

American Rover



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Location: Norfolk, Va.

Established: 1986

Vessel: *American Rover*, a three-masted topsail schooner built in 1986.

The Program in a Nutshell: The 135-foot *American Rover* is certified by the Coast Guard to carry up to 149 passengers. Its education programs, focusing mainly on ship handling and maritime history, are designed to accommodate from 60 to 120 students and teachers.

During the 1½-hour cruises (April to November) on the waters of the Elizabeth River and Hampton Roads, students participate in hands-on activities that include setting the sails, steering the ship, and learning how to navigate; and they will hear tales of maritime history

and life onboard the great sailing ships of the past.

Contact: 757-627-7245; or visit www.americanrover.com/students/.

Left and below: A lesson at the helm and the American Rover under way. Above: A group of students learning the ropes.

