



# Learn • Sail • Discover

**YOUR PASSPORT TO EDUCATION**





# ABOUT



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

The programme offers rigorous and internationally acclaimed academic programmes for Grade 11, 12, University and GAP year students, while sailing aboard a historic tall ship and exploring over 20 ports of call worldwide. Class Afloat sets high standards for academic excellence, community service, leadership and personal development. Over the last 30 years, more than 1700 Class Afloat students have had the experience of a lifetime, developing as individuals, excelling as global citizens, forging lifelong friendships and exploring the world.



**CLASS AFLOAT VALUES**



# LEARN



Comprehensive and rigorous course offerings lead to outstanding academic results and admission to the world's leading colleges and universities.

- Small and personalized classes ensure that each student is fully engaged in course work and performs at a level commensurate with his/her abilities (Average class size of 12)
- Whether at sea or in any port of call worldwide, learning is hands-on. Students learn and retain more when they are experientially engaged
- Personal development is accelerated in our shipboard environment where responsibility, accountability, independence, teamwork and good judgment become the hallmarks of each student's profile
- Sensible, sensitive and sustainable practices are nurtured and become the pillars of global citizenship for our students
- Class Afloat is accredited by the Nova Scotia Department of Education, a partner of Open Acadia and a Quebec Ministry of Education approved partner of Cégep Marie-Victorin
- Students earn Canadian credits toward a high school diploma at their home school or may graduate from Grade 12 with a Canadian high school diploma
- Class Afloat is a 21st century international education experience

# SAIL



Stand watch, learn to sail a tall ship, learn celestial and contemporary navigation skills.

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

### Semester 1

Amsterdam, Netherlands  
Lisbon, Portugal  
Barcelona, Spain  
Agadir, Morocco  
Tenerife, Canary Islands  
Dakar, Senegal  
Fernando de Noronha, Brazil  
Natal, Brazil  
Montevideo, Uruguay

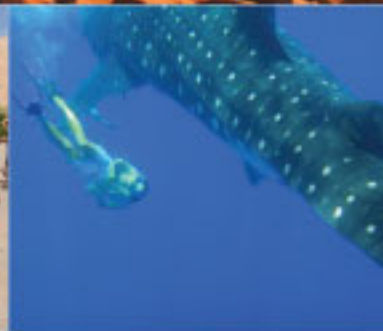
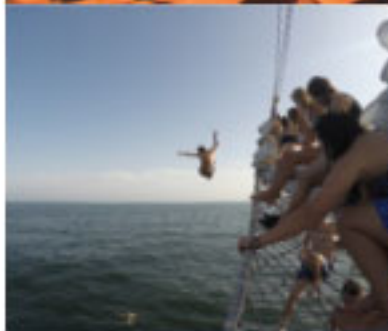
### Semester 2

Montevideo, Uruguay  
Tristan de Cunha, UK  
Cape Town, South Africa  
St Helena, UK  
Ascension, UK  
Bridgetown, Barbados  
Samana, Dominican Republic  
Hamilton, Bermuda  
Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada

- Study aboard and travel abroad while sailing a beautiful Class A tall ship to 20 ports of call worldwide
- Take the helm and feel the thrill of a 500 ton vessel carving the ocean as you sail at 12 knots. A student is at the helm at all times while underway
- Lay aloft and set the sails that allow you to travel with a reduced carbon footprint.
- Participate in Class Afloat voluntary service projects and homestays in Senegal, West Africa and the Dominican Republic
- Understand and embrace diverse cultures as you become an ambassador of broader global perspectives
- Work in a team, whether setting sails, working in the galley, on day watch, on night watch or designing your own land-based practicum



# DISCOVER



## YOURSELF

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

## YOUR COMMUNITY

- Develop leadership and teamwork skills
- Build lifelong friendships
- Explore group values
- Embrace environmentally sustainable behaviour
- An international community of 60 students
- 45% international students representing 12 nationalities (2015-16)

## 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

- Rigorous high school programme (Grade 11 and 12) with an outstanding university placement record
- Engaging course offerings in English, Humanities, Maths, Sciences and unique classes in Sociology of Community and Marine Biology
- EAL and English immersion classes
- Post-secondary counselling & placement services including individual portfolio development
- Internationally recognized Duke of Edinburgh's Award programme (Bronze, Silver, Gold)
- Unique and life-changing experiential education, port programmes are filled with visits to important historic and cultural sites, community service learning projects, exploring, discovering and activities such as hiking, snorkeling and surfing
- Shipboard co-curricular programmes and clubs, such as student government, art, music, yoga, photography, and volunteer service
- Students may spend a semester or full academic year at sea

## CREDITS FROM ACADIA UNIVERSITY, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

- A semester or full academic year of study as students travel and explore the world aboard a majestic tall ship
- University credits are offered through Acadia University, one of Canada's top-ranked undergraduate institutions
- Option to transfer credits earned to leading post-secondary institutions in Canada, the United States and around the world
- Land practica activities offer students compelling learning opportunities. Whether engaging in discourse with local officials and academics or hands-on activities in ports, students are active and invested learners
- University courses are offered with the Class Afloat itinerary and experience in mind, including Leadership, Environmental Science, Astronomy Sociology, Psychology and Marine Biology
- Value-added education where cultural exploration, leadership, personal development and international community service are learning opportunities





# WHAT OUR ALUMNI SAY



My experience with Class Afloat taught me patience, teamwork, and persistence in a way that has not been matched in my 25-year career as a leader and educator. Experiencing other cultures on four continents provided me with a depth of understanding and an enriched world view that has benefited me time and time again throughout my life.

*Peter Labor,  
Alumni Staff, 1990  
Hubbards, Nova Scotia, Canada*



The learning outcomes that students gain during this program are not achievable via a text book or a classroom on solid ground. Class Afloat is a truly unique, once in a lifetime opportunity, that will, without a doubt, end up being the best experience of your life.

*Marc Lehoudey,  
Alumni Student, 2009 & 2011  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada*



The transformation I saw in my children during their Class Afloat experience was incredible. By being exposed to different cultures and people on board and during the port programmes, they gained maturity and perspective on the world. Learning how to balance academics, ship work, sleep and social time gave them a new awareness of their capabilities, and prepared them for an easy transition to university.

*Cheryl Bilbe, Alumni Parent  
Bow, New Hampshire, USA*



Class Afloat changed my life for the better and shaped who I am today. It proved to me that no matter what life throws at me, I have the core foundations to conquer challenges and succeed.

*Graham Sullivan,  
Alumni Student, 2011-2012  
Singapore*



Class Afloat changed my entire life! It redefined my perception of what's possible. It introduced me to the world, making me feel like a true global citizen and showing me different ways of life. But, most importantly, it taught me to be part of a crew and connected me with life-long friends.

*Amy Taylor,  
Alumni Student, 1999-2000  
Spain*



Class Afloat gave three of our children a huge boost in organizational skills as they learned how to fulfill their duties as crew on a tall ship and keep up with their studies. They have come away from their Class Afloat experience much more mature and independent. They have made strong friendships and will share amazing memories with their fellow "Floaties" for life.

*Tracy Beaumont, Alumni Parent  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada*

## How to Apply

For more information about Class Afloat and the opportunity that awaits you:  
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# Bringing Your Classroom to the World



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