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Canadian School Launches Academic Year in London Aboard the Majestic Tall Ship Gulden Leeuw

LONDON, September 12, 2014 – Students from Canada’s experiential education programme, Class Afloat, are in London September 10 - 13, 2014 to begin their incredible school year aboard the majestic 230’ tall ship Gulden Leeuw. The students will depart for an exceptional, adventure-filled 9-month school year at sea. Members of the public are welcome to attend the grand departure on September 13, 2014 at 11 am from the Royal Arsenal Pier, Woolwich.

Fifty-nine high school and university students from 9 countries will set sail from London on the voyage of a lifetime. These Class Afloat students will attend classes aboard their tall ship while sailing to over 20 ports of call on 4 continents. They will experience local cultural traditions, visit historic sites, participate in voluntary service projects and engage in unique outdoor activities. The 2014-15 itinerary will include 2 Atlantic Ocean crossings and visits to ports in Europe, the Mediterranean, Africa, the Caribbean and South and Central America.

“We work to provide the best in 21st century education to our students. This year we are celebrating Class Afloat’s 30th year with a full crew of students and a new ship – the beautiful Dutch Class A schooner Gulden Leeuw,” says David Jones, CEO. “We are looking forward to launching this unique school year in London, with its rich heritage in maritime activity,” he added.

Class Afloat welcomes applications from students worldwide. The school is accepting applications for the 2015-16 academic year, and there is limited space still available for Semester 2, running from January – May 2015. More information about Class Afloat is available at www.classafloat.com.

About Class Afloat and the Gulden Leeuw

The 230-foot long Class A ship Gulden Leeuw is a three-mast topsail schooner. The Dutch flagged ship has a classic design hull from 1937, but was completely redesigned and rebuilt in 2010 for sail training purposes. She sails with a professional mariner crew of seven. Nine months of the year the Gulden Leeuw 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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