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CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY VISITS NEW ENGLAND SCIENCE & SAILING (NESS) & THE STEM STUDENTS OF THE BENNIE DOVER JACKSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

STONINGTON, CT. Congressman Joe Courtney visited the New England Science & Sailing Foundation (NESS) campus in Stonington, CT, on Friday, May 22, to meet and sail with the students from the STEM Magnet Middle School, part of The Bennie Dover Jackson Middle School in New London, CT. NESS program director Mary Horrigan and New London District Magnet Supervisor Kate McCoy accompanied the congressman and students on the boat and spoke about the progress made both in and out of the classroom. Students from the New London Public Schools reported a greater appreciation of the environment and academic engagement as a result of the implementation of NESS' year-round STEM curriculum. Kate McCoy commented, "The partnership with NESS expands our programming and provides our students with high quality, enriching learning experiences that changes their lives in countless ways."

The NESS foundation offers nonprofit ocean adventure programs that engage students in experiential learning that builds confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. NESS currently operates out of three locations: Stonington, CT; New London, CT; and Westerly, RI. The NESS foundation received a federal AmeriCorps grant in 2014 for the NESS SEA (STEM Education Ambassador) program and a US Sailing Reach Program grant in 2015. NESS now serves thousands of students each year through its partnership with New London Public Schools. For more information about these sailing programs and more, please visit www.nessf.org.

New England Science & Sailing Foundation, Inc. (NESS), a nonprofit 501(c)(3), provides year-round ocean adventure programs that engage students in experiential learning that builds confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills. Marine sciences (biology, oceanography, meteorology), adventure sports, and sailing are catalysts for teaching life skills, academic discipline, and respect and responsibility for the sea. For more information, visit www.nessf.org.

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