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Our Vision:

To change lives by
creating access to
sail training voyages
for young people from
all backgrounds and
with all abilities on
the island of Ireland.



Annual Report 2017



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CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to welcome you to Sail Training Ireland's annual report for 2017.

I am delighted to report on another good year for Sail Training Ireland. In my opinion, we must measure our success based on increasing the numbers of young people we provide with the 'life-changing' opportunity of sail training and we have continued to do this in 2017. We have also expanded our contacts and relationships with different organisations, government agencies, local authorities, cities and ports as we expand the awareness of the value of sail training in helping young people from all social backgrounds to develop a willingness to confront and overcome the challenges of life.

Nevertheless, we still face several challenges to grow the organisation and enable us to increase the number of young people who would benefit from the experience of sail training. Funding continues to be a concern as we depend more and more on the generosity of our sponsors, without whom we could not provide our current level of service to young people.

Our CEO Daragh and his team provided considerable assistance to Dublin Port Company and Dublin City Council in organising the very successful 'Three Cities' Festival, in June 2017, involving Dublin (Port and City), Belfast City Council and Liverpool, bringing together young people from these cities, exposing them to different cultures and experiences.

We have continued in our role as the national representative to Sail Training International and we have made submissions and presentations at their conferences and council meetings. We continue to build our relationships with cities and ports in Northern Ireland and we have placed many trainees on their behalf. We hope to grow this relationship in the coming years.

I look forward to another successful year in 2018 when, I hope, we can increase the numbers of young people that we can assist in accessing the sail training experience. In this regard, I must express a special thanks to our sponsors who have been so generous in their support in enabling us to provide assistance to so many young people over the past years. .

I must pay a special tribute to my fellow Board members, all of whom have been appointed on the basis of their particular skills and expertise and who give so generously of their time and knowledge to help in the work of our charity. I would also like to pay particular tribute to our CEO, Daragh and his colleagues, Sindy and Judy, who work so hard to deliver the objectives of our charity and help so many young people on a day to day basis.

**Seamus McLoughlin,
Chairman, Sail Training Ireland.**

WHO WE ARE

We are honoured to have as our Patron; Michael D. Higgins, PRESIDENT OF IRELAND.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of directors is entirely voluntary.

Seamus McLoughlin, Chairman *Representative on International Council of Sail Training International*



Background as Marine Engineer, Marine Surveyor and a Port Operations Manager. Seamus served as a member of a Board of Asgard II (Coiste an Asgard) and was a founder member of Sail Training Ireland.

Robert Barker



Robert Barker was appointed in March 2017. He is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and an Associate of the Institute of Taxation of England and Wales. He was, until his retirement, a tax partner in KPMG, specialising in Financial Services. Since retirement, he has been involved with a number of charitable organisations apart from Sail Training Ireland. These include Rehab Group (where he is a Director and member of the Audit and Risk Committee), Irish Cruising Club (where he is Hon. Treasurer and Director of Irish Cruising Club Publications) and a Trustee and Hon. Treasurer of the Malawi Girls Education Fund. His interests include hiking, theatre, reading and sailing.

Ciaran Callan *Vessel Operators' Representative on the Board.*



A Marine Engineer holding an LLM in Environmental Law he was a senior manager with Dublin Port for many years and now operates his own engineering, energy and environmental consultancy practice. Ciarán is a keen sailor and member of the National Yacht Club.

Kalanne O'Leary *Trustee of Sail Training International*



Kalanne is a solicitor and managing partner at O'Leary Arnold, a law practice located in the town of Skerries in North County, Ireland where she has practised for over 30 years. She was the founding chairman of Sail Training Ireland and a former director of Coiste an Asgard, the vessel operator for Asgard II,

which was Ireland's national sail training vessel for thirty years. Kalanne was Sail Training International council member for Ireland until 2014 and is currently serving a three year term as a trustee of Sail Training International. In addition she was the chairman of the trainee working group for Dublin Tall Ships 2012. She enjoys sailing, walking, skiing, reading, gardening.

Commodore Hugh Tully *FOCNS Flag Officer Commanding Naval Service (Retired)*



Commodore Hugh Tully is from Dublin and has 36 years' service in the Defence Forces. Prior to his appointment as FOCNS he was Officer Commanding Naval Operations Command for 3 years. Commodore Tully has held a broad range of appointments in the Naval Service. He was in charge of the Naval Service HR Section and Commanded Ireland's Flagship LÉ Eithne from 2006 to 2008.

Other appointments include Senior Staff Office and Officer in Charge of Planning and Policy, Naval HQ. He also spent two years as UN Military Observer with the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organisation (UNTSO) in Israel and Lebanon. He has previously commanded LÉ Aoife and LÉ Orla. Commodore Tully is a graduate of the Irish Command & Staff Course. He has received award medals for overseas service with UNIFIL (1986) and UNTSO (2003-2005). Hugh retired from the Naval service at the end of 2017.

Grainne Arntz *Jubilee Sailing Trust - Irish Branch, Chairman Disability Sub-Committee, Member Trainees sub committee*



Grainne became involved with STI through sailing with the Jubilee Sailing Trust and as a member of the Committee of their Irish Branch. While working as a teacher, she promoted Sail Training in schools and organised Transition Year voyages. She is currently chair of the Inclusion Sub-Committee whose remit is to assist STI in developing strategies to raise awareness of the adventure of Sail Training and to establish a database of vessels which can facilitate disability.

Peter Crowley *Chairman and Managing Director Crowley Services Ltd.*



Past Admiral of Royal Cork Yacht Club and Former President Irish Sailing Association, ISAF accredited International Race Officer and RNLI Council Member.

Muiris Shanahan

*Irish Sailing Association (ISA)
Representative to Sail Training
Ireland*



Muiris (Mossy) Shanahan was appointed by the ISA to the board of Sail Training Ireland. He has been involved in disabled sailing for many years and is a member of the Jubilee Sailing Trust Irish Branch. He is a retired airline pilot and a company director. Mossy is a member of the Inclusion Sub-Committee.

Bernice Sweeney

Northern Irish Representative



Former North/South and International Manager with the Youth Council for Northern Ireland, Bernice has extensive experience of managing and coordinating European and UK/Ireland youth programmes. Her career to date has involved working within the formal and non-formal education sectors both in Europe and Northern Ireland. Bernice is also a registered Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist.

Brian Spain

Brian recently retired from the position of Director at the Department of Defence where he had responsibility for a varied and wide brief.



Over the last number of years he oversaw the placing of the contract and the building of three of the new ships for the Naval Service. Brian was also National Director of Civil Defence, Chairman of the Civil Defence Board and a member of the National Fire Services Management Board.

During his career in the Department Brian was associated with the Sail Training Scheme at various times and in fact sailed on both the Creidne and Asgard II.

INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL

Sean Flood

Ret. Director



Sean A. Flood is an International Goodwill Ambassador for Sail Training International, a former Council member of the Irish Dinghy Racing Association and the Irish Sailing Association, a former Director of Coiste an Asgard, former Country Representative at Sail Training International, a founder Director of Sail Training Ireland, an International Irish sailing representative and a retired Irish Naval Reserve Officer and the Founder, Chairman / Director / CEO of the Chubb Ireland Security Group.

SAIL TRAINING IRELAND AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL

Marcus Connaughton

Marcus Connaughton is a veteran of the Irish record industry, writer, journalist and broadcaster spending twenty-nine years working with Raidio Telefís Éireann.



Marcus compiled, presented and produced RTE's weekly maritime radio programme SEASCAPES. He is the author of "Rory Gallagher – His Life and Times" published by The Collins Press, and a collection celebrating 25 years of Seascapes titled 'Sailing By' published by The Liffey Press.

