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Case Study – Luke Symonds– Boatbuilder apprentice (funded 2018-19)

Oarsome Chance, Gosport, Hants

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Principal's comments:

“With enormous thanks to the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, our Apprentice Luke has been able to successfully complete his first year of training. His attendance, punctuality and attitude have been excellent and for all staff, instructors and other students. Luke has been a pleasure to work with and has been taking extra lessons over the summer.

Luke has been working under close supervision of our Lead Boatbuilder and they are in the final month of completing the Secret 20 build, in partnership with Practical Boat Owner magazine and she is looking fine. He practices skills every day and is developing new ones weekly. He oversees tool inventory and sharpening, always uses Personnel Protective Equipment and reminds younger students to do so also. He has been a good mentor to younger students and is keen to impart new knowledge and communicates well, not being afraid to ask for advice or guidance.

Luke has also trained for, qualified and competed in this year's Fastnet race and has sailed over 1250 nautical miles this season alongside completing his RYA safety boat qualification,

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RYA Essential Seamanship and Navigation, as well as his paddle sports instructor course. He has also updated his RYA first aid qualification. Luke also competed in his second National Junior Indoor Rowing Competition and beat his personal best in his first year at 2000 metres. He also helped train and support the St Vincent college Duke of Edinburgh bronze rowing expedition.

In summary, Luke has the most amazing year of training, work, qualifications and experience. His confidence in the trade grows with his experience and he has been a fabulous asset to our workshop and facility this year and will continue to do so for a further 3 years. Luke will complete his apprenticeship with a huge thank you to the Worshipful Company of Shipwright for supporting him in his first year."

John Gillard, Oarsome Chance Principal

