



The schooner *Westward* is a 125', steel, two-masted staysail schooner. *Westward* is inspected by the United States Coast Guard and American Bureau of Shipping as a Sailing School Vessel, and certified for international ocean voyages. Although authentic in rig and construction, *Westward* is supplied with modern safety and navigation equipment. Modeled after a North Sea pilot schooner and built in Germany in 1961 as a private yacht, *Westward* is a veteran of multiple world voyages with a long career in education under sail.



Ocean Classroom Foundation is a non-profit educational organization that provides programs of sea education and adventure for the youth of America aboard the schooners *Harvey Gamage*, *Spirit of Massachusetts* and *Westward*. Ocean Classroom is a leader in experiential education, with award-winning programs sailing from the Canadian Maritimes to the Caribbean Sea.



National Maritime Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting America's maritime heritage. NMHS publishes *Sea History* magazine as a vehicle for disseminating information about maritime history and as a forum for marine museums, preservation projects, sail training and marine art news. NMHS is active in the field of historic ship preservation and maritime heritage education and research.



Mystic Seaport – The Museum of America and the Sea is the nation's leading maritime museum. A non-profit educational organization, the Museum is home to four National Historic Landmark vessels, including the *Charles W. Morgan*, the last wooden whaleship in the world.



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OceanBound for History 2006

A continuing education program
for active middle school and high school
American history teachers.





Program Faculty: OceanBound for History is a collaboration of the Ocean Classroom Foundation, the National Maritime Historical Society and Mystic Seaport. The design and implementation of the academic program will be led by:

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Sailing the coastal and offshore waters of southern New England aboard the schooner *Westward*, teachers will discover the fundamental importance of maritime history to the teaching of American history. The ship will make port stops that are relevant to discussions and explorations of maritime history with curriculum focusing on how maritime history and the maritime experience played an important role in the overall development of the United States. Hands-on activities and direct exploration are combined with formal readings and discussions to give teachers a unique and powerful understanding of maritime history. Concepts in experiential education will be explored and discussed, enabling teachers to apply these insights in their own classrooms.

Teachers will be full participants in the life and operation of the ship, gaining personal insight into shipboard culture, hierarchy and work. Under the continual guidance of the professional crew, teachers will learn the skills and arts of traditional seafaring and try their hand at traditional navigation methods used in the age of sail.

Schedule: August 7, Mystic, CT - August 13, Mystic, CT

Participation: OceanBound for History is open to active teachers of American history at the middle and high school level. Up to 23 teacher-participants will be accepted through a competitive application process. OceanBound for History is a physically active, fully participatory program. In addition to academic activities, seafaring activities (including standing watch) are an integral part of the program. While physical fitness, mobility and general good health are important, no previous seafaring experience is required, and participants need not be athletes to succeed.

As part of the program requirements, participants are expected to develop a maritime history curricular module for use in their classroom, and to provide a copy to Ocean Classroom.

Costs: OceanBound for History is offered free of charge to middle school and high school American history teachers. Room, board and instruction are included. Boarding and disembarkation are in Mystic, CT. Participants are expected to arrange and pay for their own transportation to and from the ship. There is a \$95 processing fee due upon acceptance by Ocean Classroom Foundation.

Application: For application materials please contact Ocean Classroom, 800-724-7245, mail@oceanclassroom.org.

