

## Get Involved

# Sanctuary Seeks Youth Ages 14-18 for Advisory Council Seats

## New Council Seats Created to Foster Youth Participation in Sanctuary Communities

For the first time, Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary is seeking to fill a *non-voting youth member seat* and *alternate seat* to represent the youth segment of the community on its Sanctuary Advisory Council.

The interest and enthusiasm of youth under the age of 18 is very important to the sanctuary; these students are our future generation of ocean stewards and leaders.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) consists of 17 non-governmental members and six governmental members. This diverse group ensures public participation in sanctuary management and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent. Since its establishment, the Council has played a vital role in advising sanctuary staff and NOAA on critical issues. The SAC meets three to four times a year.

**APPLICANTS** must be between the ages of 14-18 and willing to serve a two-year term. Applications are due April 27, 2012.

**APPLICATION KITS** may be obtained from Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary  
175 Edward Foster Road  
Scituate, MA 02066.  
Telephone: 781-545-8026 ext. 201  
E-Mail: [elizabeth.stokes@noaa.gov](mailto:elizabeth.stokes@noaa.gov)

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS** should be sent to the same address or email, or faxed to 781-545-8036. Youth seat applications may also be obtained from the SBNMS website: <http://stellwagen.noaa.gov>.

For more information please contact, [nathalie.ward@noaa.gov](mailto:nathalie.ward@noaa.gov) or call 781-545-8026 X 206.



Teen Ambassadors joined staff on the sanctuary's float (above) while Gates Intermediate School students (below) marched as part of the sanctuary contingent during Scituate's annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade.



Teen volunteers prepare to lead sanctuary education programs for student groups and other members of the public.

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