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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends of Los Angeles Maritime Institute,

I hope you and your loved ones are well and able to take a breath as the year comes to a close. As I take a pause myself and reflect on LAMI’s year, I am moved by a return to a robust new normal and filled with appreciation for your help in getting us here.

LAMI faced the formidable headwinds of COVID-19 in 2021 and remained mission-relevant, thanks to your steadfast support and motivation from witnessing the critical need for inspirational education during these difficult times.

Despite challenges, LAMI excelled in 2021 at delivering impactful educational experiences to young people. However, unlike any other year, LAMI primarily provided these lessons online to children while they attended school remotely. Although virtual, the instruction remained anchored in our unique active-learning TopSail educational philosophy and proved to be resoundingly engaging and inspiring. The positive impact of our teaching was likely more significant, given the isolation and educational void experienced by these children during the pandemic. Astoundingly, LAMI’s impact approximated that of a typical in-person year, delivering an impressive 13,806 educational experiences to 4,655 youth during LAMI’s 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Alongside delivering engaging education to thousands of children, LAMI used 2021 to ensure our sailing vessels were readied for at-sea education and adventure. Exy Johnson and Irving Johnson were repowered with new, lower-emission engines, and American Pride celebrated its 80th birthday with an extensive restoration haul-out. With in-person restrictions eased in the Spring, LAMI has returned to at-sea programming with summer camp voyages and TopSail school field trips this Fall.

While our virtual education was desperately needed and greatly appreciated, nothing compares to the transformational impact of at-sea experiential education. 2022 marks LAMI’s 30th anniversary of delivering life-affirming education to young people, and we are thrilled to be casting off dock-lines with children aboard once again. However, significant resources are required to provide this exceptional education. Please consider stretching your support for immersive and impactful educational adventures for all young people with an end-of-the-year donation to LAMI.

Together we can renew a child’s excitement for learning through extraordinary experiences aboard a tall ship! Thank you.

Fair Winds,

Bruce Heyman
Executive Director
WHO WE SERVE

Youth

BEFORE COVID (2019)

8,131 Educational experiences for 6,122 youth

OUR YEAR DURING COVID - VIRTUALLY

13,806 Educational experiences for 4,655 youth

Under-resourced youth are the primary focus of our programs.

Online Educator Resources
Virtual Voyage™

Students participate in enrichment courses and live virtual classroom visits to spark their interests.

Sea Scout TopSailors Ship 1992

LAMI Sea Scout Ship meets weekly for maritime skill building and sails on our brigantines.

TopSail Youth Program and TopSail STEM Program

Our signature highly interactive educational programs at-sea aboard our tall ships recognize the value of hands-on-learning. A TopSail voyage brings STEM subjects to life, promotes emotional maturity and leadership, and is an adventure a student will never forget!

Summer Camp

Get on board not bored! Tall Ship Island Adventure Sea Camps are the perfect way to explore nature and foster young people’s love of the ocean.

110K Youth served over 30 years

160+ School and youth groups served annually

95% Are from under-resourced communities

3,143 Volunteer hours (from last 12-months we sailed)
Community

OUTREACH & VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are our superpower! Without their dedication, LAMI would not grow and thrive. We hold monthly new volunteer orientations and training sails. To raise awareness of LAMI’s mission, we participate in numerous community events throughout the year. Come join us!

JUNETEENTH SAILS
This year, LAMI hosted a Juneteenth celebratory boat parade and provided introductory MYLA (Maritime Youth Leadership Ambassadors) sails to families as part of a Port of LA and Juneteenth 400 event. We look forward to an even bigger 2022 celebration.

FESTIVAL OF SAIL PRESENTED BY LAMI
This annual event takes place in conjunction with the U.S. Navy’s Fleet Week visit to San Pedro. For 2022, we will be back at the downtown harbor with tall ship tours, sails, and maritime skill demos. See you May 27th thru 30th!

EXPLORE THE COAST
Our popular monthly family focused eco-education bilingual sails offer hands-on experiments to teach ocean stewardship and the joy of being on the water.

WEEKEND WONDERS
A Children’s Maritime Institute program based in Long Beach, these events spark a love of the ocean and a chance to experience a tall ship up close through family fun activities with our crew of American Pride.
Swift of Ipswich Restoration

The pandemic slowed our restoration project but committed artisans and specialists continued with work on the wiring, rigging, figurehead, windows, main hatch, galley house, and painting. We are actively looking to be back in full restoration mode in 2022.

Replacement of Engines & Generators

LAMI replaced the engines of both brigantines with more efficient and environmentally-friendly options. In order to preserve LAMI jobs while coping with the financial impact of COVID-19, we chose to do the work in house.

Haul Outs

Haul outs were done on both Exy Johnson and American Pride in FY2021 with Irving Johnson slated for a December 2021 haul out.

Next up, new sails for the brigantines!
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Operating Revenue

- South Coast AQMD (Ship Engines) $404,800
- Programs $324,779
- Foundations $262,225
- Private Donations $246,611
- COVID-19 Relief Grants $188,231
- Other CA State funding $48,340

Total Revenue $1,474,986

During the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2021

Operating Expenses

- Program Expenses $1,221,874
- Admin Expenses $126,459
- Fundraising $91,728

Total Expenses $1,440,061
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