

## Sail Caribbean - The Leader in Teen Sailing and Scuba Adventures

**Age:** Completing grades 9-12

**Length:** 21 days ashore

**Dates:** June 25 through July 15, 2007

**Tuition:** \$4,695

**Location:** The Island School, Eleuthera, Bahamas

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**There's a damsel in distress!** Actually it's a Yellowtail Damselfish, an exotic reef fish native to the culturally rich Bahamian island of Eleuthera. You grab your snorkeling gear and scour the crystal-clear waters to map out patch reefs where Damselfish dwell, along with other tropical creatures like Sharpnose Puffers, Spanish Hogfish and Longspine Squirrelfish. This is no mere exercise. These fish populations are vital to the economy so you transform yourself into an undersea sleuth and document their size and numbers. Knowing your data will contribute to protection of this fragile ecosystem might just make these some of the most meaningful—and thrilling—academic credits you'll ever earn.

Eleuthera is home to our tropical marine biology and environmental conservation studies program. We've partnered with the Caribbean's premier educational organizations, [The Island School](#) and Cape Eleuthera Institute, for a 21-day adventure set in one of the most historic islands of the Bahamas. Eleuthera's pink sand beaches, rimmed by pines, palms and dramatic cliffs, is your launching pad for expeditions above and below the sea! If you've got a love of the deep, this is the place to put your passion into motion.

### **Ashore Itinerary**

Eleuthera may be close to the Florida coast, but you'll discover a whole new world of adventure. Using the Island School as your base, you'll explore Eleuthera's pink and white sand beaches, coral gardens, intricate reefs and fish-filled seas. You'll join an overnight sea-kayaking expedition, try scuba diving and explore the island on an early morning hike. You'll immerse yourself in the unique island culture by sampling the incredible local food or learning a local dance. You'll earn marine science certificates for high school credit with approximately 3 - 5 hours of classroom instruction each day. See a [Sample Eleuthera itinerary](#)

### **Learning**

You'll earn academic credit through research projects, field experiments and traditional classroom discussions led by experts from the Island School and Cape Eleuthera Institute. You'll track the Bonefish using acoustic telemetry to monitor the complex shallow water ecosystems known as "flats." With your snorkel, you'll assist in mapping patch reefs and record data on the abundance and size of these economically important reef fish. You'll plant mangroves and create artificial reef balls, which contribute to the protection of the island's fragile ecosystem. In addition to our research and classroom time, you'll lead and participate in discussions and activities as part of our True Course initiative for leadership training and personal growth. More about [Learning on Eleuthera](#)

### **Activities**

As team leader of the day, you could arrange a morning swim, organize a new activity for local children during a community service day, and pose challenging questions during our day-end discussions. It's all up to you.

In addition to the academics, you'll also have the opportunity to earn up to 40 hours of community service credit through our local outreach activities. You'll teach local youth about the importance of water safety and then introduce them to the fun of snorkeling. You'll make a connection with the community through interviews with local fisherman and farmers whose livelihood depends on sea and land. In all these projects, you'll see the true impact of your work. Learn more about [Activities on Eleuthera](#)

### **Optional Courses**

Take a break from your busy schedule of marine biology studies and community service activities on Eleuthera. If you're a certified scuba diver, you can enjoy 2 – 4 recreational dives around the island. Not certified yet? Don't worry. Try Scuba diving for the first time with a Discover Scuba Diving course. Dive services on Eleuthera are provided by trusted local dive companies. Learn more about [Optional Courses](#)

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