



Dear Teacher,

We're excited to welcome you and your students aboard *Seaward* for your Bay Exploration. We would like to share some details and reminders regarding your upcoming sail on San Francisco Bay. Thank you for helping us make this an effective learning experience!

- The ship is docked at the Bay Model Pier, located at 2100 Bridgeway in Sausalito, California. Please arrive 15 minutes early. Our staff will meet you outside of the Bay Model Visitor Center and guide you down the pier.
- Each youth needs to have a Youth Liability Release form signed by a parent/guardian, *and* each adult participant needs to sign an Adult Liability Release form. Please bring these with you to give to our staff.
- There is parking at the Bay Model parking lot for cars. Buses should park along the red chain-link fence.
- **Dress warmly** and bring layers--dress as if you're going in the snow! *Seaward* sails rain or shine, unless the captain decides that the inclement weather will compromise vessel safety. If rain is in the forecast, please have students bring rain jackets.
- All should wear **closed-toe shoes**, with good grip, as the deck can be slippery when wet.
- We recommend bringing sunscreen or other sun protection and a reusable water bottle. Please note that baseball caps will likely blow away!
- Please break your students up into three groups for each of our rotating education stations. Having well-rounded groups is better for a productive learning environment. If you have mixed ages, please separate by age or learning level.
- Our new tall ship, *Matthew Turner*, is in the final stages of construction. She is docked at the same pier as *Seaward*. Tours may be available depending on the construction projects taking place. If you're interested in a possible tour, please check in with us two weeks before the sail. She is expected to sail in 2018.
- There is a restroom on site that can be used before and after your sail. There is a "head" on the boat that can be used if necessary, but please encourage your students to use the restroom on shore beforehand.
- Don't forget our Pre-sail Activity Workbook! If you go through this workbook with your students prior to coming on board, they will be more prepared for the sail. Feel free to pick and choose activities to do with them beforehand as your curriculum allows; however, it is not required.
- We recommend visiting the Bay Model Visitor Center with your group. It is open to the public and free and is a great educational resource. If you would like a tour, you will need to arrange that with them ahead of time.

Fair Winds,
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