COMPANY OFFICERS

**Daragh Sheridan,
CEO**

Daragh became CEO of Sail Training Ireland in late 2016. Prior to this Daragh ran his own business for 12 years in the leisure industry. This was preceded by a previous career in banking in Dublin and Australia. He is a keen, bordering on fanatical sailor.

**Sindy Offer
Manager Trainee Programme**

Sindy joined the Sail Training Ireland team in July 2017. She has a passion for sailing and the sea, having completed a transatlantic crossing under sail. She has a background in youth development and training. Her relevant experience includes designing and delivering training programmes in soft skills and personal development, for young people from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. She has extensive experience of working in Scouting as a leader and then as Regional Development Officer and has initiated and worked in various community development projects.

**Judy O'Beirne
Administrative Assistant**

Judy joined Sail Training Ireland in July 2016 on a part time basis. She is a lifelong sailor, having been aboard Asgard 2 as a Watch Leader, racing and volunteering as a senior instructor. Judy's background is in human resources and administration. She has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from UCD.



WHAT IS SAIL TRAINING?

Sail Training is a fun and exciting adventure, which is designed to have a profound impact on the lives of participants. Trainees take part in sailing voyages at sea on tall ships and large yachts, during which they become part of the working crew.

This experience provides an excellent environment for personal and social development. It is not so much learning to sail as learning from sailing, from the vessel, the sea and perhaps most importantly from yourself. It is a medium for education outside the classroom, a non-formal approach where the emphasis is on facilitating learning through experience. A trainee's first voyage often proves to be a turning point in their lives.

What happens on board?

Under the guidance of the professional crew and youth leaders, trainees from different backgrounds and abilities are involved in operating every part of the vessel during voyages that generally last from 5 – 15 days and on vessels that may have from 10 – 50 or more people on board. This creates a very challenging and dynamic experience. Activities include: keeping watch by day and night, climbing masts, scrubbing decks, cooking and cleaning in the galley, heaving the ropes and setting the sails, navigating, planning, keeping the log and much more. It is adventurous, great fun and requires teamwork and motivation. Trainees are sure to make new friends and learn new skills. No previous experience is required and various physical abilities are catered for.

Outcomes of Sail Training

The challenges which arise from life at sea encourage and support trainees to step outside their comfort zones creating a valuable opportunity for developing positive attitudes, behaviours and understanding, as well as both soft and hard skills. It inspires self-confidence and personal responsibility, interpersonal skills and respect, teamwork and independence. It promotes an acceptance of others, whatever their social or cultural backgrounds, and develops a willingness to take on challenges in life.

These developments become valuable attributes and tools in the trainees' daily lives at home, school, college or work. The 'education' trainees receive on board cannot be achieved through lectures or books, but by bringing people from a variety of backgrounds and abilities together to adapt and overcome challenges to achieve a common goal.

The new friendships formed often become lifelong friendships built in a challenging and rewarding environment where normal divisions and barriers don't exist.

Sail Training Ireland – Background and History

The Charity was formed in 2011 as a replacement for Coiste an Asgard by three of its former directors. The role of Sail Training Ireland as the replacement for Coiste an Asgard was made official by the transfer of ownership of all intellectual property to Sail Training Ireland. We proudly carry this legacy. Sail Training Ireland has an all island focus, supporting trainees from both Ireland and Northern Ireland.

Sail Training Ireland is the National Sail Training Organisation in Ireland and has been appointed as such by Sail Training International. There is one such NSTO in each member country. In this capacity, we nominate the representative to the International Council of Sail Training International – currently Seamus McLoughlin, Chairman Sail Training Ireland.

A WORD FROM THE CEO

2017 was another great year for the charity with over 300 trainees availing of a life changing sail training experience on over twenty voyages. These voyages were made possible by the co-operation of a diverse group of sponsors, supporters, members, nominating organisations, trainees, parents, city and county councils, and port companies, all brought together by Sail Training Ireland to facilitate the accomplishments of the stars of the show - the trainees!

2018 promises to be another exciting year for the charity with our usual mix of Erasmus +, Bursary and sponsor supported voyages. The highlight of the year will undoubtedly be the 2018 Tall Ships Regatta which will visit Dublin in June, sailing from Liverpool and departing for Bordeaux. This year will also see the inaugural running of our Ability Voyage which will see six wheelchair users go on board the Tall Ship Lord Nelson. In addition, the Three Cities Initiative 'The Voyage' will run for the second time following its huge success in 2017. Once again it will involve voyages taking place between Dublin, Belfast, and Liverpool, coinciding with each city's festival. Another exciting development for 2018, will see a week long voyage for deaf and hearing impaired trainees. This is happening as a direct result of the successful taster voyage for deaf and hearing impaired students in 2017.

The great work carried out by Sail Training Ireland would not be possible without the generous financial support of our sponsors, supporters, and members. In particular I would like to say thank you to Dublin City Council and Dublin Port Company for their continued support. In addition, thank you to Arklow Shipping, Irish Ferries, and H&K International who are also major sponsors. This is in addition to the plethora of local sponsors of the various bursary schemes who make it all possible.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to Sindy and Judy who have worked tirelessly to keep the whole show on the road. I would also like to share my appreciation for the work of our Board of Directors who support everything we do.

Here's to another fantastic year ahead.

Daragh Sheridan,
CEO, Sail Training Ireland

VOYAGES AND TRAINING

VESSEL	VOYAGE DESCRIPTION	BURSARY SCHEME/FUNDING
Maybe	DofE and Gaisce Voyage 15-25yr	Irish Cruising Club Bursary Scheme
Maybe	Mentor Training (For Maybe)	
Maybe	The Festival Tour 18+	
Maybe	Erasmus+ Youth Exchange 1 Seachange Voyage 15-21 yr	Erasmus+ Funding Irish Cruising Club Bursary Scheme Dublin City Council Dublin Port Company Belfast City Council
Maybe	Erasmus+ Youth Exchange Seachange Voyage 18-30 yr	Erasmus+ Funding Irish Cruising Club Bursary Scheme Dublin City Council Dublin Port Company Belfast City Council Waterford Bursary Scheme
Pelican of London	Erasmus+ Youth Exchange Voyage 16-17 yr	Erasmus+ Funding Irish Cruising Club Bursary Scheme Dublin City Council Dublin Port Company Belfast City Council Cork Bursary Scheme
Pelican of London	Erasmus+ Youth Exchange Voyage 18-30 yr	Erasmus+ Funding Irish Cruising Club Bursary Scheme Dublin City Council Dublin Port Company Belfast City Council
Brian Boru	Drogheda Sail Training Bursary Voyage 16-17 yr	Drogheda Bursary Scheme
Brian Boru	Drogheda Sail Training Bursary Voyage 18-21 yr	Drogheda Bursary Scheme
Brian Boru	Waterford Sail Training Bursary Voyage 16-17 yr	Waterford Bursary Scheme
Brian Boru	Waterford Sail Training Bursary Voyage 18-30 yr	Waterford Bursary Scheme
Brian Boru	Atlantic Youth Trust / Songs of Praise	
Spirit of Oysterhaven	Cork Sail Training Bursary Voyage 16-17 yr	Cork Bursary Scheme
Spirit of Oysterhaven	Cork Sail Training Bursary Voyage 18-30 yr	Cork Bursary Scheme
Maybe	Dublin Sail Training Bursary Voyage 16-17 yr	Dublin Port Company Dublin City Council Safehaven Irish Cruising Club Bursary
Maybe	Dublin Sail Training Bursary Voyage 18-30 yr	Dublin Port Company Dublin City Council Safehaven

