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Class Afloat Sails to Bermuda Aboard the Majestic Tall Ship Sørlandet

HAMILTON, March 18, 2014 – After 7 months at sea, 40 Class Afloat students will be arriving in Bermuda on March 19, 2014 aboard the majestic tall ship SS Sørlandet, the world’s oldest operating fully-rigged tall ship.

With the guidance of a dedicated team of academic faculty and professional mariner crew, high school and university students from Canada, USA, Mexico, Germany, Switzerland, Norway and South Africa set sail in August 2013 from Ontario, Canada on the voyage of a lifetime. Students attend classes aboard the Sørlandet, while sailing to over 20 ports of call on 4 continents where they experience local cultural traditions, visit historic sites, participate in voluntary service projects and engage in exciting outdoor activities. Among other ports, this year’s itinerary has included visits to the Azores, Spain, Morocco, Canary Islands, Senegal, Cabo Verde, Barbados, Curacao, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic and Cuba.

The school will be visiting Bermuda from March 19 – 23, with the ship docking adjacent to the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club in downtown Hamilton. “Class Afloat has a long history of visiting Bermuda and we have many Bermudian alumni. Our current students are looking forward to being part of this tradition,” says Shipboard Director, Megan MacLeod. “Highlights of our stay will include kite-making with the Bermuda National Trust, a trip to Horseshoe Bay, and a football match with students from Saltus Academy,” she added.

Upon departure from Bermuda, the Sørlandet’s voyage continues with a 24-day Atlantic Crossing to France, Scotland and Amsterdam, before arriving in Kristiansand, Norway in May where a graduation ceremony will celebrate the completion of the students’ incredible nine-month voyage of adventure and learning.

Class Afloat welcomes applications from students worldwide. Spaces are available for the 2014/15 school year. More information about Class Afloat is available at www.classafloat.com.

About Class Afloat and the Sørlandet

The Sørlandet is a 210-foot Class A fully-rigged tall ship built in Norway in 1927 and recently fully-restored. The oldest operating fully-rigged tall ship in the world, Sørlandet sails with a professional mariner crew of ten. Nine months of the year it is a home and classroom for Class Afloat- West Island College International, a private school offering fully accredited senior high school and university programs while sailing to over 20 ports on four continents. Class Afloat is based in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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