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# SCHOOL TO SEA

Programs and Classes



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# Salem Sound Coastwatch **Our Vision**



When we look across Salem Sound, we see rich possibilities. We envision a time when the region's residents once again feel connected to the ebb and flow of our harbors and tidal rivers.

We see Salem Sound's long-lost resources restored: good fishing, harvestable shellfish, swimmable waters, vital urban waterfronts, and healthy natural habitats supporting a diverse abundance of plants and wildlife.

Our vision captures the Sound as a thriving regional centerpiece: a place where the shore and the sea are accessible for recreation and study, a place attractive to environmentally aware business ventures, a place to renew and replenish the spirit. We see a far-reaching cooperative stewardship among the communities which share the Sound's resources and beauty.

Finally, we envision a community that honors Salem Sound's tremendous values, understands the impact of human activity on natural systems, and takes action to protect this remarkable resource for the common good.



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# In-School Discovery Programs



## **Erosion- Earth's Shifting Landscape**

Students will explore factors affecting our changing shoreline and will race against erosion to protect their coastal home!

## **Invasive Species**

Who are our newest neighbors, and how are they changing our ecosystems? Students will meet live animal ambassadors and learn about their local impact.



## **Marine Debris**

There's more than just fish in the sea! Students will take a look at the impact of people and our waste on marine life.

## **Touch Tank**

Crabs and oysters and mussels, oh my! Students will get to touch, hold, and learn about different animal ambassadors who live in our own backyard.



## **Marine Habitats**

Where do the denizens of Salem Sound call home? Learn all about the habitats that make our corner of the ocean special and how the species who live here have adapted to our waters.

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# Marine Study **Boat Trip**

Paired with an exploration of Salem's Winter Island, our marine study cruise is a unique way to explore some of Salem Sound.

Less than 5% of the Earth's ocean has been explored. Come see what is hidden in the depths of Salem Sound to understand the important habitats that need protecting. Students understand our connection to the ocean and how humans can impact the ocean both positively and negatively.



## Salt Marsh **Study**

Explore this coastal habitat that is a rich natural resource and acts as an important buffer between land and sea. Find animals with unique function and adaptation. Students consider human impact on this landform and how it can help mitigate for climate change.





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# Custom Program

Are you looking for a way to engage your students in hands-on and experiential science? Our custom programs are an excellent way to bring curriculum topics to life!





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# Ready to **Schedule?**

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