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Pegasus Project Completes Three Booster Voyages

The Pegasus completed three after-school voyages on November 29 and 30 and December 5 with Berkeley Boosters from Rosa Parks Elementary School and Martin Luther King Middle School in Berkeley. While aboard, the youth visited the bowsprit, acted as lookout, sat on the "Royal Seat" at the bowsprit, and took the helm. They listened to the Bay with their eyes closed, and learned about tides, currents, vessels transiting the Bay, and the Berkeley pier.

Pegasus crew included Captains Paul Kassatkin, Mark Caplin, and Peter Hayes; and crew Marena Drlik, Hans Kristensen, Sandra Marquardt, Jim Gaebe, Kathy Corliss, Khadija Pierce, Toni Weingarten, Christine Albertsen, Bill Gunn, Paul Marbury.

October 27, 2000

Hut Foundation Makes Grant to Pegasus Project

The San Francisco-based Hut Foundation has awarded the Pegasus Project a grant to support taking youth-at-risk and school children onto San Francisco Bay.

The funds will be used to support both during- and after-school voyages in the first half of 2001 and overnight voyages during summer 2001.

August 25, 2000

Sierra Club and Northern California Grantmakers Support Pegasus Project

Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation Youth in Wilderness program have awarded a grant to support the Pegasus Project's summer program.

Through the Youth in Wilderness Project, the Sierra Club seeks to expand opportunities for low-income youth in California to experience wilderness and nature firsthand.

The Pegasus Project has also been supported this year by theNorthern California Grantmakers Association summer youth grants program.

August 11, 2000

Zekos Family Thanks Pegasus Crew and Volunteers
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Chris Zekos and his mother Marta Zekos held a barbecue at their home in Richmond on August 6 to thank crew and volunteers of the Pegasus Project for their support in funding the first annual Pegasus-Sea Education Association award. The award enables Chris to attend the summer 2000 Science at Sea program run by the Sea Education Association (SEA) in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

Chris presented Pegasus crew with mounted photographs he took underway aboard the Pegasus, and Captain Bill Proctor responded on behalf of the crew by presenting Chris with a bearing compass for use on the SEA tall ship.

July 28, 2000

SF Chronicle: Pegasus Kids "On Top of World"

Kids participating in the Nautilus Institute's Pegasus Project feel "on top of the world," according to a feature story in the San Francisco Chronicle July 7, 2000.

Chronicle reporter Benjamin Pimentel joined students from Rosa Parks Elementary School on a sail aboard the Institute's 51-foot wooden sailing vessel.

The story also covered a similar program aboard another vessel, the Nehemiah, with Richmond High School students.

June 23, 2000

Rosa Parks Fifth Graders Complete Pegasus Voyage

Twenty-two fifth grade students from Rosa Parks Elementary School in Berkeley completed a Discovery Bay Voyage aboard Pegasus on May 22. At the safety briefing, one student asked if the Pegasus was haunted! At the debriefing after the voyage, most students said that their favorite moment was sitting on the bowsprit flying above the waves. The Pegasus crew was Paul Kassatkin, Peter Hayes, Jim Gaebe, Tom Jeremiason, Bill Gunn, Rich Kambak, and Kathy Corliss of the Berkeley Boosters who organized the trip. A second Rosa Parks fifth grade class completed their voyage on June 6th.

April 14, 2000

Schools Complete Pegasus Curriculum Work

The Alta Vista School in Auburn, California posted photos of their voyage on Pegasus on March 22 on their own web site titled "Ships Ahoy! Our Voyage on Pegasus." The class teacher, Melody Thomasson, created the web site.

Berkeley's Willard School class who voyaged on Pegasus on March 16 have completed classwork on their experience. Students completed theme-cards, such as shown above. The Pegasus Project offers an on-line curriculum called Virtual Voyage.

