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VIEWS FROM THE DECK

“My favorite part of the program was every part! . . . I will tell [my friends] that it’s a ship that you have fun on and you do a lot of work—fun work. I will tell them to try the program because it is the best program to do.”

—Student from Elena Christian
 Junior High School, St. Croix

“I learned about the trade winds and compasses, and I learned the parts of the boat. I would tell my friends that the *Roseway* program is like having fun, but just on a boat. They have wonderful people on it.”

—Student from Arthur Richards
 Junior High School, St. Croix

“The hardest part of the program for me was saying goodbye. The *Roseway* is fun and it’s a great experience.”

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Andrew delivers lessons in seamanship on the *Roseway* foredeck to students from St. Croix public schools

“Just wanted to thank you and the crew of *Roseway* for a wonderful sail. It was, without a doubt, one of the most memorable times that we have had since coming to St. Croix. Everyone should experience what the *Roseway* has to offer. Thanks again for a great afternoon.”

—Henry P., day-sail passenger
 February 2009

WORLD OCEAN SCHOOL UNDER WAY



Roseway sails St. Croix's inner passage on a winter afternoon

Our third year in St. Croix is under way and World Ocean School has never been so busy. Our stellar crew is working 12-hour days to serve *Roseway's* growing number of constituents. This year, the junior high school program has taken off again, with partial funding from a federal grant to the Virgin Islands Department of Education. Increasing our student reach from 300 last year to 625 this year keeps us on our toes. Additionally, we've launched an overnight weekend program for last year's students, now in eighth grade, who take their learning to the next level on a round-trip sail from St. Croix to St. John. Two programs will serve 24 students this year in a pilot program funded by Hovensa, St. Croix's oil refinery. To top it all off, we still spend all of our sunset hours offering evening sails to the general public. In fact, *Roseway* has become one of St. Croix's most popular activities for island visitors. Three daily sails—sometimes totaling 75 passengers ranging in age from 10 to 80, along with happy students and visitors—build strong arms, hearty appetites, and a sense that our work is worthwhile.

COME SAIL AWAY . . .

Roseway's offshore voyage from St. Croix to Boston with a stopover in Bermuda, May 16–June 1, is filling up! If you'd like to join us, visit us at www.worldoceanschool.org for the details.

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BOSTON, HERE WE COME!

In May, *Roseway* will say goodbye to the loving and energetic community of St. Croix and return north for the summer season, where we will be busy with a wide array of activities. With the exception of our 2009 Summer Ambassador Program, which will run for three weeks in July and travel from Boston to Halifax, the summer's focus is "School by Day, Events by Night." Now that Boston is *Roseway's* official summer home port, it's time to focus on building and developing our educational programming for inner-city youth. This summer, we'll begin this process and launch new efforts to generate revenue for our programs by rigorously marketing *Roseway* as Boston's most authentic and exquisite event venue. You can help World Ocean School in this new endeavor by:

- Connecting us to potential corporate and individuals sponsors to support our educational programs in Boston
- Recommending accessible and permanent dockage that can accommodate *Roseway* for her summer months in Boston
- Putting us in touch with inner-city youth groups, camps, schools, and community centers seeking additional educational outlets for the summer
- Spreading the word among Boston friends and colleagues about *Roseway's* availability for private charters, including evening events and dockside parties

Thank you—and don't forget to join us for Tall Ships 2009 in Boston from July 8–12 and in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from July 16–21.



Roseway at rest dockside in Boston

THE PIRATES' BALL

If you missed the second annual fundraiser for the World Ocean School, held in St. Croix on January 10, be sure to join us next year. This year's sold-out event, the Pirates' Ball was one to be remembered! "This was the best event I've ever been to on St. Croix," said one of the guests, decked out in sparkling evening wear. World Ocean School raised \$25,000 through the auction and ticket sales, which in these hard times is more than we had hoped for. Our thanks to the St. Croix community for their strong support!



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