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VESSEL	VOYAGE DESCRIPTION	BURSARY SCHEME/FUNDING
Maybe	Belfast Taster Weekend	Belfast City Council Sail Training Ireland
Maybe	Belfast Taster Mid week	Belfast City Council Sail Training Ireland
Brian Boru	Inclusion Taster Voyages Holy Family School for Deaf	Irish Cruising Club
Brian Boru	Inclusion Taster Voyages Childvision	Irish Cruising Club
Maybe	Tusla	
Land Based Training	Mentor Development Weekend-Erasmus+ Mobility of Youth Workers	Erasmus+ Funding
Other Irish participants took part on voyages/Tall Ships Races with Oman Bursary, RDV Bursary and Sail Training Ireland progression grant.	Alex Von Humbolt Rona II Blue Clipper JST Lord Nelson Clipper Race 1 Statsraad Lehmkuhl Race 3 Gallant Morgenster	

NOMINATING ORGANISATIONS

Nominating Organisations are youth and community services, groups and schools that work with young people who are interested in taking part in a sail training voyage.

We rely on nominating organisations to identify young people who are in need of and will benefit from our funded opportunities. They are able to offer important support to trainees during their preparation for voyages and when they return from the voyage. This helps to maximise the benefits of the experience for the participants.

We believe that every trainee should contribute something to the cost of their experience to ensure a personal buy-in and ownership of the voyage. However, in very special circumstances where finances are very difficult this can be reviewed with the nominating organisations. The nominating organisation may assist in fund raising or sponsoring some or all of the trainee's contribution towards the cost of their voyage.

The nominating organisations act as a referee for the trainees and can provide us with important information regarding support requirements and any behavioural or medical issues. We do our utmost to cater for all needs and requirements and do not wish to exclude any young people due to any of the information provided, but it is vital for us to have access to it for the safety and well-being of all involved.

To become a nominating organisation contact info@sail-trainingireland.com.

Cork Life Centre

At our 2016 annual launch and prize giving event held in the Mansion House, the 'Perpetual Asgard Award' 'For an out-standing contribution to Sail Training by a nominating organisation or nominating individual' was awarded to Cork Life Centre. This was the second year in a row that the award went to an organisation based in Cork.

Within the centre, many 12-18 year old early school leavers have achieved formal school certification. The success of the project is the mix of nurturance, individual programmes, educational certification, stimulation, fun, hard work, mutual respect and expectations.

It has been a pleasure to work with Rachel and the team at Cork Life Centre who go the extra mile in preparing and supporting their young people before and after each voyage. This is the key to having young people engage, participate and get the most out of their sail training experience.



ERASMUS+ FUNDED PROJECTS

Erasmus+ is the EU Commission's funding stream for Education and Sport. This has a seven year budget of €14.7 Billion across Europe. Within this, about 10% is directed towards Youth and non-formal education. This funding is administered in Ireland by Leargas, and Sail Training Ireland has been granted funding each year since 2012 to fund youth development projects that take place on tall ships.

In 2017, there were two Youth Exchange projects on board the Pelican of London and one Mobility of Youth Workers project held in Poolbeg Yacht Club, Dublin. These projects had a combined total of sixty nine participants from both Ireland, Northern Ireland and Liverpool from a range of backgrounds and abilities. Structured non formal educational programmes are implemented as part of these projects to achieve specific learning objectives that tie into 'themes' such as employability, active citizenship and inclusion and diversity.

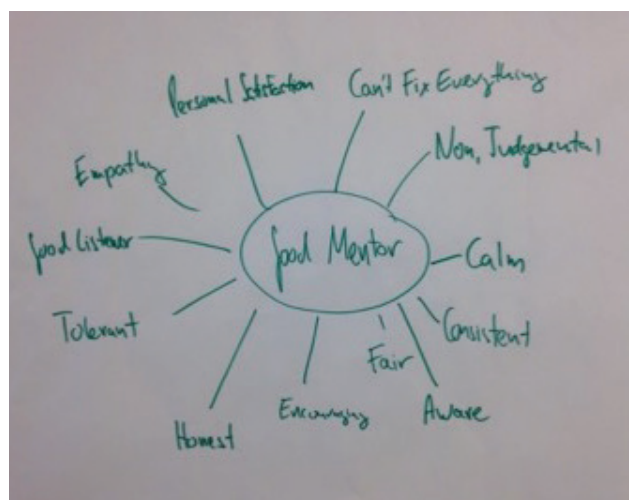
Sail Training Ireland also partnered with Maybe Sailing to run Youth Exchange projects aboard Maybe through their UK Erasmus+ national agency.

Mobility of Youth Workers Project

This is a project through Erasmus+ designed to support the professional development of youth workers by bringing groups of them together from different countries to share their knowledge and experience and to take part in a programme of professional development activities, workshops, discussions and presentations. We used this project to bring together fifteen youth workers/leaders, with experience in the field of youth work and/or sail training and to develop skills and knowledge relevant to youth development through sail training. Members of this group then took on the role of a youth mentor during a Sail Training Voyage.

Disability Awareness and Inclusion Training

Sail Training Ireland recognises the need to support participants with disabilities on board and for this reason we incorporate disability and inclusion training in our Youth Mentor Development weekend each year. Our aim is also to create Sail Training opportunities for people with disabilities. Concepts of disability and adapted physical activities are examined. Internal and external barriers to the participation of people with disabilities in Sail Training Youth Exchanges are identified. Finally, trainee mentors must plan and conduct an adapted physical activity session for people with disabilities.



Pelican of London Over 18 Youth Exchange

Dublin - Belfast, 5 June -16 June (12 days)

28 participants (including 3 youth mentors) from across Northern Ireland, Liverpool and the Republic of Ireland took part in this youth exchange. Participants from Northern Ireland were supported and nominated by youth and community groups through Belfast City Council. The Republic of Ireland participants came through a variety of youth and community organisations. Those from Liverpool were nominated by the Merseyside Adventure Sailing Trust. The voyage commenced during the Dublin Riverfest and was supported by Dublin City Council and Dublin Port.



Pelican of London Under 18 Youth Exchange 2

Belfast - Liverpool - Dublin, 18 June - 28 June

26 Participants (including 3 youth mentors) from Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland and Liverpool took part in this Youth Exchange. Participants from Northern Ireland were supported by Belfast City Council and nominated by youth and community groups. The participants from the Republic of Ireland came through Sail Training Ireland nominating organisations and the Liverpool trainees were nominated and supported by M.A.S.T..



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Tall Ship Maybe Erasmus+ Youth Exchanges

Sail Training Ireland partnered with Maybe Sailing to recruit participants and youth leaders for three Youth Exchanges. A total of 56 young people between the ages of 15 and 30 took part in these voyages.

Belfast – Derry

Derry – Belfast

Belfast – Weymouth

24 July – 5 August

7 August – 19 August

21 August – 2 September



Erasmus+

BURSARY SCHEMES 2017

A key objective of Sail Training Ireland is to ensure that no young person is excluded from participation in Sail Training due to financial constraints. The development of regional bursary schemes has proven to be a very successful approach to providing this support. In 2013 Drogheda Port Company and Sail Training Ireland established the first of these schemes. This model has been successfully adopted in Waterford, Cork and Belfast, with work under way in Derry, Galway and Wexford. In 2017 Dublin City Council and Dublin Port supported the first Dublin Bursary Voyages. With the support of ports, local authorities, area partnerships and industry, these schemes offer local young people the life changing experience of Sail Training. In addition, the Irish Cruising Club operate an all-Ireland bursary to support young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and people with disabilities.

