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Summer 2020

# TALL SHIPS & FRIENDSHIPS

SAIL TRAINING IRELAND NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

Earlier in the year we took the difficult decision to cancel all voyages for 2020 due to the ongoing impact of the Covid 19 virus. This is obviously very disappointing but was somewhat inevitable. It was felt that there was no way to maintain the social distancing required to ensure the safety of the trainees and crew. This was particularly disappointing for over 400 young people who were due to take part this year.

We would like to thank all our sponsors and supporters who have continued to support us during these turbulent times.

We have not been idle and are delighted to inform you that our 2021 Voyage Calendar is now finalised, and bookings can be made on our website at:

<https://www.sailtrainingireland.com/voyages/>

All trainees who were booked on voyages have been offered the chance to change to new voyage dates in 2021 or to receive a full refund.

We recommend booking early to avoid disappointment as there will be a lot of pent up demand following the lock down.

## **We Need Your Help!**

This is a difficult time for Sail Training Ireland, and we ask you to consider donating so that we can continue making this potentially life changing opportunity available to all. You can donate securely on our website on the following link or by calling the office on 01 871 1745 to discuss other options

<https://www.sailtrainingireland.com/donate/>

Thank you for your support.

Keep safe.

The STIRL Team

## KEEP IN TOUCH

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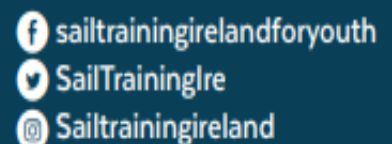
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We're delighted to announce our provisional 2021 Voyage Calendar. More voyages will be added between now and next Summer. Check out our [Voyage](#) page and our [Facebook](#) page regularly for updates!

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## Schedule of Voyages 2021

Please be advised These dates may be subject to change

Vessel	Voyage	Reference	Route	Start	Finish	Durati	Cost with STIRL	Bert
Maybe	Young Explorers Voyage/Gaisce 1 14-17yrs	M211	Cork to Dublin	27/03/2021	02/04/2021	7	€550	14
Maybe	Young Explorers Voyage/Gaisce 2 14-17yrs	M212	Dublin-Belfast	03/04/2021	09/04/2021	7	€550	14
Maybe	Young Explorers Voyage/Gaisce 3 14-17yrs	M213	Belfast-Dublin	10/04/2021	16/04/2021	7	€550	14
Pelican of London	Ocean Science Voyage 14-17yrs	P211	Dublin - Dublin	03/05/2021	09/05/2021	7	€750	28
Brian Boru	Howth Maritime Festival	BB211	Howth - Dublin	08/05/2021	10/05/2021	3	TBC	10
Pelican of London	Three Cities Voyage Erasmus+ Youth Exc 18-	P212	Liverpool - Belfast	31/05/2021	06/06/2021	7	€425	28
Volharding	Drogheda Sail Training Bursary Voyage 14-17 yr	VH211	Drogheda - Drogheda	07/06/2021	11/06/2021	5	€150	10
Pelican of London	Three Cities Voyage Erasmus+ Youth Exc 14-	P213	Liverpool - Dublin	08/06/2021	14/06/2021	7	€425	28
Volharding	Drogheda Sail Training Bursary Voyage 18-30 yr	VH212	Drogheda - Drogheda	14/06/2021	18/06/2021	5	€150	10
Pelican of London	NEIC Irish Sea Explorer O18s	P214A	Dublin - Dublin	19/06/2021	25/06/2021	7	€50	15
Pelican of London	Irish Sea Explorer O18s	P214B	Dublin - Dublin	19/06/2021	25/06/2021	7	€550	13
Brian Boru	Dublin Sail Training Bursary Voyage 14-17	BB212	Dublin - Arlow	21/06/2021	25/06/2021	5	€175	10
Pelican of London	NEIC Irish Sea Explorer 14-17yrs	P215A	Dublin - Dublin	27/06/2021	03/07/2021	7	€50	15
Pelican of London	Irish Sea Explorer 14-17 yrs	P215B	Dublin - Dublin	27/06/2021	03/07/2021	7	€550	13
Brian Boru	Dublin Sail Training Bursary Voyage 18+	BB213	Arklow - Dublin	28/06/2021	02/07/2021	5	€175	10
Volharding	North Coast Explorer Voyage 14-17 yrs	VH213	Belfast - Derry	12/07/2021	16/07/2021	5	€175	10
Pelican	Adult Tall Ship Adventure Mens Shed	P216	Anglesey to Bristol	12/07/2021	16/07/2021	5		28
Pelican of London	STIRI Asgard Armada 14-17yrs	AA211	Dublin - Bristol - Waterford - Dublin	19/07/2021	28/07/2021	10	€550	28
Maybe	Asgard Armada Voyage 18+	AA212	Dublin - Bristol - Waterford - Dublin	19/07/2021	28/07/2021	10	€550	14
Challenge Wales	Asgard Armada Voyage 18+	AA213	Dublin - Bristol - Waterford - Dublin	19/07/2021	28/07/2021	10		?
Volharding	North Coast Explorer Voyage 18-30 yrs	VH214	Derry - Belfast	19/07/2021	23/07/2021	5	€175	10
Volharding	Young Adventurers Voyage 14-18yrs	VH215	Dublin - Belfast	26/07/2021	30/07/2021	5	€500	10
Brian Boru	Waterford Sail Training Bursary Voyage 18-30 yrs	BB214	Dublin - Waterford	26/07/2021	30/07/2021	5	€175	10
Pelican of London	Summer Camp voyage 14-17yrs	P217	Dublin - Dunkirk	01/08/2021	12/08/2021	12	TBC	10
Brian Boru	Waterford Sail Training Bursary Voyage 14-17 yrs	BB215	Waterford - Waterford	02/08/2021	06/08/2021	5	€175	10
Brian Boru	Cork Sail Training Bursary Voyage 14-17 yrs	BB216	Cork - Cork	09/08/2021	13/08/2021	5	€175	10
Brian Boru	Cork Sail Training Bursary Voyage 18-30 yrs	BB217	Cork - Cork	16/08/2021	20/08/2021	5	€175	10

