie) Hart



Mr. Hart is the Executive Director of the Pacific Seafaring Foundation. He has also held senior roles at California State University Maritime Academy, the San Francisco Maritime

National Park Association and as CEO and a director of Call of the Sea, a non-profit, marine environmental education organization, operating the 82' *Schooner Seaward*. and 132' *Brigantine Matthew Turner*. In the technology industry, he served as the Chairman, President, and CEO of MediaAlive, Inc. and CEO of Micronics Computers, Inc. Mr. Hart was named to the Micro Times 50, a roster of the "fifty most influential people in the computer industry."

His community involvement has included: President of the HealthStore Foundation, Chairman of the San Jose Symphony, CEO of the Ballet San Jose, President, and co-founder of the Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) of Silicon Valley. He is a Staff Commodore of the St. Francis Yacht Club. In the United States Air Force, he served as a Squadron Commander. (chartusa@gmail.com)

John R. McNeill



A sailor since age 10, Mr. McNeill serves as President of the Pacific Seafaring Foundation.

He also is a Governor of the California Mayflower Society, Past President of the International Council of

Yacht Clubs and Staff Commodore of St. Francis Yacht Club. (rovingjohn@sonic.net)

It's time to take action for our sport!

We have launched a new model that would provide participation in more aspects of the sailing sport. Not only will such a new program keep young sailors interested in continuing to develop their basic sailing skills but expand their skills into racing as a team and cruising. In short, we believe that to develop lifelong sailors, we need to expand the breadth of sailing experiences in training programs, involving more than sailing and racing dinghies.

Join us in this quest and be a part of the solution! Together, we can build the sailing community.

Help us with costs!

Although we are blessed with solid volunteer efforts, there are always the usual needs for funding to make their efforts effective. As an active member of the sailing community, you likely know well the costs of merely keeping these boats. When one adds the programs and materials the need becomes substantial. We welcome and honor donors and sponsors at all levels, who in essence make this venture possible for the benefit of our sport, our youth and the communities involved.

Help us with Preservation!

You may wonder, "What is a seafarer?" Although they might be called sailors or mariners, the definition of a seafarer and the skills that must be held are specific. Qualifying as a true seafarer requires that the person be capable of dealing with all aspects of sailing, the boat itself and the ocean. These skills must be part of the training. Your donation of time and skills is as important as funding! Those who work or teach get to sail.

We need your skills, experience and funding support!! A blend of all these elements is essential to fulfill the promise.

Please consider how you can be a part of this and donate at <http://sail-on.us/> or contact us at sailon@sonic.net to join the crew !!

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For fifteen years initial participation and retention after basic sail training has been declining across the country! US Sailing's publication, **American Sailor**, that was sent to all members in early 2018, stated "The Pyramid: the sporting model for generations. A wide base of new participants narrows quickly, and only the elite competitors climb to the top of the pyramid. However, what about everyone else? We are seeing too many kids drop-out, in groups". Much of the activity has been limited to sailing and racing dinghies. This limitation has failed to build broader sailing interests and created a dismal dropout rate and loss of potential lifelong sailors.!

The **Pacific Seafaring Foundation** is dedicated to expanding training programs to include the arts of seafaring, sailing, and preservation of yachts through hands-on educational programs and experiences with our sailing vessels and in collaboration with other sailing organizations. We think we may have discovered a way of doing just that by providing the hundreds of sail training organizations with a broader set of experiences for their programs that they are not equipped to do themselves.

Pacific Seafaring Foundation, will loan 40' to 60' training boats to organizations for programs held on San Francisco Bay and in classrooms from April through December each year, while being used for cruising, team building and the comradery of sailing together when not engaged in sailing programs. Operating costs will be covered by donations from individuals and organizations to **Pacific Seafaring Foundation**, founded in 2023 by Bay Area sailors. **Join us in creating LIFELONG sailors!**