Sail Training Ireland has developed a network of nominating organisations in these areas which work directly with young people. These organisations put forward candidates they believe would benefit from the experience.

The bursary schemes support specific bursary voyages which take place, as far as possible, on local vessels. In addition, trainees receive funding the following year to take part in International Youth Exchange Projects. These voyages are partially funded through the EU Commission's "Erasmus +" scheme.

The voyages can be followed on Facebook and Twitter with regular updates and photos.

At the end of a bursary voyage an event is organised locally to mark the achievement of the trainees. Formal invitations and a press release are issued. The crew, sponsors, local media, nominating organisations, trainees and their families are invited along. The trainees are presented with certificates and one trainee will describe their experience and share some of the highlights of the voyage. It is an opportunity for families and supporters to get a real insight into the benefits of Sail Training.



DROGHEDA SAIL TRAINING BURSARY

Drogheda Bursary Fund was established in 2013, funded by sponsorship from local business and industry. The first of its kind in Ireland, this scheme formed the basis for the subsequent development of similar bursary schemes across Ireland and Northern Ireland. Drogheda Port have given this scheme phenomenal support since the beginning and have been joined by other local businesses and Louth County Council. The bursary voyages now form part of the Drogheda Maritime Festival.

Overview of the Voyages

In 2017, 20 trainees from the Louth and Meath areas took part in two voyages aboard the Brian Boru. One trainee, having taken part in a Drogheda Bursary Voyage previously, progressed on to a longer voyage aboard the Maybe.

The first voyage sailed from Dublin on the last day of the Dublin Port Festival on 5 June and sailed into Drogheda on 9 July, having explored Ireland's East Coast in challenging conditions, in time for the Drogheda Maritime Festival. The Brian Boru and her crew took part in the Parade of Sail up the Boyne to Drogheda Port. This voyage was for 16 and 17 year old trainees.

The second voyage departed from Drogheda after the festival and headed south to Ireland's Eye, Howth and Wicklow. This voyage was for 16 to 21 year old trainees..

The Nominating Organisations which put forward the eventual participants in 2017;

- Louth Meath Education and Training Board
- Irish Refugee Council/Safehaven/Mosney Accommodation Centre
- St Mary's Diocesan School
- 18th Meath Scout Group
- St Mary's Parish Youth Group
- Youthreach Laytown/Bettystown
- Foroige
- Irish Cement
- St Patricks Scout Group

After the finish of the voyages Sail Training Ireland and Port of Drogheda hosted an award ceremony in Millmount Fort which was attended by the Mayor of Drogheda, sponsors, local press, nominating organisations, trainees from both voyages and friends and relatives.



WATERFORD BURSARY SCHEME

The Waterford Sail Training Bursary scheme was first developed in 2016 with the support of Waterford City and County Council, Waterford Area Partnership and Port of Waterford. The Waterford vessel Brian Boru has been the vessel partner for the scheme since its inception. Brian Boru can accommodate 10 trainees and up to 5 crew and mentors.

A total of 25 young people benefited from the Waterford Bursary Scheme, taking part in either one of the two Waterford voyages along the south and east coasts or a longer Youth Exchange voyage aboard Maybe.

- Voyage 1 – Under 18s: 30 July to 4 August, 2017.
- Voyage 2 – Over 18s: 6 August to 12 August. This voyage finished in Waterford City

Maybe International Youth Exchange Voyage: Five trainees from Waterford formed part of a Youth Exchange partially funded by Erasmus+ and Leargas. Structured, non-formal educational programmes are implemented as part of these projects to achieve specific learning objectives that tie into ‘themes’ such as employability, active citizenship and inclusion and diversity.

Sail Training Ireland has an excellent working relationship with its nominating organisations in the Waterford area. Some of these organisations have fully embraced the value of Sail Training as a platform for youth development, see the benefits for their young people and continue to give us great support.

The organisations that nominated the participants on this year’s voyages are:

- Treo Port Láirge
- Manor St John Youth Services
- Scouting Ireland and Sea Scouts
- Waterford Harbour Sailing Club
- Tony McLoughlin, Brian Boru
- Graiguenamanagh Canoe Club
- GAA Waterford

Thanks to these organisations each voyage had trainees from a wide diversity of backgrounds who could all learn from each other, appreciate each other’s challenges and come together in a spirit of friendship and teamwork.

When Brian Boru returned to Waterford on Friday 11 August a reception was hosted by Waterford City and County Council in City Hall to acknowledge and congratulate the participants on their achievement. Mayor of Waterford City & County Council Pat Nugent presented certificates to the 20 trainees who took part in two week-long sail training voyages.

A note received by Sail Training Ireland from Faye Kennedy who took part really illustrates the essence of the experience:

“Although I am an average 17-year-old teenager from Waterford City, I am different to most, as I have had to deal with a chronic illness. My illness does not define me; however, it does challenge me. Sail Training Ireland has pushed me to overcome the challenges of life at sea. It has also encouraged me to believe in my own potential. I take away a new-found love of sailing with memories of the best week of my life”.



CORK SAIL TRAINING BURSARY SCHEME

The Cork Sail Training Bursary scheme was first developed in 2014 when Port of Cork co-sponsored a voyage with the National Maritime College (NMCI) and the Irish Institute of Master Mariners (IIMM). Since then Cork City Council, Cork County Council, Dell (formerly EMC), Enterprise System Partners and Ardmore Shipping have all joined as partners in the scheme. The vessel Spirit of Oysterhaven has been the vessel partner for the scheme since its inception.

A total of 26 young people benefited from the Cork Bursary Scheme in 2017 as follows:

Cork Bursary Voyages

In 2017, 20 trainees from Cork City and County took part in two voyages aboard Spirit of Oysterhaven along the Cork coastline.

Voyage 1 – Under 18s: 20 – 25 August, 2017. This voyage made the most of the beautiful cruising grounds around Glandore, West Cork.

Voyage 2 – Over 18s: 27 August – 1 September. This voyage started in Glandore and having explored West Cork, headed east around the Old Head to arrive back in Cork in time for the presentation ceremony in Port of Cork.

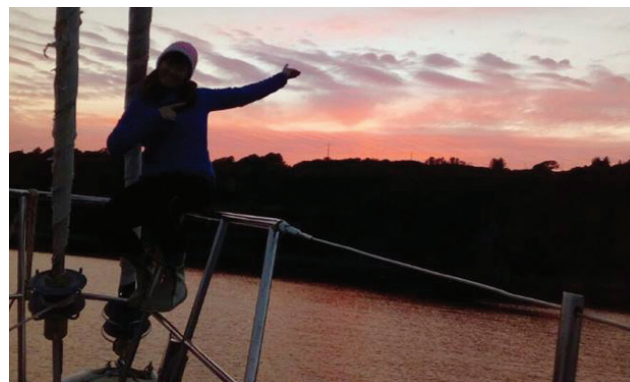
Pelican of London: Four trainees from the City and County crewed the Pelican of London from Dublin, arriving in Belfast after 12 days exploring the Irish Sea. The Pelican was due to call to Cork during this voyage but unfortunately was forced to turn back due to adverse weather. Another two Cork trainees sailed from Belfast to Liverpool and on to Dublin over 10 days.

The organisations that nominated the participants on this year's voyages are:

- Sea Scouts and Scouting Ireland
- Claude Manus Soccer Club
- Ballincollig Action Project
- Cork Life Centre
- Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Meitheal Mara
- Irish Refugee Council and Safe Haven
- National Maritime College of Ireland
- Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre

When Spirit of Oysterhaven returned to Cork on Friday 1 September a reception was hosted by Port of Cork to acknowledge and congratulate the participants on their achievement.