**Missing out on Tall Ship Action? Why not enrol in a virtual Tall Ship Race, courtesy of our friends in Sail Training International? Sign Up [Here](#). More info [Here](#).**



### JOIN THE VIRTUAL TALL SHIPS RACES

The Virtual Tall Ships Races 2020 is open for registration at Sailonline!

It's easy to sign up, just click the Sailonline link below to register for an account, verify your email and you're ready to go.

Enjoying the thrill of the high seas and spectacle of the Tall Ships fleet may seem like a distant dream... That's why we're partnering with virtual racing simulator Sailonline to complete each race leg of the postponed Tall Ships Races online, in *real time*.

Best of all, it's free to take part in each race of the series, so what are you waiting for!

We're currently looking for real life captains and crews to join each virtual race. Make sure to name the ship you'll be representing when you sign up so we can track your progress!

### About Sail Training International & The Tall Ships Races:

Through our Tall Ships Races & Regatta events, we offer an inspirational International cultural experience that is a powerful symbol of a better society.

We are a not-for-profit international organisation which promotes sail training to young people. We enable young people from different backgrounds to have challenging experiences and opportunities to develop life skills through living, working and interacting together.



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## LADY SAIL



May 2021 we launch the first of our Adult Lady Sails onboard the amazing ship Maybe.

All too often we hear parents say “if only or I wish I could do that” well here is your opportunity.

Whether you are an individual or a group of ladies that just want to have some fun.

Absolutely no experience required as you will learn along the way, under the watchful eye of our professional crew.

Our three-day lady sails give you the opportunity to experience a taste of the sea.

Starting and finishing in Dublin visiting some beautiful places along the way.

Dates: Monday – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Friday – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The voyage includes all food and accommodation, Cost €350.00

Contact us now to reserve your place as places are limited to 12 per voyage.

for further information please contact Sindy at [sindyoffer@sailtrainingireland.com](mailto:sindyoffer@sailtrainingireland.com) or 085 854 1303.



