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Class Afloat announces a \$15,000.00 young sailor scholarship

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia – *Class Afloat* has established the Class Afloat ‘Young Sailor Scholarship’ to assist two students - endorsed by their sailing school, sail training program or yacht club - to participate in an extraordinary educational experience—attending high school while ocean sailing aboard a majestic square-rigged tall ship.

Class Afloat offers young people a unique journey of education and personal discovery. For nine months, students live, study and sail aboard *The Sørlandet*, a fully restored 210 foot 1927 Class ‘A’ square-rigged tall ship. “The scholarship recognises the personal development value of sailing shared by Class Afloat, sailing schools and yacht clubs across Canada and now around the world. We are helping a young sailor experience one of the world’s ultimate education and sailing experiences” said Class Afloat President David Jones.

The voyage will take students to 17 countries, 21 ports call, on five continents and include volunteer service projects in Senegal and the Dominican Republic. Through the course of the voyage, the young sailors become part of a close knit international community of like-minded peers, sharing experiences, developing leadership skills and making friendships that will last for lifetime.

The students are guided and supported on their journey by a team of professionals - experienced and passionate teachers, and a crew of fully qualified mariners.

Over 1500 students have taken part in Class Afloat’s “blue water high school” since it was founded twenty-eight years ago. The school is based in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada and is fully accredited by the province’s Ministry of Education to grant high school credits and matriculate high school graduates. Class Afloat university students are enrolled with Acadia University.

The Class Afloat Young Sailor Scholarship will be awarded to one young Canadian sailor and one International sailor who best demonstrate the values of excellence, integrity, community, teamwork, accountability, respect, commitment and achievement in his or her academic and sailing life. More information is available at www.classafloat.com