

Tall Ships Challenger Trip 2011



I was very pleased to be picked to go on this very special trip and really learnt a lot about boats during the 6 days. Thank you very much to the Lizard Outreach Trust and the sponsors for giving me this opportunity.



We all met up at Redruth station at 5.45am. The six hour train journey went by very quickly and we were in Portsmouth before we knew it. I was very excited when I got on the boat, it was bigger than I expected it to be. My bunk was very comfortable and the other kids on the trip were very nice.

The first day of sailing (after the safety briefing) we went to Poole. There wasn't much wind but that meant we could climb the Spinnaker Pole but I got caught up in the rope so I didn't get far. We all took turns with the cooking - I cooked baked beans!

After Poole we sailed to Weymouth. I liked Weymouth, someone in our group won a video camera in the arcade.

There were some lovely sand sculptures on the beach.

The next day we went to Cowes where we tried night sailing. It was very tiring but a good experience. The next morning we tried dinghy sailing and then filled up with diesel which cost over £1000. After lunch we left for Portsmouth and spent our last night there. The marina facilities were great.

I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and would recommend it to my friends.

Thank you very much,
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