Ideas for Using the Floating Classroom

- Explore the bay’s varied ecosystems: salt ponds, islands, barrier beaches, eelgrass beds.
- Conduct marine sampling activities; take measurements directly on the bay.
- Study the natural history and ecological role of seals.
- Learn about climate science, clean energy, and how temperature and sea level changes may affect the bay.
- Use on-the-water educational excursions as inspiration for place-based writing, painting, and other arts.
- Train citizen scientists to become part of a group of long-term volunteer water quality samplers.
- Study wind, waves, and tides, and their effect on coastline resilience.
- Learn about shellfish propagation and growing habitat and visit aquaculture sites around the bay.
- Learn about “eco-contemplative” catch-and-release fly-fishing and fish-tagging around the bay.
- Join workshops aligned with the Next Generation Standards of the National Academy of Science (NAS) and the Massachusetts Science and Technology/Engineering Standards.

37 feet x 12 ft platform for research & education

Design plans focus on a stable pontoon platform with covered bench seating and wheelchair accessible space. There will be a forward research platform and a central work table.

Hard top for sun & rain protection

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