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Board of Directors

**Message from Our Executive Director,
Captain Dave McCabe**

HAPPY, HAPPY NEW YEAR to you. Our exciting news is that we finished 2014 by having the humbling honor to have provided the joy of our unique free nautical experience to 1,603 patrons. Wow, this is 30% more than in 2013!



To those families who sailed with us in 2014, it was our joy to serve you and we hope that you will return this year. And, to those special families who have not been able to come: we hope that you will join us in 2015. Remember, to register is very easy. Simply go to our website www.SailingAngels.org.

In each of this year's quarterly newsletters, we intend to provide you information about our directors & volunteers, and at least one testimonial from a special family. Additionally, we will preview the most significant quarterly events in which we will participate (and hope you will come), and highlight our most significant contributors. BUT FIRST, let us look back on 2014 in this issue to recognize and express our extreme gratitude to those who made the most notable contribution to our success.

Wishing you a year of fair winds,

Captain Dave

Join us at these Upcoming Events!

Jan. 18 Sunday, 6pm
Sailing Angels Night with Shake Russell
 McGonigel's Mucky Duck
 2425 Norfolk, Houston, TX 77098
www.mcgonigels.com

Jan. 19 Monday, 10am-1:30pm



Debbie Hughes
Dave McCabe
Jerry Simoneaux
Lisa Sostack

About Our Board

Debbie Hughes, Founding Director

Debbie is one of the Sailing Angels Foundation's most active volunteers and has participated in these charitable works since 2008. She became interested in our philanthropic initiatives as the result of sailing with her family (Bob, Holly & Heather) with Dave's Blue Marlin Sailing School. She is a founding member of our Sailing Angels Board of Directors, and was recognized as one of our Top 3 most active volunteers in 2014. She also teaches sailing with the Blue Marlin Sailing School when time permits.
Having graduated from Texas A&M with a BS and then MBA in Computer Science, she worked in the corporate world as a software

Shriners Hospital - Adaptive Sports & Arts Fair

6977 Main Street, Houston, TX 77030
www.ShrinersHospitalforChildren.org
Info: Lindsey Potter at lpotter@Shrinenet.org

Jan. 31 Saturday, 9am-12pm

Tomball ISD Transition & Resources Fair

1302 Keefer- Suite B, Tomball, TX
Info: Lori Waldrop at loriwaldrop@tomballisd.net

Feb. 6 Friday, 6pm-9pm

Dr. Temple Grandin (Intro by Grant Manier, Eco-Artist))

Sugar Creek Baptist Church
13223 Southwest Freeway, Sugar Land, TX
77478 Tickets at www.hopeforthree.org

Feb. 7 Saturday, 9am-1pm

Mikey's Place - Special Needs Summer Resources Fair

Memorial Drive United Methodist Church
12955 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079
www.mikeysplace.net

Feb. 8 - 12

ReelAbilities - Houston Disabilities Film Festival

Hosted by: JFS Alexander Institute
Tickets: www.DisabilitiesFilmFestival.org
Info: Jess Faerman at jfaerman@jfs-houston.org

March 5 Thursday, 6pm-8pm

Conroe ISD Transition & Community Resources Fair

College Park High School
3701 College Park Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77384
Info: Julia Hunter at jhunter@conroeisd.net

March 21 Saturday 9am-12pm

Sailing Angels' World Down Syndrome Day

Come sail with us in Kemah
Register at www.SailingAngels.org

April 11 Saturday 9am-12pm

Sailing Angels' Cruise Day

Come sail with us in Kemah
Hosted by the **Texas Mariners Cruising Association (TMCA)**
Register at www.SailingAngels.org

Thanks, Sailing Angels!

engineer and taught Project Management courses and others in college & university environments. Currently, Debbie is a Sr. Business Analyst at AIG in Houston, where she also serves on the leadership team for the Employee Resource Group for DisAbilities and Allies. In addition to the above, Debbie is also active as a volunteer in theater arts, and proactively promotes initiatives for those with special needs in conjunction with the City of Houston and many of our Sailing Angels venues.

As 2014 comes to an end, I can't help but reminisce what this year has brought us.... Health, trips, toys, family, friends... But above all JOY! Eight years ago, my son Joshua was diagnosed with Down Syndrome, a chromosomal disorder that I knew nothing about except that I knew my son would do many of the things doctors said he wouldn't.



