



## Earn Academic Credit While Having The Time Of Your Life!

Did you know that as a SeaTrek student you could earn high school credit in marine science and/or physical education through Orion High School? Orion High School ([www.OrionHS.org](http://www.OrionHS.org)) offers participating SeaTrek students the opportunity to earn credit during their voyages.

### If this interests you, then keep reading....

#### **Marine Science Course Description:**

The Marine Science course uses background research, content lectures, hands-on explorations, and service work to equip students with the tools necessary to develop and investigate their own independent research question. Research questions are related to one of SeaTrek's focus research/service learning projects: <http://www.seatrekbvi.com/activities/marine-science/>. Using marine science workbooks, students work remotely with our science instructors to do some basic background research and brainstorming prior to their voyage. Then during their voyage, the workbooks help students conduct their research and complete their research project outlines, which are presented to SeaTrek students and staff.

#### **Notes:**

- Portions of this course are included in the SeaTrek program, but to earn the official credit students also need to complete a project workbook and presentation. Staff biologists will assist students throughout this process.
- Students can still use their marine science/project work for community service hours as long as they have received permission from their schools. This new credit option (and need for a workbook) applies to academic credit hours only.

#### **Sailing & Scuba Course Description (Physical Education Credit):**

The Sailing & Scuba course uses a combination of lectures, hands-on experience, physical activities, and practicums to carry out SeaTrek's sailing & seamanship training and the scuba certification courses designed by NAUI.

#### **Notes:**

- All components of this course are already included in the SeaTrek program, but to earn the official credit hour(s), students need to sign up and pay a course fee (info below).

#### **Course Fees:**

Upon successful completion of the marine science course and/or the sailing & scuba course, students earn between one and three academic credits through Orion High School. Prior to the voyage, SeaTrek will act on each student's behalf to contact their school and confirm credit approval. Receipt of credit is based upon school approval and payment of the course fee (see table below):

Course Taken	Credit Hours Earned	Course Fee
Marine Science or Sailing & Scuba	1	\$350.00
Marine Science and/or Sailing & Scuba	2	\$450.00
Marine Science and/or Sailing & Scuba	3	\$675.00

## If you are still interested, then here's what you need to do next...

**Step 1:** Contact Angie Cowan, SeaTrek's Director of Education [angie@seatrekbvi.com](mailto:angie@seatrekbvi.com), and let her know which course(s) you want earn credit for: Marine Science, Sailing & Scuba, or Both. **You must notify Angie of your interest NO LATER THAN MAY 31<sup>st</sup>**. This ensures us time to get credit approved and complete necessary paperwork.

**Step 2:** Angie will send you a reply email to gather a little more information.

**Step 3:** We will contact your school to confirm that they will accept your work for official academic credit. Angie will continue to communicate with you and your school until all the necessary details and paperwork are in order.

**Step 4:** Monk Daniel [monk@seatrekbvi.com](mailto:monk@seatrekbvi.com) will contact you to arrange for payment of the course(s) you are taking for credit.

**Step 5:** After receipt of payment, we will contact you again to provide additional instructions, resources, and course materials to prepare you for the course/s.

**SeaTrek is VERY excited to be able to offer sanctioned courses as part of our growing curriculum.** We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity. If you have any questions or if you'd like more details about these courses, please don't hesitate to contact Angie Cowan [angie@seatrekbvi.com](mailto:angie@seatrekbvi.com). We look forward to working with you! 😊 😊

