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### ***Roseway Will Return to St. Croix***

*U.S. National Historic Landmark schooner heads over to St. Thomas to share its plans with the new Governor as well as some after school adventure with local students—providing a taste of what is coming for St. Croix. .*

In early December, World Ocean School's education platform, *Roseway*, arrived in Christiansted. Shortly thereafter the school, partnered with local educator Troy Billington, submitted funding requests to local organizations to support an after school sailing program for high school students on the island. Recently the school received a \$20,000 gift from Hovensa which will launch the plan next week. A matching gift from another organization is hoped to be received shortly that will form the basis for completion of this pilot program.

And while *Roseway* has departed St. Croix waters this week, it's only a temporary absence as she visits St. Thomas and St. John to spread news of this work in St. Croix and receive the Governor's blessing. She'll be returning to Christiansted Sunday.

Even after *Roseway* departs for Boston in early May, there are plans to offer a summer program for St. Croix students in New England waters. World Ocean School will offer two summer sessions (and perhaps a fall session) aboard *Roseway* specifically for St. Croix assuming that

funding can be found to support the effort. A group of island residents are working to garner support not only to launch a summer program but also to secure funding to bring Roseway back to St. Croix next year—offering a full after school program based on this winter’s test version as well as a full scale summer ambassador program.

Roseway will return to her regular schedule of day sails for the public from 12:00pm-2:30pm each day and after-school activities from 3:00pm to 6:00pm each afternoon when she returns to port on Sunday.

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 in St. Croix visit [www.worldoceanschool.org](http://www.worldoceanschool.org) or call them at 617-443-4841.