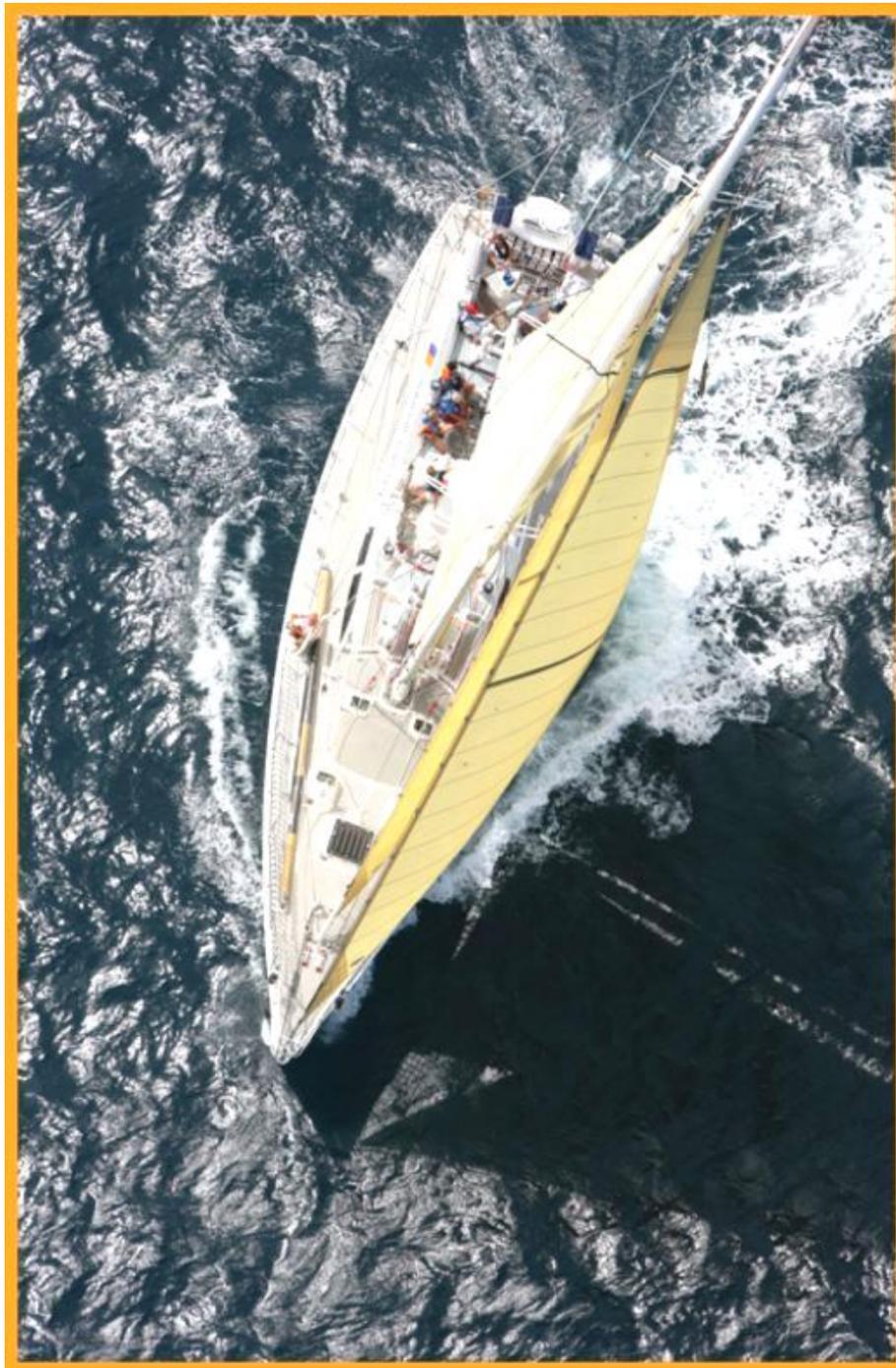


Wiltshire Scouts

Yacht Sailing

26th – 31st August 2019



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Sailing 2019



There is a great opportunity for Scouts and Explorers, aged 12 – 17, to take part in a yacht sailing trip in summer 2019.

This will be the third year we've run this trip, with great feedback on the experience each time.

What is being offered?

The plan is to run a 6-day residential sailing trip at the end of the school summer holidays. This is a fantastic opportunity to take a real hands-on role in sailing on one of the 72ft Challenger vessels, originally built for the BT Global Challenge race.

The boats are real deep-water racers, very safe and quite comfortable. They're based in Portsmouth and are owned and operated by the Tall Ships Youth Trust <http://tallships.org/> They're maintained to the highest standards and have a really experienced professional crew.



Tall Ships will provide an experienced crew of 4 adults, including a highly qualified and experienced skipper. There will be places for 10 Scouts or Explorers and two adult Scout Leaders on each boat.

If you join this trip, you will be an integral part of the boat's crew and can be expected to take responsibility at different times for helming (steering) the boat, navigation, hoisting and managing the sails, cooking, cleaning etc. There is a lot to learn, but this is an exciting development and team-building

opportunity, with masses of genuine adventure.

Our accommodation will be snug, comfortable bunks on board. There is, of course, limited space and a whole new routine to learn – exciting and very different to home!



Some nights we will stay overnight in marinas, where there will be shore-based facilities including hot showers. One or two nights we might anchor at sea.

We'll be on board from Monday lunchtime until Saturday morning. The details of our voyage will be determined much nearer the time, taking into account many factors, including weather and tides. The boats are very capable and so there are lots of possibilities.

