



## **Tall Ship Sørlandet and Class Afloat Arrive in Quebec City**

*Lunenburg Nova Scotia, Sept 15, 2013*

The majestic Norwegian 210-foot tall ship SS Sørlandet arrived in Quebec City this weekend with its crew of forty-five high school and University students.

Class Afloat, Canada's leading experiential education programme, is a Canadian high school based in Lunenburg Nova Scotia. Class Afloat, now in its 30th year, teaches a nine month programme of grade 11,12 and CEGEP courses aboard the tall ship SS Sørlandet while sailing to 23 ports of call on 4 continents. This diverse group of students (60% Canadian and 40% international) will discover the cultural heritage of Quebec for four days before sailing to The Azores, Lisbon, Agadir Morocco, and Dakar Senegal then heading back across the Atlantic and through the Caribbean and cross again to Europe for their graduation in the Sørlandet's home port Kristiansand Norway in May 2014.

"Three weeks into their school year the students are fully capable of sailing the ship under the direction of our professional tall ship mariners. They take a full high school and university programme while sailing the ship, but the main learning comes from living and exploring the world in a close community of trusted peers that become friends for life" said David Jones, President of Class Afloat, West Island College International.

The ship is docked at the cruise terminal on Dalhousie St and Interested media are invited to visit the ship to meet our crew on Monday Sept 16th, 09.00hrs to 10.00hrs or 15.00hrs to 15.30hrs and by appointment when possible at another time. Our faculty and students (French and English speaking) will be pleased to talk to media representatives in Quebec City.

Class Afloat would like to note the support received from Rendez-Vous naval de Québec, organizers of a massive tall ship festival in Quebec City in 2017, for the encouragement support they have given to Class Afloat and the Sørlandet on their visit to Quebec City. Contact: Jacques Beauchesne

### **About the Sørlandet and Class Afloat**

The Sørlandet is a 210 foot Class "A" square-rigged tall ship built in 1927. 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 home and a classroom for Class Afloat – a private school offering fully accredited senior high school and university programs while sailing to 23 ports on four continents. Class Afloat is based in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada. Spaces are available for the 2014 school year.

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More information on Class Afloat: [www.classafloat.com](http://www.classafloat.com)

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