

Supporting Young People on the Water

Worshipful Company of Shipwrights

February 2023 – The Scouts Association Interim Report

Executive Summary

All young people in Scouting have the opportunity to enjoy water activities, but in Sea Scouting, considerable emphasis is on these activities, and many aspects of naval and nautical traditions are incorporated. Without the funding from The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, many young people would not have the chance to gain these valuable skills on the water. In 2023 we remain exceptionally grateful for the opportunities you've given young people to explore and experience the thrill of being on the water.

Last year, we identified three Sea Scout groups who deliver meaningful on-the-water experiences for young people. The groups nominated for the funding have a track record of delivering high-quality seafaring activities for young people.

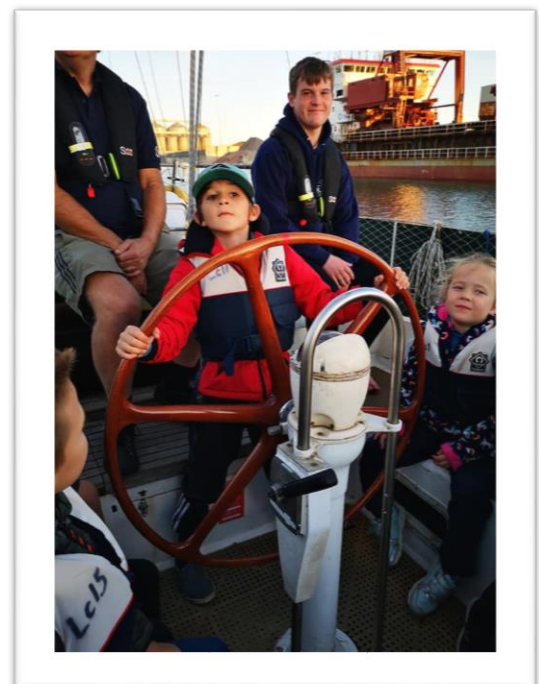
Outputs

The funds supported groups in Colchester (Adventures Offshore), Lancing (3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scout Group) and Hampshire (Discovery Sailing Project) with grants totalling £10,000. Each group had a specific need for funds across training, maintenance, repair and accessibility.

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scouts

3rd/5th Lancing Sea Scout Group is Royal Navy Recognised (RN 23) and well established within the community of Adur. In 2023 the team are keen to continue to offer their young people the chance to try and a range of skills - from basic knots to steering the yacht, sail trimming, navigation, and engine maintenance so at the end of their time on-board have made significant entry into the RYA Competent Crew qualification and beyond.

The generous funding from The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights funding will be used to carry on the great work in the area.



Offshore Sailing

Adventures Offshore has been a Scout District within Essex Scouts since 1964. They build skills for life by taking Scouts and other young people on sailing adventures on forty nine foot yachts, and are a leading provider of Sail Training in the UK.

With the current funding they intend to use the funding for the following:-

- To enable Scouts from disadvantaged backgrounds to take part in one of our voyages.
- To assist with training costs for our Young Sea Staff scheme. This scheme identifies young people who would benefit from further training towards becoming volunteer sea staff within Adventures Offshore.

The sailing season doesn't start until the end of March, and they are still identifying potential recipients of the fund.

- Two Scouts who have applied for and been approved for assistance with voyage costs.
- Five young people signed up to attend a Watch Leaders course, which is the first step in the Young Sea Staff Scheme. They will all be receiving assistance with the cost of the course.

Discovery Sailing

The Discovery Sailing Project delivers offshore sailing experiences for young people. We give Scouts, Youth Organisations and others the opportunity to develop through sail training.

After a busy 2022 programme of delivery, Discovery Sailing have confirmed that they have already filled most of their 2023 programme calendar

With the appointment of a new Project Explorer Scout Leader, they remain excited about the focus that the funding will allow them to give to increased training opportunities in 2023.



Moving Forward

The Scout Association remain committed to preparing more young people with skills for life, and we are only able to do this with the amazing support of organisations like The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights. Having seen how much young people have gained from taking part in activities on the water, we would love to help more young people have this opportunity. We would therefore be keen to open up applications to groups across a wider range of communities. To do this we would need to expand our network of trained volunteers and broaden the equipment available to support the activities.

We were wondering if this would be something that the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights would be interested in working with us to develop. If you are then we would be delighted to provide further information when the final report for the current funding is submitted later this year.

For any further information, or if there is anything you would like to discuss further, please contact Wendy May (wendy.may@scouts.org.uk).