

RYST NEWSLETTER SPRING 2021



As you know I write to you each year in December thanking you for your support and letting you know what your contribution has achieved. But there's so much exciting stuff happening this year, that...well...I can't possibly wait until Christmas to tell you about it! So welcome to your Spring Newsletter.

First, the Schools Programme. This is now up and running again in the majority of our 19 schools and it's a joy to see the children outdoors and back on the water after the long months of lockdown. Studies have shown that children – especially those from disadvantaged families - have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic, so getting physically and socially active again is important for their health and well-being.

Second, the Tall Ships. You'll be aware they're coming to Falmouth in August for the start of the 2021 Magellan-Elcano 500 Series race to Cadiz. The Trust has arranged for 10 young people, 16 to 18, to take part aboard TS *Maybe* in the first leg, a 10-day race to A Coruna.

This will be an exciting trip on an historic 24-metre two-masted gaff ketch. *Maybe* took part in the first ever International Tall Ships Race in 1956. 65 years later, she's one of the few original boats still competing in them.

An exciting trip for the voyagers – and for us. This is the first step towards our goal of supporting young people aged 16-plus who've 'graduated' from our Schools Programme, helping them get the experience and life skills needed for quality jobs in maritime and other industries.

The project would not be possible without the support of our corporate and charity sponsors, who are paying for berths, return travel and insurance, so the trip is completely free for our lucky voyagers.

A big thank you to **CAD Architects, H Tiddy Estate Agents, Dr Andrew Langdale, St Just in Roseland Parish Council, St Mawes Pier & Harbour Company** and **St Mawes Sailing Club**, who have each sponsored a place for one of the voyagers.

And thank you twice over to St Austell-based accountants **Phillips Frith** and to **Superyacht Charities**, who have each sponsored places for two voyagers.

We're also grateful to **Classic Sailing** who have waived their arrangement fee in booking places on *Maybe*.

You'll find a comment from the sponsors at the end of this newsletter. Meanwhile, we're in the process of shortlisting and interviewing applicants and you'll be able to follow their progress on www.ryst.org.uk and on our social channels – more about that in a moment.

Third, the Clay Country project. Last year we responded to the challenge of the pandemic by arranging 1:1 tuition for the first 100 children in our Schools Programme to apply. This was such a success that we're repeating the approach this year, albeit in small groups of four rather than 1:1, targeting schools specifically in economically deprived communities in the Clay Country. We have 60 children aged 9-15 signed up to achieving RYA Stages 1, 2 or 3 (depending on current ability) through the summer. We're grateful to **Cornwall Community Foundation** for part-funding the project, which aims to create a measurable improvement in children's self-esteem and confidence through the experience of working towards the RYA qualifications. And a big thank you to private donors like you for funding the balance.

Fourth, G7 – and Cornwall will be in the global media spotlight as the leaders of the G7 countries meet at Carbis Bay next month. With climate change a key focus of the summit, we're taking all 100 children at Foxhole Learning Academy to Polkerris Beach the week before to develop their enjoyment, respect and knowledge of the marine environment.

There will be a mix of water-based activities (sailing, kayaking, paddle-boarding), land-based activities (beach-cleaning and artworks using ocean plastic waste) and lessons about marine conservation.

Hopefully it will be a memorable experience for the children and a friendly and inspiring welcome to G7 delegates arriving in Cornwall in the same week.

Foxhole Learning Academy will further benefit from an award by one of our charity sponsors. As well as funding two places on *Maybe* for the Tall Ships race, **Superyacht Charities** has also donated funds for 20 Foxhole Academy children to learn to sail this year, for which we and the school are extremely grateful.

Fifth – the **Tresanton Classics**. Having been forced to cancel in 2020 due to the Covid crisis, the Rustler 24/Piper Association has confirmed that the inaugural Tresanton Classics event will go ahead this year on Sunday 6 June at St Mawes. Lady Torpy has kindly said that any profits from the day will go to RYST. You can find entry details at <https://www.rustler24piper.com/tresanton-classics>

You will have noticed that we are doing more in the way of fund-raising from both charity sponsors and corporate sponsors so we can build on your generous support as a private donor to achieve even more.

We anticipate that most charity and corporate funding will be dedicated to specific projects, such as the Tall Ships and Clay Country projects; also to support for specific schools nominated by the donor. This year, for example, **Classic Cottages** are kindly funding lessons for children at St Mawes School and **Rodda's** for children at Restormel Academy.

Your private donations will continue to support the Schools Programme, which is our core activity as a Trust. So thank you for continuing to make a difference to the lives of children in Cornwall. We remain committed to our promise that 100% of private donations goes to getting children on the water: trustees and volunteers give their time free and pay admin costs out of their own pockets.

