# A YOUNG PERSON'S **JOURNEY**









#### **EXPLORE!**

Four-night voyage

Inshore / coastal waters

**RYA Start Yachting** 

**Mostly day sailing** 

**Short distance** between ports

#### **EMPOWER!**

Five to seven-night voyage

More challenging itinerary

**RYA Competent Crew** 

Some overnight sailing

Fewer stops / less time in marinas

#### LEAD!

More than seven nights

Offshore waters / overseas

Passage making

Overnight watch systems

Onboard decisions made by the youth crew

## KEY BENEFITS

**Build positive** relationships

**Manage feelings** 

**Develop confidence** and self-esteem

Improve social and communication skills

Practice the five steps to wellbeing / vitamin sea

**Build independence** 

Set goals for the future and consider aspirations

**Develop resilience** 

Learn to lead and make decisions as a team

**Embrace challenges** and develop positive attitudes

**Develop leadership skills** 

Learn about your own strengths and weaknesses

Consider career pathways

**Understand the challenges** to ocean health

Influence your communities and make positive change happen

### **About Tall Ships Youth Trust**

Tall Ships Youth Trust (TSYT) is a vibrant **youth development outdoor learning charity** that offers life-changing experiences to young people aged 12-25, onboard our iconic vessels.

Our mission is to **empower young people**, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds, to realise their full potential, **supporting them on their journeys to adulthood** and for some, careers in the maritime sector and the blue economy.

To achieve this, we operate our fleet of **four 72ft Challenger yachts and a 55ft ketch all-year-round**, providing around 1,000 young people from across the UK with a life-changing experience.



Our Challengers are famous for having sailed twice round the world against prevailing winds as part of the Global Challenge races in 2000/2001 and 2004/2005.

Our **three-voyage programme** is tailored to young people's needs and journeys to adulthood. They start with a four-night voyage of *exploration*, before moving on to our longer and more challenging voyages of *empowerment* and *leadership*.

Our vessels provide a **unique**, **outdoor residential learning environment** that enables young people to **develop life skills**, **confidence and self-esteem**, which they can take back to their communities and thrive.

We divide the crew into two teams (known as 'watches'), to give everyone the opportunity to take part in:

- Steering the vessel (onboard we call this 'helming')
- Raising and adjusting the sails ('hoisting' and 'setting' them)
- Operating the winches
- Food preparation and domestic duties (e.g. washing up)
- General maintenance and 'Happy Hour' (that's cleaning!)



Voyaging experiences with us have consistently shown that young people feel they have **better resilience** and are more able to **manage their feelings and solve problems** after they leave the vessel.

On our voyages, young people can work towards and achieve various qualifications including the **RYA Start Yachting or Competent Crew**, as well as completing the **residential and expedition** components of the **Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme**.

We offer sailing experiences for individuals and groups including schools, youth zones, Scouts, Girlguides, Cadets and many more. For more information about our youth voyages, email: **info@tallships.org** or call **02392 832055**.