



FACTS & FIGURES

WE ARE IN DEMAND: OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, WE HAVE FILLED OVER 93% OF ALL AVAILABLE BERTHS.

- OYT South has 120 active volunteers
- In 2018, 77 volunteers gave 1,075 days to sail on our voyages. On average, at least 70 sea-going volunteers sail every year, alongside two or three paid staff
- Over a quarter of volunteer sea staff are aged 25 or under
- Volunteers contribute over 500 days of work to vessel refits and maintenance every year
- In 2018, 50% of crew members were aged under 16; 27% were 16-18; 9% were aged 19-25 and 14% were leaders or carers aged 25+, or disadvantaged adults

- We are a Royal Yachting Association sea school: young people can earn recognised qualifications on board. For some this will be a first experience of successful learning
- In 2018, Royal Yachting Association Start Yachting certificates were earned by 196 young people. 113 earned the more advanced Competent Crew certificates

“MY BIG BABY BOY WENT AWAY A BOY FIVE DAYS AGO AND CAME BACK A VERY HAPPY YOUNG MAN WITH A VISION FOR THE FUTURE...ONE HAPPY MUM...OYT SOUTH DO AN AMAZING THING FOR TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS.”

AIDEN'S MUM

- *Prolific* is a 32-metre, 110-tonne ketch, built in 2005 as a tribute to a previous *Prolific*, an 1891 Grimsby sailing trawler
- *Prolific's* sailing area covers the south coast of England, the West Country, France and the Channel Islands, with occasional longer and more challenging voyages such as the Tall Ships race series
- *Prolific* sails with a crew of around 12-15 young people plus six to eight adults

- Voyages cost around £800 per person for an average 5 days on board
- Half this cost is always covered through fundraising: no young person pays more than £400 for a 5-day voyage
- Many pay significantly less: in addition to those funded by other sources, OYT South made grants in 2018 totalling £35,850 to 132 young crew members who could not otherwise afford to sail
- It costs around £350,000 a year to run the charity
- OYT South is always looking for donations to support voyages for disadvantaged and vulnerable young people, as well as contributions towards salaries and vessel maintenance and equipment

“THE BEST THING ABOUT THE BOAT TRIP WAS THAT I LEARNED SOMETHING NEW AND MADE SOME AWESOME NEW FRIENDS AND THAT THE TRIP ITSELF REALLY PUT A SMILE ON MY FACE.”

REECE, HOMELESS 19-YEAR OLD

- OYT South is the first sail training charity to have received The Queen’s Award for Voluntary Services, equivalent in status to the MBE
- Chief Executive Mark Todd was the inaugural winner of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency’s Award for Command Commitment to Sail Training, the highest professional recognition available in sail training
- In 2016, Ocean Youth Trust South won the Sail Training Vessel of the Year Award - selected by the Association of Sail Training Organisations and the Maritime & Coastguard Agency
- Our Staff Skipper Peta Koczy was awarded the title of Young Sail Trainer of the Year 2018 by Sail Training International - effectively making her the best under-25 sail trainer in the world
- In 2019, another of our staff, Holly Vint, was named Best Potential Sail Training Skipper by ASTO and the MCA

