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Schooner *Roseway* Returns Home to Christiansted

World Ocean School announced today that their educational platform, the national historic landmark schooner *Roseway* will be arriving in Christiansted this week completing her voyage from Boston that began earlier this month. Based on the success of a pilot after-school program launched last winter for St. Croix students and a Summer Ambassador Program in the northeast for St. Croix and St. Thomas students this past summer, *Roseway* has officially made the USVI home—her transom now boasting a newly carved “St. Croix, USVI” where once was “Belfast, Maine.”

“We’re thrilled to have a winter home port in St. Croix—we love the community and we’re excited about the program development that’s taken place here over the last year,” said Abby Kidder, Executive Director for the World Ocean School. Her vessel and her crew of 14 mariners will pull into the harbor any day now and a lot of people are keeping a sharp eye out.

Kidder explains that this winter, *Roseway* will primarily serve the three public Junior High Schools on St. Croix with school day programs from January through May. The curriculum has been designed in collaboration with Mr. Willard John, Principal of Elena Christian Junior High School to meet the academic standards of the schools.

World Ocean School will also be accepting applications from USVI students for the 2008 Summer Ambassador Programs, taking students on three week expeditions along the New England and Canadian coastline in July and August. Similar to last year, a scholarship fund has been started and gifts to support local students are welcome at any time.

Kidder adds “St. Croix has given us a lot and we’re thrilled to be able to offer the island a program for kids as well as an additional activity for visitors to the island.” *Roseway* will offer day sails each evening and on weekends open to the public to share this historic vessel and the joy of tall ship sailing.

The World Ocean School is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to provide challenging educational programs for youth and adults around the world by fostering an appreciation for, and obligation to, community and relationships; developing a deep commitment to ethical values; and cultivating an expanded world view. To learn more about the World Ocean School and *Roseway*’s schedule visit www.worldoceanschool.org or call them at 340-626-7877.