



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 her new home port.

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

Mission

The World Ocean School is an internationally focused, nonprofit, nonsectarian organization dedicated to providing challenging educational programs by fostering an appreciation for and obligation to community and relationships, developing a deep commitment to ethical values, and cultivating an expanded worldview.

We fulfill our mission aboard the historic schooner *Roseway* by providing:

- A **Maritime Studies Program** for seventh-grade students in St. Croix, USVI, integrating their core curriculum standards of math, science, history, and language arts into sail training and teambuilding
- An **Offshore Expedition Program** for eighth-grade students in St. Croix, USVI, taking students on overnight trips and building on the skills developed during the seventh-grade program
- A **Summer Ambassador Program** that offers high school 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