

The Voyage of Discovery Funder Report 2025



Worshipful Company of Shipwrights Thank You Letters & Feedback

Please see below a selection of thank you letters and feedback from the group you have helped this year, and who without your support would not have been able to take part in a voyage.

East District Sea Cadets – £2,000



Group Leader Feedback

"A highlight of the voyage was seeing the cadets grow."

"A sailing residential is a very suitable environment for young people. Working in the industry you see the benefits that these experience is to young people."

"I have one cadet who is disabled but they haven't let this effect them. It's truly shown them what they can do."

"A highlight for me was seeing the cadets learn new skills from the staff / crew and gain their own confidence."

"A sailing residential increases skills and confidence, plus understanding the needs of others in a close environment."

"One individual was very shy and is slow to interact. I saw this individual come further out of her shell in a positive way."

"A highlight for me was the enthusiasm of the crew which inspired the young people and made sure they had an amazing time despite challenging weather. The young people developed in their friendships and sense of belonging and were given somewhere to aspire to in their careers."

"It's a great insight into a life at sea, adult life, close living and independence. They learnt catering skills and about hygiene and cleaning."

"My cadets have definitely found friendship and learnt so much about sailing and themselves. They have been part of something bigger than Leicester."

"The crew have made the week for these young people. They have been so well behaved and always busy. If all young people had access to these opportunities, the country would be a better place."

"It's really difficult to pick out a single highlight. The voyage was such fun and the crew were tireless."

"I noticed the biggest changes in children that were previously very needy and attention seeking. It's an excellent environment combining challenge with group living and the challenges can't be dodged."

Young People's Feedback

"I liked becoming part of the crew. I learnt some new knots and extended my offshore yachting knowledge." - Oliver

"It is very enjoyable and I liked getting out and sailing. I learnt about knots, about sails and how to live on a boat." - Robert

"I liked learning and doing different things. Some times when we were putting up the sails it became overwhelming. I liked exploring as I've never been sailing before." - Kyra

"I liked meeting the crew and making friends. It was amazing and I wish it was every day." - Lily

"I liked going in the net on the boat." - Jack

"I liked all the cooking and the sailing and I learnt live in small areas with others." - Taylor

"I liked having the freedom and the responsibility. I learnt how to sail and it was fun and gives you many choices in life." - Amber

"I liked being involved with the crew and the boat. I learnt how to be more responsible. It is cool." - Stanley

"I liked sailing the boat and the cooking and I learnt loads more knots - I can now do a bowline!" - Fin

"It was great fun. I liked the friendship on board and I learnt to tie lots of different knots." - Matthew

Young People's Feedback continued

"I liked getting to participate in different activities with different people. I learnt how to co-operate with people I may not like." - Storm

"I liked the positivity. I learnt that people are very annoying but also funny. It was 100% great." - Harry

"I liked how everyone pulled together and was friendly and including of everyone. I learnt about caring for other people as it's communal and it makes you considerate." - Sylvia

"I liked meeting people and it gave me skills and confidence." - Samantha

"It was fun but rocky at times. I liked everything about the voyage." -
Hermione

"It was fun and people became family really quickly." - Neve

"The crew gave me so much courage and trust and fun that now I can look at the world in such a more positive way. It was the best experience I have ever had in my life." - Jessica

"I learnt how to sail and how to take care of myself. We ate a lot of ginger nut biscuits. It was fun and very educational." - Isaac

"It was so much fun - very different, but awesome." - Charlie

"I learnt how much effort it takes to sail a boat of this size." - Fran

"It was perfection!" - Thomas