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Class Afloat school ship SS Sørlandet to visit Barbados

BRIDGETOWN, April 10, 2013 - Class Afloat's majestic tall ship SS Sørlandet, the world's oldest operating fully rigged tall ship will be sailing into Bridgetown, Barbados on April 22 after sailing an impressive 3000 nautical miles from Ascension Island in the South Atlantic.

Fifty-one students in grades 11, 12 and first year university set sail in September, 2012 from Istanbul, Turkey on a voyage that has included ports of call in Greece, Malta, France, Portugal, Morocco, Senegal, Canary Islands, Brazil, South Africa, Namibia, Saint Helena and Ascension Island.

"The students are looking forward to coming ashore in Barbados. Highlights of their stay will be a tour of St. Nicholas Abbey, snorkelling in Carlisle Bay and indulging in local the cuisine," says Christine Malony, Port Programming Coordinator.

Following her visit to Barbados, the Sørlandet will sail to the Caribbean and then on to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada where a graduation ceremony will mark the end of the nine month voyage of adventure and learning.

The iconic Sørlandet is a 210 foot Class A fully rigged tall ship was built in Norway in 1927 as a sail training ship for the merchant marine. She now sails the world's oceans as home to Class Afloat, a private Canadian school offering fully accredited senior high school and university programs. Spaces are still available for the 2013/2014 academic year.

Following the graduation ceremony in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia the Sørlandet will participate in the Tall Ships Challenge® Great Lakes 2013. Class Afloat will operate all ages sail training programs and Youth Leadership Expeditions throughout the summer months while sailing to 11 American and Canadian ports all around the five Great Lakes.

For more information about Class Afloat: www.classafloat.com

For more information about Sørlandet in the Tall Ships Challenge® Great Lakes 2013: www.sailtall.ca

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