Finally, if you're active on social media, you can now find an RYST page on Linked In and Instagram as well as Facebook, to see first-hand what we're achieving with your kind contribution. You can also help spread the word by connecting, following and reposting us to your community:

Linked In: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/roseland-youth-sailing-trust>

Instagram: [@roselandyouthsailingtrust](https://www.instagram.com/roselandyouthsailingtrust)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/roselandyouthsailingtrust>

I'll leave you with a recent comment from one of the children you've supported. After his very first sailing lesson, which had to be held on land due to very windy conditions, he said:

"I know we haven't done anything yet, but that was awesome!"

Here's to an awesome summer!

With thanks and best wishes,

Dina Wheatcroft

Chair, Roseland Youth Sailing Trust

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS OF THE TALL SHIPS PROJECT

We asked our corporate and charity sponsors why they were supporting the project. Here's what they said:

CAD ARCHITECTS



CAD Architects are a leading architectural practice based in Cornwall with a wealth of expertise in the design and delivery of buildings.

"CAD are pleased to be able to support Roseland Youth Sailing Trust in their excellent objective to provide young people with lasting skills and confidence through the rich experience of sailing."

Steve Hooper, Architectural Director

H TIDDY ESTATE AGENTS



Established for over 100 years in the Cornish coastal village of St Mawes, H Tiddy is a highly experienced independent firm of estate agents, selling an extensive variety of coastal and country properties in all price ranges.

"As a donor since the early days of Roseland Youth Sailing Trust, we're pleased to see the Trust extend its support for young people into the post-16 age group and delighted to sponsor one of their Tall Ship voyagers this year." **Derek Holman, Chairman and Director**

PHILLIPS FRITH (TWO PLACES)



Established in 1926, Phillips Frith is a firm of chartered accountants and registered auditors located in St Austell town centre with clients throughout the South West. The firm prides itself on offering start-ups and established businesses a helpful and personal service tailored to individual needs.

"We think it's really important for young people to build self-confidence as they start out in life and we wish our young adventurers a wonderful voyage of discovery and self-discovery on TS Maybe." **Ian Chalmers, Senior Partner**

DR ANDREW LANGDALE

An established Sheffield businessman and philanthropist who is also Chairman of Sheffield Rugby Union Football Club, a keen sailor and a former cricketer.

"Delighted and supportive of Roseland Youth Sailing Trust's initiative and I wish the young adventurers 'bon voyage' for the 2021 Tall Ships Race." **Dr Andrew Langdale**

ST JUST IN ROSELAND PARISH COUNCIL



Designated an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, St Just in Roseland parish is a landscape of rolling farmland, bounded on the west by the waters of the Carrick Roads and including the villages of St Just in Roseland and St Mawes.

“St Just in Roseland Parish Council are happy to support this great initiative, which will provide a unique experience for the teenagers and give them great memories.” **Helen Couch, Clerk to the Parish Council**

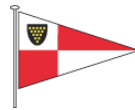
ST MAWES PIER & HARBOUR COMPANY



St Mawes is renowned as a haven for the keen sailing enthusiast, with its picturesque harbour and with access to some of the finest sailing waters in the South West.

“It is with great pleasure that St Mawes Harbour is once again sponsoring a place on a Tall Ship. It has been a long tradition for us to support maritime and youth activities within the Roseland community, and we hope the voyagers on TS Maybe find it both rewarding and enjoyable.” **Martin Bidmead, Harbour Master**

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One of the most active sailing clubs in the South West, St Mawes Sailing Club has just celebrated its centenary and is now looking forward to the next 100 years of fun and competition on and around the beautiful waters of Cornwall. An RYA-approved sailing centre, the club has a lively junior section and is a strong supporter of RYST.

“We are very pleased to be able to help these young sailors achieve the dream of sailing off into the sunset on the voyage of a lifetime. So much will be learned from the experience of crewing on a Tall Ship across the Bay of Biscay and down to A Coruna. We wish them fair winds and following seas.” **Chris de Glanville, Commodore**

SUPERYACHT CHARITIES (TWO PLACES)



Superyacht Charities harnesses the energies and generosity of the companies and individuals working in the superyacht industry to generate funding for charitable causes and also natural disaster relief in third world countries related to the sailing industry.

“Cornwall has a strong maritime heritage so it’s great to see Falmouth again hosting the Tall Ships, which gives people from all over the world a taste of adventure at sea. Thanks to RYST’s initiative, the race to A Coruna will include 10 young people from Cornwall who might otherwise never have the opportunity.” **Derek Munro, Chairman**

CLASSIC SAILING



Classic Sailing is the UK's foremost provider of ocean adventure, offering unforgettable experiences, courses and holidays on traditional boats. Based in St Mawes, its fleet has extended to 20 vessels ranging from the 55-foot Moosk to the 65-metre Tenacious, sailing all areas in and around the Atlantic from the Canaries to the Orkneys and from the Caribbean to the Baltic.

“Over 25 years we’ve sent 5000 people of all ages on trips of a lifetime. We trust RYST’s 10 voyagers on Maybe will find the race a uniquely exciting experience and look forward to welcoming them back glowing with the pride of their achievement.” **Adam Purser, Founder**