MC for the event was former RTE Radio “Seascapes” Presenter Marcus Connaughton (Goodwill Ambassador for Sail Training Ireland) and the certificates were presented to trainees by Lord Mayor of Cork City Tony Fitzgerald, County Mayor Declan Hurley and Port of Cork CEO Brendan Keating.



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IRISH CRUISING CLUB BURSARY SCHEME

Introduction

This all-Ireland bursary continues to support the participation of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and people with disabilities in Sail Training Voyages. In 2017, 42 young people took part aboard TS Lord Nelson, Brian Ború, Maybe, Spirit of Oysterhaven and Pelican of London. Two young men took part in the Tall Ships Races 2017 aboard Alexander Von Humboldt and Blue Clipper.



Inclusion Stepping Stone Voyages

A new initiative this year was the introduction of “Stepping Stone Voyages”. In June, two one-day voyages took place aboard the Brian Boru. These voyages were designed to give young people with a hearing or sight impairment a taste of a sail training adventure. Feedback from previous years indicated that many were nervous about taking the leap to a ten day voyage and would like to see if they could cope with a shorter voyage first.

Mentors and crew members from the Brian Boru received inclusion training in preparation. Childvision and Holy Family School for the Deaf came on board with pupils and buddies, and Waterford provided the calm waters of the estuary and the weather. Feedback from these voyages was very positive and two young people from Holy Family School went on to participate in the Dublin Bursary Voyage aboard Maybe, accompanied by two teachers/buddies.

Youth Exchange

Ten individuals were funded on board Pelican and Maybe as part of an International Youth Exchange Project, partially funded through the EU Commission’s “Erasmus +” scheme.

Jubilee Sailing Trust

Roisin Hackett sailed aboard the Morgenster in 2015 and shortly afterwards suffered a spinal injury. She thought her sail training days were over but thanks to the support of the ICC, she and her buddy, Roisin Neville, sailed from Newoundland to Nova Scotia this year as part of the Tall Ship Renedezvous aboard the JST’s Lord Nelson. Roisin Hackett spoke at our Annual Prize Giving in the Mansion House in January. She described how having the Lord Nelson voyage to aim for and look forward to helped her to keep positive and focussed while receiving treatment in the National Rehabilitation Hospital.

The number of trainees who have become involved in and benefited from the Sail Training experience through the assistance of the ICC Bursary Scheme is a testament to its success.



THE DUBLIN BURSARY VOYAGES

In 2017 Dublin had its own Bursary Voyages participants from the Greater Dublin Area. The scheme was supported by Dublin City Council International Relations and Social Inclusion Department and Dublin Port Company.

TS Maybe was the partner vessel for the scheme this year. She is a 24 metre gaff rigged Ketch which can accommodate 12 trainees, 2 mentors and 4 or 5 crew members.

Voyage 1 - Under 18s. The Maybe attended the Dublin Riverfest over the June Bank holiday weekend and set sail on June 5 on a five day voyage, taking in Wicklow, Ireland's Eye, Skerries and Balbriggan and finishing up in Drogheda. Twelve trainees under eighteen years of age were aboard with two mentors.

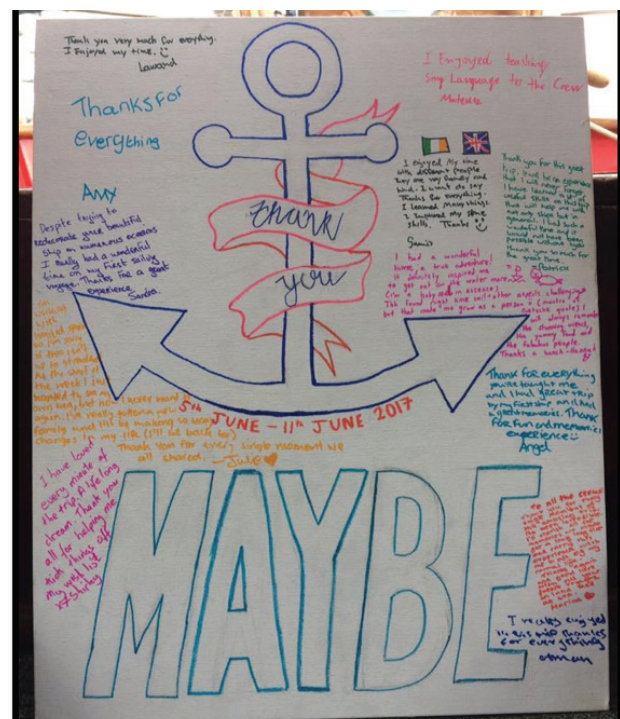
Voyage 2 - Over 18s. This voyage started in Drogheda on June 11 and sailed between Ireland's Eye, Wicklow, Rosslare and after an idyllic anchorage in St. Helen's Bay returned to Dublin and moored in front of the 3 Arena.

The organisations that nominated the participants were:

- Irish Refugee Council
- Comhairle Na Nog
- Separated Children in Europe Network
- LeFroy House and Salvation Army
- Holy Family School for the Deaf
- Gaisce - The President's Award
- The Cavan Centre
- Kilbarrack Coastal Community Project
- Sea Scouts

Although there is no experience necessary for participation, many trainees need an induction period to ensure they know what to expect. It is an important function of their nominating organisation to be available and adequately informed to ensure that the trainee is comfortable and supported, thus reducing anxiety, up to the time of the voyage. This is key to ensuring a good dynamic on board. Sail Training Ireland is also available to provide assistance in this regard.

When Maybe returned to Dublin on June 16 a reception was held on board to acknowledge and congratulate the participants on their achievement. Invitations were issued to all Dublin Bursary Voyage participants, families, friends, nominating organisations and sponsors, Dublin City Council and Dublin Port. Representatives were chosen by the trainees to speak on their behalf, which they did with great passion and appreciation of the opportunity they had been given.



BELFAST CITY COUNCIL TALL SHIPS VOYAGES:

2017 saw 31 young people from Belfast city take part in eight Tall Ship voyages ranging from 3 to 14 day voyages on the tall ships Pelican of London and Maybe. They were joined on board by young people from Galway, Dublin, London, and Liverpool.

Thirteen young people completed the Trainee Crew Experience on board and received Tall Ship Certificates, while 18 completed their Erasmus+ Youth Pass qualification.

Tall Ship Youth Mentoring and Volunteering

Seven young people from the 2016 voyages volunteered with the Belfast City Council 2017 program. The volunteers developed an understanding of the role of a sail training volunteer and an insight into the BCC Volunteer Code of Conduct. The volunteers also benefited from various training and qualification opportunities including training in Health & Safety.

The sail training volunteers assisted the Community Development Officer in promoting and running the sail training program at events such as the BCC Maritime Festival, the Community Dinghy & Educational Event and the Classic Sailing Ship Experience.

Six young people from Belfast who completed voyages in the 2016 program as trainees were identified as suitable candidates by the crew and mentors while on board. With seven other nominated trainees from England, Dublin and Galway they completed a five day training program on board the tall ship Maybe on a voyage from Belfast to Dublin.



