



Learn • Sail • Discover

YOUR PASSPORT TO EDUCATION



ABOUT



Founded in 1984, Class Afloat is one of the world's leading experiential education opportunities.

Class Afloat offers internationally acclaimed high school, university and gap year programs to students as they sail aboard a historic tall ship and explore over 20 ports of call worldwide. Setting high standards for academic excellence, community service, leadership and personal development, Class Afloat offers rigorous academic programs for grade 11, 12, 1st year university and gap year students.

Over the last 30 years, more than 1800 Class Afloat students have had the experience of a lifetime, developing as individuals, excelling as global citizens, forging lifelong friendships and exploring the world.

Follow our students as they sail around the world! Sign up for our monthly newsletter on our homepage and connect with us on social media.

Visit our YouTube page to tour the ship, listen to parent and student testimonials, and watch hours of exciting footage from our adventures at sea.



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LEARN



Spend a high school, university or gap year exploring new cultures, volunteering overseas, earning academic credits and making friends from around the world.

- Sail to 20 ports of call on 4 continents aboard a majestic tall ship
 - Take part in port programs that include historic and cultural excursions, participate in home stay and volunteer service projects
 - Accelerate personal development in a shipboard environment, master responsibility, accountability, independence, teamwork, good judgement, self-confidence and leadership skills
 - Engage in sensible, sensitive and sustainable practices, understand your role as a global citizen
 - Acquire a 21st century international education experience
- Earn grade 11, 12 or 1st year university credits, graduate as a Class Afloat student or transfer credits to your home school or university
 - Benefit from small classes tailored to meet the learning needs of each student
 - Choose from a list of courses that spark your interest and motivate you to learn
 - Engage in hands on learning, follow a curriculum grounded in experiential learning and theory
 - Strengthen your university applications with international experience, quality academics and leadership skills

Class Afloat is a proud partner of Acadia University and a Quebec Ministry of Education approved partner of Cégep Marie-Victorin



ACADIA
UNIVERSITY

SAIL



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

The Gulden Leeuw (Golden Lion) is a three-masted topsail schooner.

YEAR BUILT:
1937, fully restored and relaunched in 2010

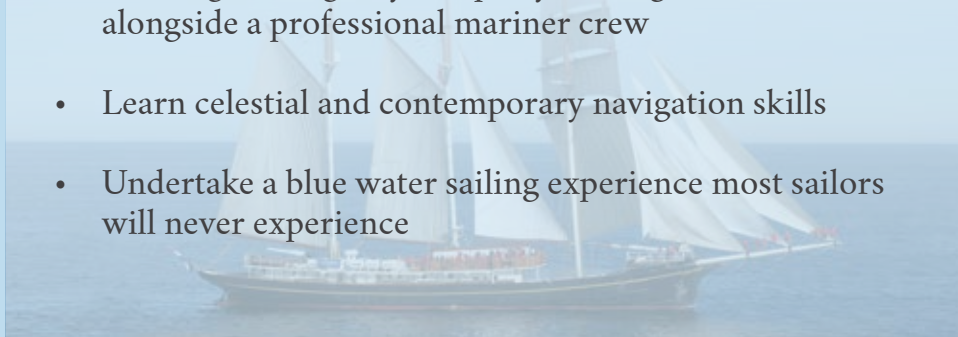
STATE FLAG:
The Netherlands

OVERALL LENGTH:
70 Mtr. (230 ft)

HEIGHT:
40 Mtr. (131 ft)

GROSS TONNAGE:
491

- Take the helm and feel the thrill of a 500-ton vessel carving through the ocean at 12knots as you sail your tall ship over 18,000 nautical miles (over 35,000km)
- Lay aloft and set the sails to travel with a reduced carbon footprint
- Work alongside professional sailors as you learn to sail your tall ship
- Work as part of a team, setting sails, navigating and working in the galley. Keep day and night watch alongside a professional mariner crew
- Learn celestial and contemporary navigation skills
- Undertake a blue water sailing experience most sailors will never experience



DISCOVER



YOURSELF

- Develop your strengths
- Define your goals
- Consider your weaknesses
- Set your moral compass
- Pursue your passions
- Make a difference - to your life and the world around you
- Push your boundaries