April 7, 2000

Jefferson Fifth Graders Discover San Francisco Bay

Two groups of Jefferson Elementary School fifth-grade students led by teacher Robert Murray boarded Pegasus on April 4th for a Discovery Day sail in the East Bay. The wind was light but steady, and students saw an excellent tidal boundary near the Berkeley Pier, and one marine mammal during the sail. All students visited the bowsprit and were safely tethered to the boat, as can be seen in the photo. "Way cool," said one of the girls as she came back into the cockpit. Crew included Captain Bill Proctor, Christine Albertsen, James Fredrikson, Peter Hayes, and Patty Donald.

March 24, 2000

Alta Vista Fifth Grade Class Braves the Bay

In a strong westerly breeze, about 25 students, teachers and a few parents braved San Francisco Bay in bright sunlight on March 22 aboard Pegasus. The students rotated around the vessel, including the bowsprit. They listened for natural and human-made sounds, saw current boundaries, and learned why the Pegasus can't tip over when the wind blows hard and the hull heels sharply to leeward. The fifth grade class drove from Auburn east of Sacramento early in the morning to board Pegasus for the day. One marine mammal--a harbor seal--was sighted. The land group shouted "Ship Ahoy!" from the Berkeley pier as Pegasus passed by, while the sailing group yelled back "Land Ho!" Pegasus crew included Jim Gaebe, Mark Caplin, Bill Proctor, Christine Albertsen, Peter Hayes and Shorebird Nature Center's Patty Donald.

March 10, 2000

Jefferson K5 Class Discovers Bay Aboard Pegasus

Twenty four K5 students from Jefferson School in Berkeley completed a Discovery Day voyage on the Pegasus on March 7th. The Shorebird Nature Center's Denise Brown conducted at the land school of the Cal Sailing Club. Students rotated around the vessel and out onto the bowsprit. They learned about listening at-sea, tidal currents, and the local history of landfill and the Berkeley pier. Most wore the cold-weather gloves recently donated by Stearns to keep warm in the bitter southerly wind. At the end of the voyage, the students inspected the vessel below decks, including the galley, head, navstation, engine room, and sleeping quarters. Captain Bill Proctor, Jim Gaebe, Christine Albertsen, Tom Jeremiason, Peter Hayes, and Patty Donald from the Shorebird Nature Center crewed the voyage.

March 3, 2000

Teachers, Volunteers Complete Training for School Discovery Days Aboard Pegasus

Teachers, volunteers, and Pegasus crew completed a teacher training on February 26th for the forthcoming Spring sailing program of the Pegasus Project. The training was conducted by Patty Donald and Denise Brown, staff of the Shorebird Nature Center one of the partners of the Pegasus Project. The training included a tour presented by Peter Hayes, Co-Director of Nautilus Institute, of the Virtual Voyage, the on-line curriculum of the Pegasus project, and a voyage on Pegasus in a squally southerly wind driving in a big winter storm. A training on the land school for students that is part of the Shorebird's curriculum was also held at the Cal Sailing Club. The sails with school students commence on March 7 and run through early June (see Pegasus schedule).

February 18, 2000

Pegasus Crew Completes First Aid and CPR TrainingOn January 22 and February 5, 2000, about twenty volunteers from thePegasus Project, the Shorebird Nature Center, and the Berkeley Boosters completed basic CPR and First Aid training under the direction of a Red Cross trainer, and Hypothermia Treatment training under the tutelage of Pegasus safety coordinator and paramedic Mark Caplin. The training was held at the Shorebird Nature Center in Berkeley and was designed to increase the safety level of youth sails on the Pegasus. The photo shows the group working on training dummies.

January 28, 2000

KTVU Features Pegasus Project

KTVU, the Bay Area Fox-TV affiliate (channel 2) broadcast a news documentary on the Pegasus Projecton January 22. The program featured interviews with teenage crew from the Berkeley Boosters, Pegasus crew, and Nautilus Co-Director Peter Hayes. The documentary was produced by students in the Broadcast and Electronic Communication Arts Department at San Francisco State University, directed by Jennifer Proulx.

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