TESTIMONIALS

Well I've finally got my land legs back and just wanted to send you all an email to say "Thank You" for the best twelve days ever! I have learnt so many new skills and made lots of new friends. It was a fantastic life experience for me and one I'm sure I will remember for ever. It has also 100% made my mind up that I will be pursuing a career in Nautical Science and I'm sure that the new skills which I have learnt will be used on my future trips on the high seas. Adam Barker, Tall Ship Maybe Voyage

Although I am an average 17-year-old teenager, from Waterford City, I am different to most, as I have had to deal with a chronic illness. My illness does not define me, however it does challenge me. Sail Training Ireland has pushed me to overcome the challenges of life at sea. It also encouraged me to believe in my own potential. I take away a new-found love of sailing, with memories of the best week of my life. Thank you, Faye Kennedy, Waterford Bursary Voyage

At school I am a mentor and I also love to sail, and having had the experience of being a trainee on another tall ship last year I really felt that I had lots to offer. I was able to teach and interact with others in a setting in which I am completely comfortable. I was able to watch as others gained knowledge, understanding and new skills. Not only was I able to watch this happen, but I was an integral part of it happening. This was such a rewarding experience. Mentoring on The Maybe has been the best thing that I've ever done.....so far. Killian Borland, 17yrs.Tall Ship Maybe

Before and after the Golden Leeuw voyage; Before the journey I was very narrow minded and my confidence level was fairly low. I had never really travelled especially out on a sailing boat as big as the Golden Leeuw and I was quite nervous and excited at the same time. But once I got on the boat, I got to know the other trainees on board and I started to come into my comfort zone. The jobs on the ship were pretty hard but that's all part of the trip. It's far from a holiday it's working and training to sail a tall ship

and it's a lot of work at times. For me being the watch leader made my confidence a lot stronger because I have never been in a leadership role. This journey for me opened the door to show me what's out there not just my estate or my area, sailing across the Irish sea was the best adventure I could have ever ask for and please god next year I will be able to go back. When i got home my confidence level was very high and I'm trying to keep it that way keep the motivation going getting out a lot more and making new friends all the time. Patrick McGuinness, aged 25 from Killinarden, Dublin. International Youth Exchange, Golden Leeuw

My nephew David went on a sail training voyage in 2016 onboard the Maybe.

He is non literate and non-numeric and has never been away on his own without the support of family. His mother passed away 7 years ago and he came to live with my husband and me. We approached Sail Training Ireland about David's participation in a voyage and met with huge support, an introduction trip was arranged for us to meet Captain and crew in Belfast prior to the trip. The Captain and crew of the Maybe made David welcome from the very start; he was put at ease and given a 'buddy' on board. He had the most amazing experience and loved every minute of it, he came back full of confidence and delighted with his achievement. He has made lifelong friends on the journey and is still in contact with them now. He got to travel from Belfast to Liverpool, then the Isle of Man and onwards to a huge family welcome in Dublin. This was a life changing event for David, he gained huge confidence and has learnt to be independent. I cannot thank the staff of Sail Training Ireland enough for facilitating this exciting adventure for David

Your organisation is the group that first introduced me to how wonderful a life at sea could be by providing me with the opportunity aboard the "Guldeem Leeuw". It inspired me to reconsider my career and lifestyle choice in favour of those of the tall ship industry. This April I will attend a five week training program in Frederikshavn, Northern Denmark in the Martec- Polytechnic College to learn skills such as carpentry, welding, rasping metal, firefighting, and some theory on Nautical Science. rung in that ladder for me. I will then join the Danmark for 6 months training at sea. Ross Biggane

Just to let you know that Kayleigh joined the Irish Naval Service after her Leaving Cert and is due to complete her training in May. Her decision to enlist was, I believe, positively influenced by her experience of sailing on the Morgenster in 2015 and her subsequent post Leaving Cert trip on Rona II in 2016. Michael Lehane, Scout Leader.

Hope you are well and I'm just sending you a quick email to give you an update about Conor Keogh, who completed the Tall Ships voyage to Bermuda with your organisation. Just telling you that Conor was successful in his application to Collaiste Dhullaigh's Outdoor Management Course. The selection process for this course is extremely competitive. Conor told me that his successful application in his estimation, was made possible largely because of the support and assistance he received from Sail Training Ireland and the Bursary Scheme that you offered him. On behalf of Conor and the Reach Out Project we would like to thank you for your help. Tiernan Williams, Manager, Reach Out Project and Kilbarrack Coastal Community Project.

We want to thank all involved for giving us the fantastic opportunity of spending the day on the Brian Boru yesterday in Waterford. The students all had an excellent day with Kasia, Tony, Victor, Oisin and Peter. Sandra, Shirley and I all commented on how well the lads interacted with Deaf students, leaving us with very little to do except to stand back and enjoy watching them enjoying themselves. They were very much at ease with the young people and managed to fully engage every single one of them.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are extremely thankful, as are we and the entire school

Regards, Flor, Holy family school for the deaf, Stepping stone voyage 10/5/2017

Sail training changed my life entirely. It gave me purpose, direction and a sense of clarity. In 2015 I was a young man fresh out of school working in a TK Maxx and utterly clueless about what I wanted to do with my life. By September of that same year I moved to Co Cork for the start of 1st year of a degree in Marine Engineering in the National Maritime College of Ireland and all of this because I had the incredible opportunity to sail on board the 'Spirit of Oysterhaven' from Dun Laoghaire to Warren Point. Every aspect of the voyage was challenging, exhilarating and interesting. William Morton, Cork now a cadet in Merchant Navy in Pacific.

Ross and I had a truly wonderful time at the awards and especially as Ross received one. We had no idea what award it was for! So it really was a very special moment. David and I are very proud of Ross as are his uncles and it gave his 92 year old Grand Father a special great delight. You have given Ross a fantastic gift and a great perspective on life.

I think the award ceremony is a wonderful way to celebrate your fantastic work and as you say hear the awe-inspiring speakers. I am constantly amazed at how I am always learning from the young. It is very comforting to know that there are such competent, sincere, determined, gorgeous young people out there. I also found the encouragement from all the directors and chairman wonderful and they are all so genuinely interested in the trainees. I can't express how special it is to have Ross involved with The Sail Training. Lynne Wolfe, parent

I joined the JST voyage for another very personal reason, recently I have passed the point at which I am now using a wheelchair longer than I had been walking. There have been different points since my accident where I have realised like a puppy, it's not just for Christmas it's for life. This has been one of

those points. I had hoped that a voyage on the JST would help to prove to myself that there's still life in the old dog yet! That was in my mind as I sat on the first platform midway through my assisted climb on Lord Nelson's main mast. I sat there chatting with Nick and DD, two members of the permanent crew, and enjoying the beautiful views of La Gomera and Lanzarote in the distance and realised that I have probably achieved and done more in those sixteen "disabled" years than I ever would have had I not had my accident and that I have many many more adventures yet to come. Pdraig Hanafin, Lord Nelson, JST

I cannot express my thank you's enough to the people who sponsored this! You've changed my life forever and the lives of others too. People talk about life changes all the time, and it's easy to see it as 'yet another one' but believe me, this life change was well needed! As I'm sure many others would say too. My final thing to say about my voyage is that, it took every single ounce out of me, and gave me everything I really needed, and more back. Naomi Thorpe JST Lord Nelson

Our engagement with Sail Training Ireland has provided a new and exciting avenue of progression for our young rowers and sailors, many of whom come from a disadvantaged background and have had very little opportunity to travel. The voyages they have experienced have broadened their horizons and many of them have returned with a new outlook, drive and ambition. Meithal Meara, Cork

We have been meaning to write since the return of our students from the Spirit of Oysterhaven voyage at the end of May. It is difficult to put into words the positive impact the experience had on Danny, Stuart and Tommy. We were glad you had the opportunity to meet some of our young people on the Morgenster and thank you also for this invitation.

