

Call of the Sea Volunteer Profiles, November 2021

Mike Wing, Continued....

I've volunteered at COTS since May of 2021. I do plankton tows and teach about plankton, do manta trawls for marine microplastics, sing sea chanteys sometimes, talk with passenger and school groups, help out during summer camp, do a lot of sail handling and a little rigging maintenance.

My favorite thing is to go aloft on the foremast at the beginning of a sail to overhaul the buntlines, and to go aloft at the end of a sail to furl. Being aloft when the ship is sailing is just like having a flying dream, if you ever have those. I also enjoy sailing the *Seaward* during summer camp with elementary-school aged kids.

Volunteering here has taught me how to learn from sailors who are half my age, or even a third my age! I knew so little about sail handling and seamanship on tall ships when I started. Everyone on this crew is so professional - I'm pretty much the only one without previous tall ship experience. Everyone looks out for each other and helps each other, no matter what their age, gender or background is. The *Matthew Turner* is a good ship.

Heather Miller, Continued....

My wonderful friend, outrigger canoe paddle president and founder of our club, Maggie Hallahan, volunteered me for Call of the Sea at their first Sausalito arts festival in 2013. I went and I'm so glad I did:) I helped children and parents do treasure hunts, learn about different parts of the ship and spend an all-around amazing time with the Call of the Sea folks, just being part of bringing this ship to life. I, along with my teenage daughter, volunteered with Call of the Sea's Treasure Hunt at several Arts Festivals.

My favorite task is... whatever it takes to make this project happen! I love doing different things and challenging myself. I loved flipping burgers at Jazz & Blues by the Bay as well as helping out with the auction at our last fundraiser at the Bay Model. Of course being an ambassador on board for the various excursions on *Matthew Turner* is almost too good to be true. I love chatting with people, talking about the education opportunities and different aspects of *Matthew Turner* and Call of the Sea.

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