

# PUGET SOUND EXPLORERS MARITIME DISCOVERY PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS



Our Maritime Discovery Program is an innovative combination of on-water and hands-on maritime experiences with classroom-based lessons. This program attracted the attention of the WA State Governor as an example of hands-on learning.

In 2010 we'll put every 7th grader from the Port Townsend and Chimacum school districts on the water for the 4th year, introducing them to maritime life, skills and career opportunities.

Students participate in multiple experiences in NWMC longboats, learning traditional and contemporary maritime skills, team building and leadership skills. Three weeks of classroom lessons provide learning tied to Washington State standards in reading, writing, math, social studies and physical education.

Guided by our licensed captain-instructor and mate, students rotate through positions in rowing, coxswain, helmsman, navigator and bow watch. On-water lessons in rowing, sailing, navigation and other skills provide new learning opportunities. In-class lessons with their teachers provide students with connections to their maritime experiences while achieving state standard educational objectives. Students also participate in marine-trades tours, visiting our local sail lofts and boat building businesses.

Group Description: 7th Grade, can be adapted for other ages.

Group Size: Varies. 20 students at a time on the water, in rotation with on-land/in-class lessons.



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"After watching the magic of wind and waves upon our students, I think every child should have a chance to 'go to sea.' - Teacher, Blue Heron Middle School, Port Townsend, WA