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## EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

Don't miss this chance for your students to have a year long experience they will never forget

Dear John,

I am offering our year long experiential learning program to only a few schools for next year. Check out the information below and give me a call or email if you are interested

### Curriculum Outline

In the Fall we take students sailing to the Boston Harbor Islands. Students learn to sail and understand the harbor environment. They also engage in a research project done in conjunction with Sailors for the Sea's Carbon Neutral Boating effort.



*Zephyr*

In the Winter, teams of 4-5 students make 10 visits to our shop at the Charlestown Navy Yard. They build a 10ft., wooden, rowboat that becomes theirs to use.



*Teamwork*



*USS Constitution  
view from shop window*



*Our Boat*

In the Spring they participate in an oral history project with a focus on understanding the history of African American involvement in the maritime trades.



*Oral History Interview*

[See our web site for more details](#)

## Details

John Rowse, Executive Director and teacher, is a Mass Certified teacher 1-6 and a Licensed USCG Captain 100 ton inland.

In the Fall students sail aboard our 22ft Sharpie Zephyr

Transportation to the dock for sailing and the Charlestown shop is provided in our 12 passenger van. The van has all insurance and DPU and RMV certificates to comply with BPS alternative transportation requirements.



*12 passenger van*

The shop is a well set up, safe location next to the USS Constitution and Museum.

We need a classroom teacher who is committed to working together with us to use student experiences as part of the classroom academic work.

We can serve up to 40 students for the school year.

All expenses for transportation, materials, equipment and space are provided from our own fundraising.

The school's cost is to provide a teacher position at a .5 FTE (1/2 time BPS salary) plus \$500 per 4-5 member team of students.

I look forward to talking to you to answer any questions you might have.

Cooperatively,

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