The bursary scheme run by your team at Sail Training Ireland is an extraordinary opportunity for young people. We were particularly impressed by the calibre of youth work component of the voyage. Our young people returned to us not just with a new experience

but new skills, new friends and new directions for the future.

We very much look forward to August when more of our students will avail of the scheme. Particular thanks to Sara who has been hugely helpful to us as always at the other end of the phone to provide advice and support and has a clear passion for youth development. Don O'Leary, Director, Cork Life Centre.

GAISCE-THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Gaisce Challenge Partners are organisations that support and involve young people in the participation in one or more Gaisce Challenge Areas, allowing relevant activities to be counted towards achieving a Gaisce Award. Trainees can now complete their Personal Skill, Adventure Journey, GOLD Residential or even their Community Involvement on board!

Since becoming a Gaisce Challenge Partner in 2017, two trainees have used their participation in a voyage to achieve their Gold Residential Awards and twelve trainees have used their voyage to achieve their Bronze Award



OUR FIRST TY/GAISCE VOYAGE

On the 8. April, five Gaisce participants completed either their adventure journey or overnight stay task of the Gaisce award on board the Maybe. They sailed from Milford Haven in Wales, after spending a night at anchor off St David's, crossed the Irish Sea and had a lively sail up the east coast to Dublin. Sail Training Ireland is delighted to young people in their endeavours to achieve this award. Trainees can now complete their Personal Skill, Adventure Journey, Gold Residential or even Community Involvement on board.



INCLUSION STEPPING STONE VOYAGES

In June, two one-day voyages took place aboard the Brian Boru. These voyages were designed to give young people with a hearing or sight disability a taste of a sail training adventure. Feedback from previous years indicated that many were nervous to take the leap to a ten day voyage and would like to see if they could cope with a shorter voyage first.

Mentors and crew members from the Brian Boru received Inclusion Training in preparation from Kasia Mielniczuk. Childvision and Holy Family School for the Deaf came along with pupils and buddies and Waterford provided the calm waters of the estuary and the weather. Feedback from these voyages was excellent and two young people from Holy Family School went on to participate in the Dublin Bursary Voyage aboard Maybe accompanied by two teachers/buddies.

Sail Training Ireland is planning an entire voyage in 2018 for young people with hearing difficulties. We would also like to thank the Irish Cruising Club for the financial support given to these projects.



TRANSITION YEAR VOYAGES

A very successful Transition Year voyage was run on board *Maybe* with 14 trainees taking part. This saw groups of trainees from both Ireland and Northern Ireland gaining their Gaisce and Duke of Edinburgh awards.

MANSION HOUSE 2017

Annual Prize giving and Awards Ceremony – The Mansion House

A Celebration of Sail Training in Ireland – The Trainees, Stars of the Show

The Sail Training Ireland Annual Award Ceremony took place on Saturday 27 January 2018 in the Mansion house in Dublin, courtesy of Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mícheál Mac Donncha. Master of ceremonies was Brian Turvey. This year over 100 guests were in attendance, including many young people, trainees from previous voyages, vessel operators and youth organisations.

The highlight of the afternoon were the words spoken by three trainees;

Roisin Hackett a self-confessed Tall Ship addict who having suffered a spinal cord injury told us how she counted on the fantastic friendships established on previous voyages to get through her ordeal including an extended stay in hospital.

Tim Baker of Belfast described how the sail training experience had a profound impact on his life. It taught him a huge amount about himself and others but more importantly allowed him to grow and gain the confidence to go out and change his career, become a volunteer and also to inspire other young people to give sail training a try because it can impact their lives in the same way.

Ross Biggane who as a result of his sail training experience is forging a maritime career. A very impressive young man who spoke from the heart of his path towards a career at sea made possible by an opportunity offered by STIRL.

Award Winners 2017

- Youth Ambassador 2018 Dylan Nelson.
- Watch Leader/ Mentor of the Year Richard Pepper
- Special Contribution Award: Nessa Lally
- Volunteer of the Year: Nathan Shivers
- Outstanding Achievement Award: Killian Borland
- Perpetual Asgard Award: Manor St John Youth Service
- Trainee of the year: Eoghan Spillane
- Overcoming Adversity: Amy Kinsella



SAIL TRAINING IRELAND YOUTH COUNCIL

The Youth Council was set up to support Sail Training Ireland in their mission to promote sailing training among young people.

The Council also represents young people in the organisation through offering opinions and suggestions in any endeavours that involve young people. The Youth Council also provide a pool of volunteers to help out at events where necessary and represents the organization at public events.

The Sail Training Ireland Youth Council comprises of 8 young people between the ages of 16 and 30, each of whom was nominated by a youth group which has worked in conjunction with Sail Training Ireland. All members have taken part in at least one Sail Training Voyage. The Council was originally formed in October 2016, during a Causeway Funded Weekend in Belfast. It is modelled on the Sail Training International Youth Council. The Chairperson of the Irish Council also represents Ireland on the International Youth Council.

THE 2017 BELFAST TITANIC MARITIME FESTIVAL

The Belfast Titanic Maritime Festival took place 16-18th June with three days of tall ships, free family activities and live entertainment.

The visiting ships included, The Earl of Pembroke, Kaskelot, Phoenix, Shtandart and vessels from the Royal Navy and Irish Naval service.

Belfast also hosted the fleet of The Voyage. The Voyage is a newly formed sail training initiative, run between Dublin, Belfast and Liverpool, which offers young people the opportunity to develop new skills, meet new people and 'change' their Voyage through life.

The Belfast Titanic Maritime Festival is supported by Tourism Northern Ireland.

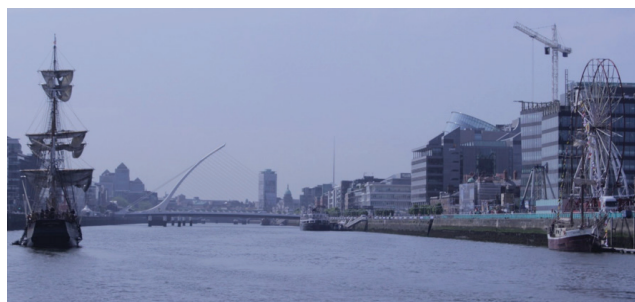
DUBLIN PORT RIVERFEST 2017

Over 100,000 people attended the 2017 Dublin Port Riverfest on the North Wall Quay this year from 3rd – 5th June for an action-packed programme of events.

Sail Training Ireland had a busy weekend with over 50 trainees starting voyages at the end of the festival on the Tall Ships Pelican, Maybe and Brian Boru.

The Tall Ships in attendance at the festival were: Maybe, Pelican of London, Earl of Pembroke, Phoenix, Shtandart, Kaskelot, and Bessie Ellen. Also taking part were the Irish Vessels Brian Ború and the Whale and Dolphin Group vessel the Celtic Mist.

Most vessels welcomed the public on board during 'open ship' events.



VESSELS

Brian Boru



A traditional gaff rigged wooden sailing ketch that calls the Waterford Estuary its home, the beautiful sailing ship is the culmination of a 3 year renovation and conversion project under the management of her owner Tony McLoughlin, a professional Master Shipwright. The passionate crew spend the warmer months running 1-6 day voyages in the special area of conservation of the Waterford Estuary, and along the coast of Ireland.

Morgenster



Morgenster (Morning Star) is traditionally rigged as a brig, with square sails on her two masts. This 48m sail training vessel is well known in Holland, where she is based, but has taken part in many International Tall Ships Races and Erasmus+ Youth Exchange voyages as she caters for up to 36 trainee crew in cabin and hammock style accommodation. Morgenster was originally built as a deep sea fishing vessel but was converted to a fine sailing ship in 2008. Her owners Marian and Harry Mutter intended that the rig would be ideal for sail training, fast and elegant.

