



Management Staff and Board of Directors



Captain Dwight Deckelmann, Marine Operations Director and Co-founder. Dwight started the World Ocean School out of a desire to use the sea as a way to teach students about responsibility and community building. With a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Principia College, in Alton, Illinois, Dwight has spent many years building boats, performing yacht deliveries, and expanding his knowledge of marine ecology and navigation. As a self-taught sailor, Dwight is passionate about education and learning. With his tremendous skills in carpentry

and design, as well as his contacts throughout the marine world, Dwight managed the restoration of *Roseway* in 2002. Serving as *Roseway*'s full-time captain, he holds a 100-ton U.S. Coast Guard Captain's License and continues to teach on board as well as oversee the maintenance and operation of *Roseway*.



Abby E. Kidder, M.A., Executive Director and Co-founder. Abby Kidder started the World Ocean School while working at the Institute for Global Ethics in Camden, Maine, where she joined the staff in 1990. Holding a master's degree in Human Ecology and Environmental Ethics from College of the Atlantic, she has authored a secondary-school curriculum titled *How Big is Your Backyard? An Ethics-Based Approach to Environmental Decision Making*, published by the Institute in 2001. As a certified trainer for the Institute, she organized seminars for teachers in the United States and abroad, presented widely to educators using the Institute's curricular materials, designed new products and services, and

worked directly with teachers, administrators, and students. In 2001 she left the Institute to co-found the World Ocean School. With her passion for experiential education, she spends much her time overseeing the day to day administration of the school, fund-raising and building long-term capacity for the organization. When not on board the ship, Abby lives in Boston.



Eden Leonard, Education Director. Eden joined the World Ocean School as the Education Coordinator in September 2009 and quickly made her way to the top. With a degree in Chemistry from the University of Puget Sound and raised in the farm country of Silverton, Oregon, Eden had a lot of on-the-job training. Before joining World Ocean School, she was a Bioanalytical chemist in 2005, a high-school and university Chemistry and Math tutor for three years, and adjunct faculty in the mathematics department at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Oregon for a year. Her first few weeks with World Ocean School, she sailed from Boston

to St. Croix and learned quickly what living at sea was all about. With a love for the outdoors, teaching, and a background in working with kids in experiential settings, Eden took on the education programs in St. Croix with a lot of energy and focus. She now directs the World Ocean School's education programs which include not only those in St. Croix, but also the summer programs in New England. When not on board, Eden calls Oregon home.



Captain Tom Ryan, Educator and Captain. Tom grew up sailing the waters of New England with his father and mother, and then started racing turnabouts, eventually moving up to 420's, and then on to the cruising class. It wasn't long before he fell in love with schooners and purchased his own 50 ft schooner in 2004 named *St Brendan*, and in 2005 sailed his schooner south. Tom lived aboard and chartered the vessel for a winter season in the Virgin Islands and then returned to New England to operate private charters aboard *St. Brendan* in Boston. In 2006 he was hired by the World Ocean School to serve as a part time chief mate aboard *Roseway*--a job which quickly turned in to full-time captain. He has sailed *Roseway* ever since and now serves as one of her primary captains and educators. He holds a USCG 500-ton oceans license with a number of endorsements.



Elizabeth B. Silverio, Executive Assistant and Office Manager. Betcie is an office generalist of the most diverse kind. She has worked for an assortment of non-profits with responsibilities ranging from Executive Assistant (including interface with board of directors) to Office Manager. Among other work, she has worked for a publishing house as an editor's personal assistant; a PBS television series as Business Manager, involving event planning; and a rare-breed preservation farm with administrative, bookkeeping and desk-top publishing tasks. Most recently, Betcie owned her own public relations and administrative outsourcing business before her daughter was

born. She has a BA in Communications from Principia College in Illinois and taught English as a second language in Taiwan. Working from the head World Ocean School office in Camden, Maine she is known as "Base-camp Betcie." She lives with her husband and daughter in Lincolnville, Maine.

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