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Local Educator Goes to Sea  
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Ellen O'Donnell, a 7th and 8th grade science teacher at Deerfield Community School will depart on May 14 for a research mission at sea. Through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Teacher at Sea program, O'Donnell will spend 12 days working on the ship, living the life of a field scientist.

The program provides kindergarten through college teachers the opportunity to work with scientists and crew to increase their level of environmental literacy by fostering an interdisciplinary research experience. O'Donnell will be studying endangered North Atlantic Right Whales off the New England coast.

O'Donnell plans to incorporate this experience into her lessons to better engage students in the sciences. Throughout the cruise, she will be blogging about her voyage at [Teacher at Sea](#).

Information about the Teacher at Sea program can be found at [Teacher at Sea/NOAA](#)

This past Tuesday, May 8, O'Donnell spent a day on a whale watching boat with her 8th grade students to give them a taste of her upcoming adventure.



8th grade class demonstrates the size of the North Atlantic Right Whale.