



Background

The World Ocean School was incorporated in April 2002 by Dwight Deckelmann and Abby Kidder as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Camden, Maine. In September 2002, the schooner *Roseway*, a U.S. National Historic Landmark, was donated to the World Ocean School to serve as the program platform.

After an 18-month restoration of the ship, the World Ocean School embarked on their maiden voyage to the Great Lakes in summer 2005. This voyage was a training run for the ship as well as an opportunity to build support and exposure for the developing School. May 2006 saw the relocation of *Roseway* and the World Ocean School to Boston, Massachusetts, where program development continued as *Roseway* was opened to the public for the summer season. In the fall, *Roseway* made her way to the U.S. Virgin Islands, where she began her work with local youth groups and established a winter home port.

Today, *Roseway* serves Virgin Islands public school students during the winter and spring seasons from Christiansted, St. Croix. During the summer and fall, she operates from her home port of Boston, carrying out educational programs for the city's diverse mix of students. The World Ocean School's head office is located in Camden, Maine.

What We Do

World Ocean School on *Roseway*, creates and provides a method of experiential education at sea that affords teenage students a practical application for their studies as well as cultivating teamwork, community service, environmental responsibility, and cross-cultural friendships so that they gain insight into becoming empowered, motivated, and engaged citizens. We fulfill our mission aboard the historic schooner *Roseway* by providing:

- A **Maritime Studies Program** for middle school students in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, integrating their core curriculum standards of math, science, history, and language arts into sail-training and teambuilding
- **Maritime Expedition Programs** in the Virgin Islands for middle- and high-school student groups sailing between ports and engaging them in community service and sail-training
- A **Summer Ambassador Program** that offers teenage students from around the world a chance to spend 18 days at sea in the U.S. Northeast, participating in community service projects and developing and studying local history, communications, and ecology along the way
- **Day sails and charters** that provide revenue to support the educational activities of the organization by offering adults and youth the experience of sailing aboard a National Historic Landmark ship

