

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS 2020 SAIL TRAINING PLACEMENTS



Purpose & Overview

These notes are intended to give guidance for anyone completing an application form to apply for one of the summer sail training placements being offered by Sail Training Shetland.

Applications are invited from young people interested to take part in either Adventure Sail North or Race 3 of The Tall Ships Races 2020.

The application process will result in twelve young people being selected to take part in the above events, either to be placed on Shetland's own sail training vessel *Swan* or Dutch tall ship *Gulden Leeuw*.

During their participation in a sail training adventure, trainees will have full opportunity to participate in events organised by guest harbours or host ports.

Age limits

Applicants must be between 15 and 25 years of age as at 20 July 2020, the earliest possible departure date from Shetland. No previous sail sailing experience is required.

Applicants under the age of 18 years old must ensure their applications are countersigned by a parent and/or guardian to confirm they are happy for their participation in any placements offered by Sail Training Shetland.

If selected, a more detailed parental consent will require to be completed by the parent and/or guardian for successful trainees who are under the age of 18 years old, before the voyage commences.

What is Sail Training?

The following information is an extract from Sail Training International's website:

"Sail training requires participants to confront many demanding challenges, both physical and emotional. It is an activity that inspires self-confidence and the acceptance of personal responsibility, promotes an acceptance of others whatever their social or cultural backgrounds, and develops a willingness to take controlled risks. For most who undertake sail training on Tall Ships it is a positive life-changing experience.

Sail training is an adventure activity for people of all ages and abilities. It includes instruction in all aspects of sailing but its purpose goes far, far beyond this. Sail training uses the experience of being at sea principally as a means to help people learn about themselves, discover hidden strengths and talents and understand the value of working as a team. In some programmes today it forms the setting for much wider aspects of education at sea."

Voyages on offer

There are two exciting voyages on offer this year (all dates inclusive of travel):

ADVENTURE SAIL NORTH

Ship: *Swan*

Dates: Monday 20 July – Sunday 2 August

Route: Ullapool to Lerwick (via Orkney and Fair Isle, weather permitting)

As part of Shetland Boat Week, trainee placements are being offered onboard *Swan* exploring Scotland's Coasts and Waters. The trip will start in Ullapool, sailing up the west coast of Scotland on the way to Shetland, calling in at Orkney and/or Fair Isle (weather permitting). *Swan* will berth or anchor at locations in Shetland for adventure activities, such as canoeing, coastering, dinghy sailing and a special crew mixer social event for all participants. The final day in Lerwick will include celebrations to kick off Shetland Boat Week.

<https://www.shetlandmuseumarchives.org.uk/community/boat-week>

RACE 3, THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2020

Ship: *Gulden Leeuw*

Dates: Tuesday 24 July – Monday 10 August

Route: La Coruna, Spain to Dunkirk, France

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Join the *Gulden Leeuw* for the last race of The Tall Ships Races 2020. Sail across the Bay of Biscay, racing other vessels and doing your best to come first. Make friends from many different countries, supported by the mentors who will make sure there's always something fun for everyone to do. Reach Dunkirk in the English Channel and spend the last 2 days of your adventure in port, enjoying the festival. These placements form part of an Erasmus + European exchange programme via Windseeker.

<https://sailtraininginternational.org/event/tall-ships-races-2020/>

Travel

Successful applicants may require travel both via ferry and/or flights to meet their ship. Although it is likely you would be travelling as part of a small group, you will nonetheless require a degree of self-reliance during the trip. Trainees under the age of 18 years will be accompanied by a responsible adult.

There may be immigration checks during The Tall Ships Races, therefore it is essential any applicants who wished to be considered for this voyage must hold a valid passport at the time of travel. Please check your passport validity prior to submitting your application at:

<https://www.passport.service.gov.uk/check-a-passport>

Any necessary bookings required to join your ship will be arranged in advance by Sail Training Shetland. The costs of travel and insurance cover for your journey will also be met by Sail Training Shetland.

If successful, you will be provided with a comprehensive pack, which will include an itinerary and insurance details prior to your voyage.

Application process

The closing date for applications is **Friday 27 March 2020**.

Applicants may be invited to participate in a selection event or interviews, to help decide on successful applicants. Immediately after the selection process, a decision on the applications will be made and you will be notified in writing on the outcome of your application.

The committee of Sail Training Shetland reserves the right to decide the successful applicants and which voyage they will be offered.

Additional support needs

Applications from anyone who meets the age criteria will be welcomed. Applicants may be asked for details of any additional support needs they have and this will not prejudice the consideration of applications. All reasonable support will be given to assist trainees with additional support needs to take part.

It should be borne in mind however, that by its very nature, sail training can be a physically and emotionally demanding activity. Berths onboard some vessels are not suitable for individuals with a physical disability.

Applicants who may have difficulty with reading and writing are welcome to have their application scribed and submitted by another person on their behalf.

Funding

The cost of charter costs, race entry fees, ship bookings, travel and insurance will be met through fundraising, sponsorship and grant funding attracted by Sail Training Shetland, in addition to personal contributions received from trainees.

Successful applicants will require to pay a personal contribution of up to £300.00 towards their journey and will be expected to participate with any fundraising activities organised by Sail Training Shetland.

Any additional or occasional personal expenses other than those set out above will be the responsibility of the successful trainees.

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Further Information

For more details or if you have any specific queries, please contact melanie@lerwick-harbour.co.uk