



DAYSAIL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Ernestina is a fascinating teaching platform. To ensure that your group will get the most out of your experience it is important that you come aboard well prepared. This information should help describe what to expect the day of the sail and how to better prepare your students for this unique learning experience.

Please read over this page and the other information sheets enclosed with the sail agreement. If, after reviewing the items listed on the cover sheet and looking over the packet, you have more questions please give us a call at 508-992-4900 or email us at programs@ernestina.org.

Pre-trip Preparation

Enclosed you will find a Pre-Trip Questionnaire with a descriptive list of the Learning Stations that are available to your group. Based on your curriculum and interests, you may choose six Learning Stations you would like taught during the sail. You, the group leader, should divide students into six Learning Groups that will rotate through the 20-minute Learning Stations while on board. **Since the Ernestina is a new and distracting learning environment it is important that the Learning Groups are carefully chosen and have an equal number of students.** Each Learning Group should have at least one adult chaperone. The role of the adult is to support the students and fully participate while on board. This will involve working with the crew to keep the students engaged and focused in their Learning Stations. We will be looking to them for assistance if any special needs arise.

Pre- trip Activity:

Each Learning Group should work together to come up with one question they would like answered at each Learning Station. The groups should bring these questions with them the day of the sail.

Structure of the Day

Since your time on board is limited please arrive at the ship 15 minutes before the scheduled sail time. The Program Coordinator will greet you and get all participants on board and personal gear stowed properly. Please refer to What To Bring on a Daysail for appropriate gear. When we get underway we will need **ALL HANDS** to raise sails. That includes all students and chaperones. Once we're sailing, your Learning Stations will begin. After the Learning Groups have rotated through each Learning Station and enjoyed a 30-minute lunch break on deck, we will need All Hands to take in sail and prepare the ship for returning to the dock.

Meals

Since your group will be bringing meals on board we would like your cooperation in a carry-on / carry-off trash policy. Each individual is responsible for taking their own trash away with them.

Information We Need Returned

Enclosed is a Group Sail Agreement, Pre-Trip Questionnaire (3 sides), and a Participant Manifest form. Please fill these out, make a copy for your own records, and return to our office as soon as possible (a faxed copy is fine except for the Group Sail Agreement).

Transportation and Buses

For programs originating from New Bedford, parking is available on New Bedford State Pier (turn left as you come on to the pier). For all other docks you are largely 'on your own' to secure parking for your vehicles. Typically public parking and public transportation is available nearby.

Thank you for your involvement with the Schooner Ernestina's educational programs. Should you have any questions or need additional information please get in touch with us. Our phone number is 508-992-4900 and fax is 508-984-7719.

Sincerely,

Schooner Ernestina Staff