



Tall Ships 5 day voyage from Portsmouth.

I have just completed the voyage on a tall ship around the South Coast of UK, the voyage was five days and I have really enjoyed the experience and would love to get the opportunity to do it again. When we got to the boat we were greeted by Paul our skipper, and Di and De. De was the port watch leader and Jenny was starboard watch leader. On the trip I have met loads of new friends and learnt all about sailing a boat. On our first few days we were up on deck learning the basics then towards the end of the voyage we knew all the basics. We started by going through different calls that the watch leader would shout over to us on deck. We also learnt to coil the ropes and put them away.

After our lessons we knew what we were doing and knew most of the parts of the boat. When we first got on the boat we were split into two teams port and starboard; in these groups we cooked, cleaned and did the washing up. I was in team starboard. The days were run like clock work and we had a route chart that we stuck too, it told you what your job was and what time you were doing the job. In some of the evening we had some shore leave which meant could go off the boat and have a look around the different ports.

.At one point we were dangling off the side of the boat it was the most incredible moment of the voyage. The food on the boat was brilliant on our first night we had chicken curry and the other nights the watch teams cooked the meals on the ship. Our beds were like hammocks and we each had a yellow box to put all our things in. The living space was tight but everyone soon got used to it. I also made lots of new friends on the trip there were three boys from Scotland and three boys from Manchester and at the end of the trip we all swapped emails and phone numbers so we could keep in touch. The voyage on challenger 3 was one of the best trips I have ever been on in my life. This was the first time I have ever be properly sailing before. After going on this Voyage and earning my competent crew award I now have a new hobby and I am hoping to do much more sailing and go up the ranks. I really enjoyed my time on challenger 3 and if I had the opportunity to do it again I would definitely go!! I was also recommended as assistant watch leader by the skipper!

Leah, aged 15.