

## TALL SHIPS YOUTH TRUST – VOYAGE FEEDBACK

### VOYAGE STATISTICS

The benefits of sailing with TSYT are proven and long-lasting. We take a lot of care to assess the impact that our work has on those who sail with us.

Feedback from recent voyages show:

- 83% were actively involved in supporting and planning activities.
- 83% felt more able to cope with stressful or challenging situations.
- 91% were able to support others to build their skills and knowledge.
- 91% were able to plan ahead to reduce risk in challenging situations.
- 91% took responsibility for personal organisation and time management.
- 95% felt more competent as a member of the voyage crew by the end of the voyage.
- 95% were able to lead and take responsibility for others and tasks successfully.
- 95% felt more confident about setting goals for the future.



### YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEY RESPONSES

We asked the young people how they felt before joining the trip – some responses are below:

- I was a little nervous, but I was excited to experience it!
- Worried I wouldn't fit in with the other crew members.
- I felt nervous and wasn't sure if I wanted to go sailing in the first place.
- I was nervous about being on a ship for the first time and worried about being around people I have never met.
- I felt a bit nervous and unsure how it would go and whether I would enjoy it.
- I was a bit nervous about meeting new people and sailing for the first time. I was also excited to go sailing.

After their voyage, we asked the young people for their voyage highlights:

- I loved it when the sea got rough, and the boat was rocky and me and another crew member had to sweat the ropes, but we kept falling over and laughing about it.
- Raising the main sail during very strong weather.
- Seeing the girls bond and support each other.
- Driving the ship, hoisting sails, learning knots, and making friends and laughing with them.
- Seeing the dolphins and the watch systems were new and exciting night sailing was also an enjoyable aspect.
- Experiencing the watch systems was a massive highlight as it showed me that it wasn't as easy as I thought but also that even when it got hard you got on with it and you make the best out of what you have.

Below is a selection of end of voyage final thoughts:

- I loved it, I've been going through a lot of very difficult things right now and it has been great to be able to get away from it all.



- It was life changing.
- The trip was one of the best experiences of my life and included some of the best moments of my life and I want to thank the crew and crew mates for making me feel welcome, liked and giving me a better experience than I sometimes feel I deserved.
- Honestly, the experience has made me feel a part of something and I've fully gone out of my comfort zone to have an amazing time, ever so grateful. Thank you.
- I would really love to become a watch leader and thank you for the experience.



## VOYAGE CREW FEEDBACK

**About Tyler (12):** “Tyler has thrown himself into this week transferring his strong maritime knowledge into sailing onboard a Challenger. Despite being the youngest in the group, he gelled well with the others and has come across as a very confident young man. Taking more leadership roles would continue to allow him to flourish. Great to have on the voyage, excellent contribution to the voyage above and below decks, keep up the great work.”

**Tyler said:** “It was my first time, and I was very nervous and excited. My highlight was sailing through the night, and I learnt how to sweat the sails. I completed my RYA Start Yachting.”

**About Mariah (15):** “When involved, Mariah was attentive and followed instructions well through the trip, she overcame her natural reserve and discovered areas of interest namely helming and star gazing. However, there were times when she didn’t get involved with less glamorous tasks like cleaning the galley. I do hope Mariah enjoyed this experience and that it has helped build her confidence. It was great to see how Mariah enjoyed crew interaction and hope the voyage had more positive points for her than anticipated at the start.”



**Mariah said:** “I was nervous and scared at the start. The things I enjoyed most during the week were putting the sail down and sailing the night together to get back to Portsmouth. I learnt how to sail in general and completed my RYA Start Yachting.”

**About Rachel (12):** “Working with Rachel has been very enjoyable this week, her always positive attitude has pulled the watch together and has made her a very valuable member of the team. She very much enjoyed aspects of sailing the boat including working in the snakepit and on the helm. Taking more opportunities to lead would be a big benefit for her in the future. A real pleasure to have Rachel onboard this week. It was excellent to see confidence and team involvement grow. Howe we can sail again.”

**Rachel said:** “I felt excited – it was my first time on a Challenger. I learnt how to articulate, as this can be used day to day. My highlights of the week were the sailing and learning new skills. I completed my RYA Start Yachting).”



**About Anna (14):** "Anna arrived with good sailing skills and increased in confidence during the week. Always happy to volunteer, Anna made a significant contribution to the whole team effort. With these building blocks in place, further development should follow. A big thumbs up Anna. I would highly recommend Anna to come ack and we would love to sail with her again.!



**Anna said:** "I was excited for the trip and to meeting new people and didn't know what to expect. My highlights were meeting everyone; heeling the boat; going fast in high winds; doing the spinnaker pole; the beach at Weymouth; the sky's pretty views and the card games! The thing that I have learnt is to take responsibility and try challenges even if you think you don't like them. I completed my RYA Start Yachting."

**About Beth (15):** "Beth proved to be a real asset this week and demonstrated time and again her commitment to the team effort. Arriving with a strong foundation of sailing knowledge she extended this significantly while demonstrating strong leadership potential. Congratulations Beth, an impressive week. Brilliant voyage all round for Beth – keen to learn and support her team. Well done!"

**Beth said:** "I was excited to join the boat. My voyage highlights were anchoring, night sailing and mast climbing, and I learnt about deck prep. I completed my RYA Start Yachting."



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