YOUR COMMUNITY

- Develop leadership and teamwork skills
- Build lifelong friendships
- Explore group values
- Embrace environmentally sustainable behaviour
- Join a community of 60 students from around the world
- Sail and learn with an international community (18 nationalities, 55% Canadian, 45% international)

YOUR WORLD

- Take a role on the world stage
- Define your place as an active global citizen
- Explore diverse cultures and values
- Examine social justice issues
- Engage in political debate
- Empower others to effect positive change

HIGH SCHOOL

GAP YEAR

UNIVERSITY

HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS FROM THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

- Single semester (4.5 months) and full year (9 months) programs
- Rigorous high school program with an outstanding university placement record
- Engaging course offerings in English, Humanities, Maths, Sciences, plus unique classes in Sociology of Community and Marine Biology
- Post-secondary counselling and placement services available, including individual portfolio development, ELS support and SAT prep
- Internationally recognized Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program (Bronze, Silver, Gold)

UNIVERSITY CREDITS FROM ACADIA UNIVERSITY, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

- University credits offered via Acadia University, one of Canada's top-ranked undergraduate institutions
- Option to transfer university credits to institutions in Canada, the US and around the world
- University curriculum administered and delivered by Acadia University faculty
- First year courses include Leadership, Astronomy, Sociology, Psychology, Communications, Marine Biology, Nutrition and more
- Additional learning opportunities through cultural exploration, leadership, personal development and community service



60 STUDENTS **8** FACULTY **10** PROFESSIONAL MARINERS **1** MEDICAL OFFICER **1** ENGINEER **2** COOKS



55% CANADIAN STUDENTS | **45%** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



1 STUDENT AT THE HELM | **30** YEARS AS A WORLD LEADER IN EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION



19 1ST-YEAR UNIVERSITY COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM including: BIOLOGY, ENGLISH, PHYSICS, **LEADERSHIP, NUTRITION, ASTRONOMY & MORE**

24 HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM including: **LANGUAGE + LITERATURE,** HUMANITIES, SOCIOLOGY OF COMMUNITY MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE



20 PORTS SAILED TO ON 4 CONTINENTS | **2** VOLUNTEER SERVICE PROJECTS OVERSEAS



OVER 35,000 KILOMETRES **SAILED EACH YEAR**

WHAT OUR ALUMNI SAY



"Maybe the most seminal experience of my life.... Class Afloat was the point at which there is now a 'before' and 'after'. Inspired me toward a career with the UN and now, a passion project working with global knowmads. Grateful to my fellow floaties!"

Renee Martyna, Class Afloat Alumni



"When I spent time with the kids and asked them what it was about, they said "acceptance". There's no judgement, they all accept each other, and I think that's such a beautiful lesson to get at such a young age. Those kids have had to work hard and to learn grit. I heard her say how much she loved the challenge. If your kid wants to go, make it happen!"

Elana Rosenfield, Class Afloat Parent



"The biggest take away from Class Afloat was learning how to work with and lead people in almost any situation. Furling sails in a storm, 2-4am watches and full days in the galley, working with the same people day in and day out you learn a lot about those people - and yourself."

Student Survey, 2017-2018



"Imagine spending almost a year sailing across the world on a tall ship while studying/going to high school, getting a sailing education and visiting over 17 different countries. And afterwards leaving your home (ship) again and saying goodbye to almost fifty new family members. That's what Class Afloat is about. Getting a lifetime and life changing experience!"

Student Survey, 2017-2018



"Meeting so many different people on the ship has opened my eyes up to so many new possibilities. People say nothing is impossible and this program has shown me that. The people here are super inspiring. They do things that are so different from what I've seen at home. They inspire me to go do something different with my life and make a change in the world."

Caroline Anber, Class Afloat Alumni



"I will miss these moments - when it is just this feeling of joy. I would always do it again if I could, always."

Visit our YouTube channel to hear more about Class Afloat and what our students have to say about their experience.



Find us at: **Class Afloat - West Island College International**

How to Apply

For more information about Class Afloat and the opportunity that awaits you:
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