



Next Wave Youth Education *Explorer Boat Tour of the Peconic Estuary*

Before You Go Aboard...

Hello, Educators!

We are looking forward to sharing an exciting exploration of the Peconic Estuary with you and your students on board the Long Island Aquarium Explorer Tour Boat.

Directions and parking information can be found directly on the Long Island Aquarium website. When you arrive, your group leader can check in at the desk inside the front entrance of the Long Island Aquarium.

Please advise the members of your group to dress appropriately for the day's weather, keeping in mind they will be walking on a dock, up and down boarding ramps and steps, sitting on benches beneath the boat canopy for our trip on the water, walking on a beach in wet and dry sand, and participating in outdoor water-side activities. The wind and air temperature on the open water in a boat is always cooler and breezier than on land – protection from the sun and layers of clothing for warmth are recommended.

Before the day of your trip, it is most helpful to prepare your students to enter our “floating classroom/laboratory” with anticipatory activities that inspire students to be curious and observant. Investigate our website at www.blueocean.org and www.blueocean.org/art-poetry/art for exciting ways people of all backgrounds and interests can contribute to marine conservation. Find powerful anticipatory activities for your classroom at www.ARKive.org/education and specifically the *Animal Classification* and *Sharks/Rays* pages at www.arkive.org/darwin/.

The discoveries you and your students make this day will surely enrich your curriculum throughout the year and their lives as maturing citizen-scientists. We are grateful to have this time with you to share the inspiration and hope we find in our work with Blue Ocean Institute.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns: ahaskell@blueocean.org or at the Blue Ocean Institute office 631-659-3746.

Best fishes,

Blue Ocean Institute's *Next Wave Youth Education* staff