Previous itinerary	
Mon	Train to Portsmouth. Join boat and meet crew. Safety briefing and issue kit. Sail to Yarmouth (IoW)
Tue	Mast climbing in Yarmouth harbour, then sail to Weymouth.
Wed	Explore Weymouth, then sail to Studland Bay. Navigation training and practice. Anchor overnight.
Thu	Sail back to the Solent. Rest and prepare for night sail.
Fri	Night sail back into Portsmouth. Return home by train.

The itinerary above is a summary of what we did in August 2018. In 2019, we'll have an extra day, which might open up different opportunities. Ultimately, the decision about where we go will rest with the boat Skipper

and the safety and comfort of all on board will be paramount.

This trip will involve young people and adults from different parts of the Wiltshire, many of whom won't know each other. That really doesn't matter at all – our experience is that everyone overcomes this very quickly.

We will provide a day of activities for all participants in the early summer, before the trip. This will give us all a chance to get to know each other and is a great opportunity share information. We'll set the date for this early in 2019, so that you can keep it free.



How did the previous trips go?

Search Facebook for [Wiltshire Scouts Sailing 2017](#) or [Wiltshire Scouts Sailing 2018](#)

When and where?

We will travel by train to and from Portsmouth, where we will meet the boats. In the past, we have all travelled from Chippenham station, but there might be options to join at Westbury and/or Salisbury as well. That will be decided when we know where the young people and adults running the trip are based.

Departure...	
Monday, 26 August 2019	Morning departure Chippenham train station Possibly options of Westbury or Salisbury as well.
Return....	
Saturday, 31 August 2019	Afternoon return

All participants must be available for the full duration of the trip. There will be no opportunities to join later or leave earlier.

Who is this trip for?

Older Scouts or Explorer Scouts of any age. At the time of the trip, all participants must be at least 12 years old and under 18.

To be eligible, individuals must be a Scout or Explorer at the time of their application for a place **and** at the time of the trip itself.

Do I need any sailing experience?

No prior experience is required.

Will I get seasick?

There is a chance that you might. It's not nice, but it can be managed to some extent by getting fresh air, keeping eyes on the horizon and taking medication. However some people are more susceptible than others and we can't promise you won't suffer to some extent.

What will it cost?

The total cost of the trip will be £550 per Scout or Explorer taking part. Payments can be spread over the next few months according to the following schedule.

Due date	Description	Amount
31 Oct 18	Deposit	£150
31 Jan 19	Payment 2	£150
30 Mar 19	Payment 3	£150
30 May 19	Final payment	£100

Places are limited

In previous years we've taken two boats, but this time we have the option to up to three. Each one can accommodate 10 young people. That means there is a maximum of 30 places available. However, we're offering these to Scouts from all over Wiltshire so places are likely to fill up early.

To request your place, you need to provide:

- a fully-completed online booking form
- pay a £150 deposit by 31 October 2018.

Doing so commits you to taking a place and paying the full cost of the trip if one can be allocated to you. We will allocate places on a first-come, first-served basis.

The finances of the trip mean that we can only afford to take full boats – so we'll allocate firm places to the first 10, then the next 10 and so on. Unfortunately, if (for example) 26 young people wanted to take part, we'd only be able to take 20 – although we'd try really hard to fill those remaining 4 places so that everyone could go!

Although unlikely, if fewer than 10 young people register, the trip will not be financially viable and so will not go ahead.

We will notify all applicants of the outcome of the application process by email in very early November (or earlier if possible). If an applicant has not been successful in securing a place, we will refund the deposit promptly.

We may operate a reserve list and relevant applicants will be offered the option to be placed on the list. We will refund the deposit promptly for those on the reserve list and staying on reserve doesn't require any sort of commitment.

Participants are expected to pay the amounts promptly. We will remind you what is due when, but don't expect (or have the capacity) to have to chase payments. *We may need late-payers to pay a surcharge if their late payment affects our cashflow.*

We much prefer payment by bank transfer as this eases the burden on us. If you want to pay by cheque, we'll ask you to pay it into the bank for us.

What is included?

The cost of the trip includes:

- A day of activities in early summer
- Travel to and from Portsmouth by train.
- Mon – Saturday on board
- The possibility of gaining an RYA 'Start Yachting' certificate – or 'Competent Crew' if you have prior experience
- Use of all necessary waterproofs and safety equipment
- All food and drink during the trip

What else will I need?

You won't need any specialist equipment, but you will need a sleeping bag, warm clothing, shoes that can get wet. You'll need a bag that can squash down into a small space. A lightweight microfibre towel is a really good idea. You might want a little spending money but won't need very much.



How do I apply for a place?

To apply for a place, you must complete an online application form **and** pay a deposit of £150 by 31 Oct 17.

Application form

<http://www.wiltshirenorthscouts.org.uk/sailing2019/>

Payment

By bank transfer to

Name	Sea Squad ESU
Sort code	30-91-99
Account	00259203
Reference	SAIL-[yourname]

If you would prefer to pay by cheque, please contact steve.ball@wiltshirenorthscouts.org.uk for details.



What if I change my mind?

Your application and deposit payment is a firm commitment to take part and pay the full cost of the trip.

If we're over-subscribed, there is a *possibility* that we may run a reserve list. If so, and if

your place can be passed on to another Scout, it *may* be possible to drop out later. You must not assume that this will be possible, however, and must understand that you are making a binding commitment by applying for a place.

How do I find out more?

We hope that this leaflet has provided you with most of the information you need and has whetted your appetite. If you have further questions, please contact Steve Ball, District Commissioner Wiltshire North.

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