One of the wonderful people that has touched our lives is Capt. Dave. He is not a captain of the biggest vessel you can think of... but he does have one of the biggest hearts! Joshua has been sailing with Captain Dave for about 2 years now; he has been able to drive the boat, wear the captain's hat and even raise the sail! Joshua has been able to do many of the things that doctors said he wouldn't.

Our sails on Galveston Bay not only help with Joshua's gross motor skills (getting on and off the boat, keeping his balance, pulling on ropes) but it also helps with his cognitive development, his curiosity and speech. Every sail is an experience for us to talk about "who lives in the ocean." We have seen seagulls, flying fish and in some lucky days we have also seen dolphins!!! But nothing compares to the true joys of the simple things in life like wearing the captain's hat or getting that beautiful medal of accomplishment at the end of every sail...

We thank the Sailing Angels, Capt. Dave and his crew of volunteers who open up their hearts and sail boats to help many children with special needs experience something that many couldn't otherwise experience. To a very successful 2015 and to many, many sails more together!!!

Alejandra Lima

We Love Our Crew Volunteers!



Crew Member Debbie Leturno

Debbie Leturno has been recognized as the Sailing Angels **Most Active Crew Member in 2014.**

"After 18 years of living overseas, my husband Richard and I moved to The Woodlands. Two years ago, I took a sailing course with Captain Dave and that sparked my interest in furthering my sailing skills. As a retired elementary school teacher and counselor, I have always enjoyed working with children and Sailing Angels seemed the perfect opportunity to combine my newfound passion for sailing with serving. As a Sailing

Angel's volunteer this past year, I have found tremendous reward in seeing the positive impact on the children, their families and the

veterans, as they have enjoyed the serenity and positive experience on the water."

Thanks to Our Institutional Benefactors (Charities and Corporations)

We are most appreciative to these charities and corporations who sustained our efforts in 2014. They are being recognized here in accordance with the significance of their commitments.

Rear Admirals

**Albert & Ethel Herzstein Charitable Foundation
Pollock Family Foundation**

Admiral

Blue Marlin Sailing School

Commanders

**Valero Energy - Benefit for Children
Insperity**

**Houston Association of Professional Landmen
Kids Development Clinic**

**The Arena Energy Foundation (Employee-Matching Funds)
Athens Group**

Landry's Restaurants- Kemah Boardwalk FantaSea Charters

Lieutenants

**Fluor Corporation (Employee-Matching Funds)
Capital Inspectors**

**Medcare Pediatric Rehab Center
Texas Mariners Cruising Association
Banks Sails Gulf Coast**

**Windward SeaVenture Charters
Stix-n-Rig'n**

**Camp Journey
City of Pasadena
Community In Schools
Big Brothers Big Sisters
Upbeat CPR**

Thanks for Your Support!

Our 2014 Individual Donors

Within each category, the donors are recognized in accordance with the significance of their donations.

REAR ADMIRAL (\$5,000+)

Donna Carnahan

COMMANDER (\$1,000- 4,999)

Steve Black
Debbie & Richard Leturno
Charles Adam

Marge & Dave McCabe
Anonymous
Ben Pigati
Greg & Jill Businelle

LIEUTENANT (\$500- 999)

Maria Revell (REACH Co Op Boys)
Lisa & Gary Sostack
Jim Blanchard
Sue Winkler

ENSIGN (\$200- 499)

Carmen & Juan Moreno
Mike & Babs Kopec
Jean & Bart Pearston
Jennifer Ivey (Humble ISD)
Jim Williams
Becky Clausen
Don Wolf (No Limits Allowed)
Vicki & Robert Strong
Walter & Cathie Stark
Mary Morgan
John Chapman
Karen Shipley
Victor Vazquez

SEAMEN (\$100- 199)

