



# EDUCATIONAL PASSAGES

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## MAY 2015 PHOTO UPDATE

### IN THE CANARY ISLANDS:



Pictured are students from a secondary French school in the Canary Islands who are ready to board the Hermione a 1770 replica of the French war ship which helped the US win the Revolutionary war. They are about to present their mini boat "Canarias" to the captain who plans to launch it 25 -30 nautical miles south of the Canary's on their way to America. The Hermione left Las Palmas on 5-6-15 and plan to launch the mini boat

5-7-15. Monitor her voyage at: [www.nefc.noaa.gov./drifter/drift\\_ep\\_2014\\_3.html](http://www.nefc.noaa.gov./drifter/drift_ep_2014_3.html).

**The Hermione** will stop at numerous Seaports along our East coast where she played an important role in helping us win the war against the British. She is scheduled to arrive in Castine, Maine on July 14<sup>th</sup> and her mission is to spread good will between America & France and to commemorate our history with one another. Students from Maine, New Hampshire, South Dakota, and other states are expected to present a mini boat to the ship in Castine which will be launched on their way back to France and can be followed at [www.educationalpassages.com](http://www.educationalpassages.com).



## IN LISBON, PORTUGAL

A pretty yellow mini boat named “WEST” is getting totally repaired after her crash landing in 6 meter waves on the rocky coast of Spain. She was launched in November 2013 by an offshore fisherman out of Hyannis, Massachusetts and after a year of sailing landed in Spain on November 12, 2014 where she was recovered by the police as seen below. Notice she is missing her mast and keel.



Spain & Portugal have become a “hotbed” of mini boat activity as four of our boats have made landfall on their coast over the past 5-6 years. Luis Sebastião works in ocean research has helped recover 3 of them including “Charger” which he had re-launched by the Portuguese Navy and is attempting to complete the Atlantic Circle. Luis has directed a complete repair

job with the help of 6 schools and numerous commercial enterprises which included a new mast, keel, GPS, and sail. On June 6<sup>th</sup> Luis and I along with 80 Portuguese students will board the beautiful 4 master schooner shown below with 135 students & advisors and TV crew to re-launch the boat. We are hopeful that “West” will continue around the Atlantic and eventually return to North America. June 6<sup>th</sup> is also the start of one of the legs of the Volvo Ocean Race around the world so Lisbon Harbor will be extremely active that day.





**RECENT LANDFALLS:**

**“Crimson Wave”** from Morristown-Beard School in Morristown, New Jersey

1. Launched off Bermuda on 11-19-2015
2. Landed on the north shores of Scotland 4-25-15
3. It is in a very remote area and hasn't been recovered yet.

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**“Mighty Spartan”** Lake Forrest Central Elementary School in Felton, Delaware

1. Launched off Bermuda on 11-19-2014
2. Landed in Stranhill, Ireland on a sand beach undamaged but with a badly worn sail.
3. Students have Skyped, seen videos, and received other media reports.

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**RECENT & UPCOMING LAUNCHES:**

**“Hornet”** from North Hollywood California is expected to be launched the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> into the Pacific Ocean.

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**“Carolina Dreamer”** is from The St. Andrews School of Math & Science in Charleston, South Carolina. She will be put aboard the State of Maine Training Ship in Charleston on May 17th and launch on the ship's way to Portugal.





“S S Maine Shire” is from Southside School from Houlton, Maine. She left Casting, ME on the Maine Maritime Training Ship on May 6, 2015 bound for Charleston, South Carolina where “Carolina Dreamer” will be loaded aboard and both boats will be launched on the ship’s way to Spain in late April.

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She made quite an impression with the ship’s crew and even the US Coast Guard inspectors of the “State of Maine” ship were fascinated and checked out the Houlton boat very closely. They were very impressed with our program and could end up launching boats for us!

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which will include several Maine schools, The Gulf of Maine Marine Educators Association, and the Seacoast Science Center in Rye, New Hampshire and maybe even a South Dakota school as well as other organizations.. *This will be an economical way to participate so call us if you’re interested.* This boat will be put on board the French frigate “Hermiones” when she visits Castine, Maine this July 14<sup>th</sup> and launched on her return to France.

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