

Fun and Education for Younger Sailors

Get to Know a Sailor!

Have you ever thought about learning how to sail? Did you know sailing could be more than just a hobby? For one young woman sailing is not just for fun, it's her full-time job. Let's take a minute to meet Maddy Eustis, the sailing director for the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association.

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How did you learn how to sail? I grew up sailing in the summertime on Cape Cod, Mass. I started sailing classes at the age of seven. In high school the tall ship HMS *Bounty* came to town, and I got to sail on it for a weekend. That's when I discovered I loved sailing big boats.

What would you tell kids who want to learn more about sailing? Ask lots of questions. Go down to the waterfront and look at the boats. Ask everyone you know, and maybe you'll get a chance to go out on the water.

What was your favorite subject in school? History. I love learning about all the people who lived before us and all the cool stuff they did.

What is your favorite thing to do at the Hyde Street Pier? Sailing on the scow schooner *Alma*.

Anything special you'd like us to know about you? I sailed around the world when I was 17.



Maddy Eustis

Interview a Sailor

What do you think of when you think of a sailor? A bearded old man with an eye patch and wooden leg? Have you ever met a sailor? For centuries, sailing was considered a man's job, but not anymore. Here on Hyde Street Pier, you'll find both men and women like Maddy working on our ships and sailing out on the bay. Maybe one day you will too!

While you tour the ships at Hyde Street Pier look for people wearing an arrowhead or volunteer patch on their sleeves.



Who are they? What are they doing? Try your own interview with these three questions:

1. What is your name? _____
2. What are you working on? _____
3. Where have you sailed? _____