Maybe



Maybe, a 1920s Dutch sailing ketch, made out of wood, launched in 1933, was designed for round the world cruising. She has been completely restored recently and returned to the Tall Ships races. A major milestone in 'Maybe's history is that she took part in the first ever Tall Ships Race in 1956! Since then, Maybe came third in her class in the 2014 Tall Ships Race. Maybe can accommodate 12 trainee crew members and 3-4 permanent crew.

Gulden Leeuw



The "Gulden leeuw" (Golden Lion) has been designed and built as an ocean-going, 'A' class ship. In combination with the three-mast topsail schooner rig, it is a fast, robust ship. 70 meters long with 40 meter masts The Gulden Leeuw was originally built in 1937 and completely redesigned and rebuilt in 2010, the ship has preserved its 1930s heritage ambience, but offers practical use of space with a giant dormitory sleeping up to 60 trainee crew.

Creidne



Creidne is one of two yachts owned by the Naval Service, the other being Tailte. She was built in Norway in 1967 and is a 48ft Bermudan ketch, originally named Galcador. She was the national sail training vessel from 1975 to 1980 when she acted as a stand in between the retirement of the original Asgard and the construction of Asgard II. The Waterford Bursary Voyage 2016 was the first voyage undertaken by Creidne since 2009/2010 when she carried out voyages to cater for trainees that had been scheduled to voyage on the lost Asgard II.

Pelican of London



PELICAN OF LONDON is unique among Square Riggers. Her hull form was derived from the elite French clippers of the late 19th century. A long poop has been added which provides exceptional space and comfort for worldwide operation. Her exclusive rig generates twice her engine power and yet it is handy and easily adapted to extreme conditions. She is 45 metres overall and has 11 sails. PELICAN has been designed principally as a sail training ship and can accommodate 28 trainees.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2018

The highlights for 2018 include:

- 2018 Tall Ships Regatta visiting Dublin from Liverpool and heading on to Bordeaux.
- The Voyage, an initiative jointly run by the three cities Belfast, Dublin and Liverpool.
- Two Erasmus+ (Leargas) funded voyages on Pelican of London
- A series of 9 voyages with our long-term partner Maybe Sailing.
- The Cork, Waterford and Drogheda Bursary voyages on board the Irish Sail Training vessel Brian Boru
- Derry / Belfast Cultural Voyage.
- Spirit of Asgard Reunion Voyage and Ball.
- Ability Voyage, (10 trainees, including six wheelchair users) on board TS Lord Nelson.
- Deaf & Hearing Impaired Voyage on Pelican of London.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Sail Training Ireland For Youth Development Company Limited By Guarantee

(A company limited by guarantee, without a share capital)

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Sail Training Ireland For Youth Development Company Limited By Guarantee ('the company') for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2017 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standards for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to the going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operation, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Sail Training Ireland For Youth Development Company Limited By Guarantee

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Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

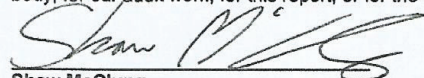
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as going concerns. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as going concerns.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Shaw McClung
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21 February 2018

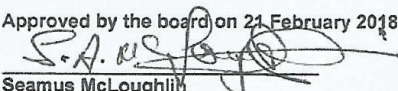
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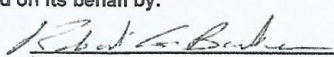
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 €	2016 €
Income		115,936	118,864
Expenditure		(133,522)	(114,909)
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		<u>(17,586)</u>	<u>3,955</u>

Approved by the board on 21 February 2018 and signed on its behalf by:


 Seamus McLoughlin
 Director


 Robert Barker
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The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of the financial statements.

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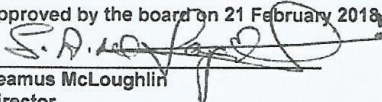
BALANCE SHEET

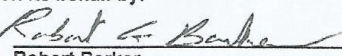
as at 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 €	2016 €
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	12,114	20,489
Cash and cash equivalents		45,717	51,036
		<u>57,831</u>	<u>71,525</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	<u>(36,277)</u>	<u>(32,385)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>21,554</u>	<u>39,140</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>21,554</u>	<u>39,140</u>
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account		21,554	39,140
Members' Funds		<u>21,554</u>	<u>39,140</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", applying Section 1A of that Standard.

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 €	2016 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
(Deficit)/surplus for the year		(17,586)	3,955
		<u>(17,586)</u>	<u>3,955</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		8,375	(7,522)
Movement in creditors		<u>3,892</u>	<u>7,381</u>
Cash (used in)/generated from operations		<u>(5,319)</u>	<u>3,814</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		(5,319)	3,814
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		51,036	47,222
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	9	<u>45,717</u>	<u>51,036</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2017

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Sail Training Ireland For Youth Development Company Limited By Guarantee is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in the Republic of Ireland. 21 Herbert Place, Dublin 2, D02 KP63, Ireland is the registered office address. Dublin Port Centre, Alexandra Road, Dublin 1, D01 HAC6, Ireland is the principal place of business of the company. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activity is set out in the Directors' Report. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is the functional currency of the company.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2017 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A (Small Entities) and the Companies Act 2014.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A, issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland.

Membership and other income

Memberships and other income are recognised in the financial year to which they relate.

Grants

Grants are recognised using the accruals model when there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and that its conditions will be complied with. Grants towards capital expenditure are credited to the deferred income and are released to the income and expenditure account over the expected useful life of the related assets, by equal annual instalments. Grants toward revenue expenditure are released to the income and expenditure account as the related expenditure is incurred.

Donations and patronage

Donations and patronage income is recognised in the year in which the company is entitled to the resource, when receipt is virtually certain, and when the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Net voyage fees

Net voyage fees comprises voyage fee income received or receivable in respect of the financial year less the direct costs required to generate the income.

Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, demand deposits with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the Balance Sheet bank overdrafts are shown within Creditors.

Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

Taxation

The company has been granted an exemption by the Revenue Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of Section 207, Section 609 and Section 266 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997.

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Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the Balance Sheet date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary items that are measured at fair value in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the date when the fair value was determined. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the Income and Expenditure Account.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as result of past events; it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small. Provisions are measured at the present value of the expenditures expected to be required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

Contingencies

Contingent liabilities, arising as a result of past events, are not recognised when (i) it is not probable that there will be an outflow of resources or that the amount cannot be reliably measured at the reporting date or (ii) when the existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events not wholly within the company's control. Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources is remote. Contingent assets are not recognised. Contingent assets are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

Judgements and estimates are continually evaluated and are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. There are no estimates and assumptions that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets within the next financial year.

4. EMPLOYEES

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Manager	1	1
Administration	2	2
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

5. DEBTORS

	2017 €	2016 €
Debtors	11,207	19,657
Prepayments	907	832
	<u>12,114</u>	<u>20,489</u>

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6. CREDITORS	2017	2016
Amounts falling due within one year	€	€
Taxation and social welfare	8,230	7,158
Creditors	2,553	10,098
Accruals	11,269	5,129
Deferred Income	14,225	10,000
	<u>36,277</u>	<u>32,385</u>

7. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The company had no material capital commitments at the year-ended 31 December 2017.

8. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the year-end.

9. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2017	2016
	€	€
Cash and bank balances	<u>45,717</u>	<u>51,036</u>

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The board of directors are considered to be the key management personnel.

11. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 21 February 2018.



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