# Photo Caption Competition.

How would you like to win a €50 Sail Training Ireland Gift Voucher? (for use against any 2021 qualifying voyage)

Simply think of a funny caption for the photo below. Send your entries by email to [info@sailtrainingireland.com](mailto:info@sailtrainingireland.com) by 31/08/20. Please include Caption Competition in the email subject. Winner will be notified by email and details published in our next Newsletter. Judges decision is final. Please keep them clean (ish)!



## SUPPORT US BY BECOMING A FRIEND OF SAIL TRAINING IRELAND

Sail Training Ireland is the National Sail Training Organisation. The charity supports the development and education of young people via Sail Training programmes onboard tall ships and other vessels. While, Sail Training is open to people of all ages, the charity's focuses on providing the opportunity to those from a disadvantaged/under-privileged background and those with disabilities. [Read More.....](#)

## Darwin 200 Voyage



### Pelican Of London

We are delighted to announce five trainees from Sail Training Ireland have been successful in securing bursaries to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity “Darwin 200 Voyage”

Darwin200 is a planetary conservation initiative, which aims to change the world and create the next 200 pioneers of global science and conservation, Darwin200 Leaders, by giving them a life-changing experience, which will inspire and em-

power them to change their lives and give them the skills they need to help conserve the world of tomorrow.

The successful trainees are Shanua Murphy, Drogheda; Lenny Hurley, Cork; Shaolin Casey, Cork; Aoi-bhinn Lynch, Kinsale, and Ciara Kenny, Dublin

We wish them well and look forward to hearing all about their adventure. They will set sail onboard Pelican of London late July and August.

Special thanks to our partner [Adventure Under Sail](#) for supporting their nominations.

## **Bound for the Isle of Scilly**



Former trainee and mentor with Sail training Ireland Alanna Cameron, has set sail onboard Pioneer bound for the Isle of Scilly. We wish her fair winds and kind seas. For those of you that sailed with Alanna onboard Maybe, you can follow her adventure on Facebook ([The Pioneer Sailing Trust](#)) and Instagram ([@pioneerck18](#)) for updates on the voyage!



## The impact of the sail training experience from our trainees perspective

**Patrick Gowran** Sail Training Ireland is a charity organisation that many Irish teenagers will never have heard of, but for those who have it is one they will never forget. Having first learned of the organisation in the Spring of 2019, I decided that sailing for a week would be worth a shot. I booked a place on the gaff-rigged ketch Brian Ború, as part of the Cork



Bursary Voyage. Woah, was I in for an adventure! Living near the ocean I had spent plenty of time on the water, and I mistakenly thought that I knew what I was in for. Sail training is an activity accessible to people of all backgrounds and abilities, and many of the trainees I met on board had never been on a boat before. Living in tight quarters with a motley crew of strangers may sound like a daunting experience, but it was in fact quite the contrary. New conditions on board initially put everyone a little out of their comfort zone, but it coaxed us to work together and teach each other new things. We were forced to learn on the job, quickly, with the encouraging support and teamwork of mentors and volunteers. After five days on board our crew of eleven felt more like a family than crewmates. Of course we learned many valuable nautical skills from knot-tying to chartwork and more, but at least for me, it didn't really feel like it was about sailing. It was more about friendship, adventure, and awe-inspiring experiences I couldn't possibly have imagined otherwise (like watching a pod of dolphins bow-riding, or climbing the rigging of the Pelican of London at night time!). The experience helped me face fears and challenge my own limits in a way that has been life-changing. I still find myself flicking through my logbook every now and again.

I have since been on a voyage sailing the Irish Sea by light of the stars aboard the Tall Ship TS Maybe, and I can't wait to climb up the gangplank once more!



**Eoghan Spillane** I'm a member of the Sail Training Ireland Youth Council, I've been on 4 voyages up to this point, and certain parts of the experience have really stood out to me. The first voyage I was on was in 2017 onboard the "Pelican of London", I was recommended to look into Sail Training Ireland by a leader in my Sea Scout group in Aghada. The ship was leaving from Belfast, heading over to Liverpool and then on to Dublin. As someone with Asperger's; I originally found this quite daunting, simply the idea of having to be around so many new people I had never met before; then live in tight quarters with them for nearly 2 weeks was

quite overwhelming at the time.

