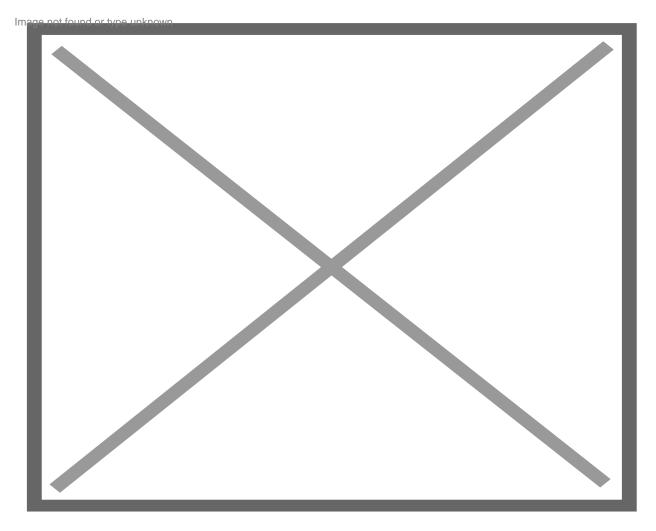
Set Sail With the Roseway as World Ocean School Celebrates is 15th Season on St. Croix and Commits to Year-Round Programming

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World Ocean School (WOS) is celebrating the Roseway's 15th St. Croix season, operating from Gallows Bay. The organization's flagship vessel, the National Historic Landmark schooner Roseway, has traveled over 100,000 miles in the past 15 years to deliver programming in St. Croix each winter, and is now approaching her 100th birthday. As such, Roseway faces a multi-million dollar, multi-year preservation project and therefore it is likely that as she sets sail in April, Roseway will not return until the preservation project has been completed.

According to a recently issued release, World Ocean School's commitment to preservation and stewardship of Roseway is captured in the comprehensive Strategic Plan 2022-27 that was formally adopted by the World Ocean School Board of Directors on January 28, at the Company

House Hotel in Christiansted.

This plan articulates the following goals:

Robust & Accessible Programming: Deepen and expand the impact of programs in the communities served.

Preservation & Stewardship: Preserve and steward the National Historic landmark, Roseway, as WOS's flagship to achieve the mission and inspire students for years to come.

Sustainability & Innovation: Plan and execute a successful fundraising initiative to achieve long-term organizational sustainability, supporting innovative program development and delivery.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging: Position World Ocean School as a leader for developing increased DEIB initiatives within WOS communities.

Specifically this means WOS is committed to providing year-round programming in St. Croix even when Roseway is not in port, as well as securing the use of an alternative vessel for winter programming when Roseway is unavailable.

Roseway is the only National Historic Landmark that sails the oceans over 8,000 nautical miles each year. WOS said it is proud to steward Roseway and have her be the flagship classroom for hundreds of students on St. Croix each year.

World Ocean School will continue to offer sunset sails aboard Roseway out of Christiansted Harbor through April 1. "Don't miss your chance to sail on Roseway before she leaves!" reads the release. Sunset sail ticket purchases help support free programming for local students each day. All sails take place from 4-6pm at the Gallows Bay Port Authority Dock. For more information and a full calendar of sail dates, visit their website <u>here</u>.

World Ocean School said it is grateful for the support of its community and thrilled to have Roseway on the island for another season of impactful sailing and community engagement, as the team looks forward to welcoming you aboard.

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