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Kids Get Hands-On Lessons At New “Wet Lab”

Date:	Wednesday, December 8
Time:	10:45 – 11:15 AM – Guests can observe education program with students from P.S. 116
Place:	Onboard the <i>Peking</i> , which is permanently docked at the South Street Seaport Museum

The newly renovated Living Harbor Wet Lab will open on the *Peking*, an early 20th century sailing vessel that is part of the South Street Seaport Museum. The Wet Lab is a collaborative effort with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and will serve as a hands-on classroom where students can learn about New York Harbor and the environment.

Students from P.S. 116 in Manhattan will begin the day by taking part in an education program on water testing, aquatic organisms and various nautical activities. In the new Lab they will have the opportunity to handle different sea creatures; on the deck they will learn how a large sailing vessel operates; and on the pier they will learn how to test and protect harbor water quality. The Lab will be officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11:30 AM.

Also docked at the pier to help the students celebrate the opening of the Wet Lab will be the *Osprey*, one of DEP’s water quality monitoring vessels, which has an onboard lab for water quality testing. Refreshments will be served.