



Ocean Youth Trust South

Giving young people the skills to succeed in life

Making a lasting difference

A voyage with Ocean Youth Trust South is not just about learning to sail, but about developing qualities which matter in everyday life.

A voyage can focus on:

- Confidence
- Working in a team
- Coping with unfamiliar experiences
- Communication
- Taking responsibility
- Learning new skills
- Perseverance in the face of challenges
- Getting on with people
- Making lasting friendships



These are all skills and qualities which employers, families and communities need.



An award-winning charity

OYT South is the first sail training charity to win The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Our Chief Executive, Mark Todd, was the inaugural winner of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency's Award for Command Commitment to Sail Training.

OYT South was also one of the charities selected by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to benefit from the Royal Wedding Gift Fund.



History

Ocean Youth Trust South is a registered charity (no. 1079959) which grew out of the Ocean Youth Club, founded in 1960.

We work with around 450 young people each year, taking them to sea as active crew members in a purpose-built sail training vessel.



Young people from all backgrounds can benefit from sail training with Ocean Youth Trust South.

Sam is 14. He has a TV in his bedroom, likes computer games and is always driven to school. When did he last get outside, take responsibility and really challenge himself?

On the other hand, some young people face too many challenges.

Vikki is 12 and has been bullied. She's lost her confidence, won't speak up in class and is frightened of meeting people.

Dan is 19 and not in education, employment or training. He's struggling to prove to any potential employer that he can be reliable, work in a team or take on responsibility.

Amy is 16 and helps look after a sister with a life-limiting condition. She feels isolated from her friends and although she's worried about her exams she hasn't said anything at home as she thinks her mum has enough to cope with already.

Sail training with Ocean Youth Trust South could be the opportunity of a lifetime for Sam, Vikki, Dan and Amy, helping each of them to a brighter future.

Sailing an ocean-going vessel as active crew members changes lives.



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service

The MBE for volunteer groups



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The New Boat

Owen Clarke Design has extensive experience of designing low-maintenance, ultra-strong, safe yet exciting and innovative vessels for internationally-renowned sailors such as Ellen MacArthur and Mike Golding.

They have worked with OYT South to apply these ideas in the design of a sail training yacht that can be crewed by novice sailors as young as 12. The resulting vessel could set the standards in sail training for years to come.



Merfyn Owen has a personal connection with OYT. He first sailed with us at the age of 16 and went on to skipper for the charity. He says "I have designed boats with all sorts of priorities - speed, safety, comfort, good looks - but this is the first time I have ever designed a yacht around a table!"

Length overall:	23.95m
Beam:	5.93m
Draught:	3.0m
Displacement:	42.1 tonnes
Upwind sail area:	290m ²
Downwind sail area:	485m ²
Construction:	Multi-axial glass and Corecell foam sandwich
Berths:	20

Why is Ocean Youth Trust South special?

Anyone who goes to sea understands what can be learned by facing wind and waves to sail a boat together. OYT South's unique impact comes through having a boat designed around a table big enough to seat everyone: young people, volunteers and staff all sit together to eat, plan voyages, chat, hold training sessions, play games, review the day and make friends.

The boat takes young people away from all outside distractions and builds a team, living and working on board; the saloon table brings everyone together as equals. This is where the changes happen that will make a lasting difference to young lives.

Why does Ocean Youth Trust South need a new boat?

OYT South owns a purpose-built, twenty-one-year old 72-foot steel ketch, *John Laing*. Maintaining an ageing steel vessel currently takes a third of the charity's time and money every year.

With a new, low-maintenance vessel, we could focus more of our efforts directly on helping young people – and minimise any risk of disappointing young crew members by losing sailing time or even cancelling a voyage due to a defect. Also, aspects of *John Laing*'s design are becoming outdated: for example, some clients prefer not to sail in a boat whose accommodation requires youth workers to share a cabin with young people.

The time has come when OYT South must have a new boat. This will give us another 30 years of safe sailing with up to 15,000 young people.

How you can make this new boat a reality

- Make a one-off donation or regular gift
- Remember Ocean Youth Trust South in your will
- Spread the word – do you know an individual, company, club or trust which might help?

Donors and sponsors will have opportunities to sail in the new boat and to see how our work helps young people. The major sponsor will have the chance to give the boat a name - an opportunity which could create a thirty-year association with a good cause and will help over 15,000 young people.

Appeal target: £4 million

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