Victor Vazquez
Tammy Griffith (Friendswood Challengers)
Tes Lopez-Rich
Tara McCartney
Connie Wiedeman
Leslie & Rick Guzman
Terry Dunning (There's No Place Like Here)
Dean Ashley
Lisa Boone
Jeff Devitt
Lori Farazzi
Ann & William Fontenot
Pam & Gordon Garrett, Jr.
Peter Gorman
Lizette Guerra
Debbie Hughes, in memory of Rosemary Summers McBride
Cedric & Elizabeth Jenkins
April Lemmon
Amanda & Eli Mark
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Meredith
VeeAnn Rice
Hengil Rodriguez
Shannon Schorlemmer
Dana Wells
Kim & Kevin Wilson (Stix-N-Rig'n)
Ramaseshu Yaddanapudi
Ana Maria Vidal
MEKONG Precision Works

Mike Sniezak
 Jerry Simoneaux
 Blake Landry
 Bob & Donna, in honor of their grandsons
 Tim Moore
 Paula McCoy
 Barbara White
 Anne Bernay
 Roger Stram
 Howard Loeser
 Kathie Gentry
 Jerry Boldra

Vessel Owners Who Supported us in 2014

We are very grateful that we have been able to expand our program to more participants and sail more often because of the generous efforts of the following owners, who are listed with the names of their vessels. Their support is invaluable.

Vessel	Owner
Blue Marlin III	Dave McCabe
Heeling Grace	Steve Black
Hours Together	Burney & Kathy Lee R-
Escape	Ken Gallia
Second Wind	Mary Morgan
Stardust	Mike Smith
Paradise	Jim Blanchard
Soulmate	Dan Doke & Dawn McGee
Antares	Ruben Koene
FantaSea	Landry's - Kemah Boardwalk
Waltzing Matilda	Steve & Bron Lee
Fresh Aire	Gene & Mary Lou Wallin
Eazee	Zee & Earl Shipp
Carrie Michelle	Howard & Stephanie Loeser
Jo-Sea	Max & Jo Ann Luttgaharm
Traveling Star	John Allison
Five O'Clock	Pedro Filipowsky
ZPlay II	Gaye Lynn & Stuart Zarrow
Tradewind	Jerry Simoneaux & Christopher Bown
Spirit	Russ & Carol Burchfield
Sea Gypsy	Bill Jenko

Volunteers Made Everything Possible in 2014!

We could not provide this wonderful experience without the incredible support of the 92 individuals who volunteered their time as crew members or lent their time and expertise to our organization in 2014!

Charles Adam	Manny Alaniz	Jennifer Allen
John Allison	Peggy Allison	Gustavo Amezaga
Carol Baran	Steve Black	Charles Blacknall

Jim Blanchard	Jerry Boldra	Sharlene Bozeman
Christopher Bown	Pres Broussard	Pat Brown
Jeff Carls	Donna Carnahan	Marion Chlebana
Becky Clausen	Tammy Conklin	Doug Day
June Dempsey	Capt. Dan Doke	Ken Gallia
Dan Galloway	Steve Gammill	Rebeka Garcia
Kathy Gentry	James Grant	Michael Jacob
Bruce Jansen	Tiffany Henderson	Marion Herndon
Patty Hicks	Bob Hughes	Debbie Hughes
Heather Hughes	Holly Hughes	Spencer Hughes
Bill Jenko	Carolyn Jenko	Capt. Ruben Koene
Patty Lanum	Bron Lee	Burney Lee
Kathy Lee	Steve Lee	Debbie Leturno
Richard Leturno	Howard Loeser	Max Luttgaharm
Jo Ann Luttgaharm	Capt. Dave McCabe	Marge McCabe
Debbie McCarthy	Daniel McCoy	Paula McCoy
Dawn McGee	Marie McKnight	Wes McNeely
Mary Morgan	Nate Mullin	Leticia Nelson
John Nesvadba	Ben Pagati	Christina Pathos
Aimee Pickett	Kelah Raymond	Maria Revell
Liz Rocha	Orlando Saenz	Earl Shipp
Zenia ("Zee") Shipp	Jerry Simoneaux	Eric Sly
Michelle Smith	Capt. Mike Smith	Marsha Song
Lisa Sostack	Roger Stram	Ron Swatzna
Capt. Jim Thompson	Herb Treuil	Christie Viands
Franklin Viola	Gene Wallin	Mary Lou Wallin
Barbara White	Sue Winkler	Shari Wynd
Gaye Lynn Zarrow	Stewart Zarrow	

Thank you for supporting our mission!
We hope to see everyone out sailing soon.

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