However my trepidation was quickly abated. While on that trip I met some fantastic people. As the Pelican of London is quite large, there was 42 trainees on board. We were all from different county's. There was even a group from Liverpool. The only thing we had in common was that we were around the same age.

Over the course of the trip I got to know quite a few of my fellow trainees quite well, this was in part due to the watch system, the 42 of us were split into smaller groups known as watches. It was in these watches we either were on deck, cooking or getting some much needed rest in our time off. These were the people I got to know the best. I enjoyed nearly every aspect of the voyage, from the fantastic sights as we sailed along the coast to the occasional dolphins that we saw off the bow. Even being on a night watch as it gave a fantastic uninterrupted view of the night sky that never failed to disappoint no matter how tired I was. It was on this trip, I met some of my fellow youth council members for the first time. Now nearly 4 years on I've been on a further trip on the Pelican of London sailing from Cork to Spain. I've also sailed on board the "Maybe", the first trip up to the Isle of Skye and the second time as part of the Asgard Armada. I have hundreds of photos and fond memories from each of these trips. I met some fantastic people along the way I can't wait to hopefully get back on the ocean in 2021.



**Cian Lynch** Having been fortunate enough to sail aboard two tall ships voyages through Sail Training Ireland, one aboard Maybe and one aboard Pelican Of London, I am always keen to share my experience and the benefits I still reap from these challenging but exceedingly rewarding voyages.

While one might initially think that the experience of sailing is the first and foremost benefit of a voyage aboard a tall ship, I've found that this pales in comparison to the fast and lasting friendships formed. With long days and often poor weather conditions, young people of all backgrounds come together in response to the challenging nature of a voyage, which is particularly crucial as young people may not have previously had the opportunity to share time and experiences with young people of different backgrounds. Sail training voyages are accessible to people from all socioeconomic back-

grounds, differently-abled people, and young people with different cultures, genders, and nationalities. Tall ships voyages further enhance and accentuate a young person's sense of teamwork, self-confidence, resilience, communication skills, and often leadership ability should they seek to take on a leadership position in later voyages. The responsibility that the young people are given to collectively sail the vessel under the watchful eyes of experienced crew is also important as it fosters a sense of reliability, diligence, and conscientiousness.

Some of my most treasured memories are the time spent with the crews of these voyages, watching dolphins play off the bow, catching glimpses of whales in the distance, chatting in the saloon, and spending time on watch underneath the stars.



**Ciara Sunderland** "This quarantine gives us a lot of time to reflect. What better way to create hope for the future than re-living all the marvellous memories we've accumulated over the years!? For me, I find myself drawn to the moments where I felt complete and utter freedom. (Which is not surprising in the least!) Those moments of freedom brought with them feelings of pure joy and delight. I know, seems too good to be true. But have you ever sailed on board a tall ship?

I owe all my thanks to an organisation called Sail Training Ireland. They're not too well known and that needs to change. Those at STIrl don't discriminate, whether you have everything and simply seek adventure, or you have nothing and are searching for a reason to wake up in the mornings, they'll give you an experience of a lifetime. I myself was extremely lucky to secure a place on not one, but two of their voyages. I was extraordinarily lucky! To describe those adventures in just a few lines is impossible, so I'll set the scene and let your own imagination fill in the blanks.

Clear skies. Billowing sails. Pods of dolphins. Setting sun. Open ocean. I'm sure by now you can begin to understand why my mind keeps replaying these recollections on repeat. But this could be your reminiscence too. This lockdown might be the encouraging push you need to go and find your moment of release and liberation. Why not seek it out on a tall ship, battling the elements where sky meets sea and the stars are the clearest they'll ever be? I mean, it sounds like the perfect way to me! Stay safe and set sail with Sail Training Ireland today (or at least as soon as this lockdown lets us)! :) - "



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