

Dear Sea Star Base Galveston Member,

It is with a very heavy heart that we announce the difficult decision to cancel Sea Star Base Galveston's 2020 Summer Camp and Program Season, including programs such as Schooner Sundays and Wednesday night races, until August 31st.

As you know, the Coronavirus pandemic has had a profound impact globally, nationally, and locally, and will continue to pose significant health challenges into the foreseeable future. Like organizations around the country, we never envisioned this scenario and are saddened by its devastating effect on so many – including those within the circle of our Sea Star Base Galveston (SSBG) community. The decision to close programs this summer, ultimately, was driven by safety, science, and the well-being of staff, volunteers, and, most of all, our members.

For our members and volunteers, we understand this news is disappointing. We know that in addition to the stress of the situation, not having access to our facilities, and your connection to your friends is something you have missed. As we have communicated to you before, all members will have their membership deadlines extended to account for SSBG being closed due to the Coronavirus. The closure covers all of March and now through August. So, if your annual membership ends in June, it will be extended for six months. If you have any questions, issues, or concerns involving your membership, please contact Holly Alexander at halexander@ssbgalveston.org or 409.572.2560.

We are incredibly grateful for our connections with staff, members, volunteers, families, and program participants. As soon as we can safely do so, Sea Star Base Galveston will reopen its programs to our members! The Board of Director's informed decision leaves room for creative onsite options that more easily supports social distancing.

SSBG will continue to stay up to date on regional, state, and national Covid-19 guidelines; we will update programs and facilities to adhere to those guidelines.

We are already counting the days to when the wind can fill our sails again.

On behalf of everyone at Sea Star Base Galveston, we wish you and your family health and happiness this summer.

Glenn Urbach, LMSW
Executive Director
Sea Star Base Galveston