

Day One

A group of very excited staff and students managed to board Provident of Trinity Sailing at 2 o'clock, we met the Crew and introduced ourselves.

Crew

Skipper- Matt
Mate- Lesley
Bosun- Laura
Cook- Mark

Us

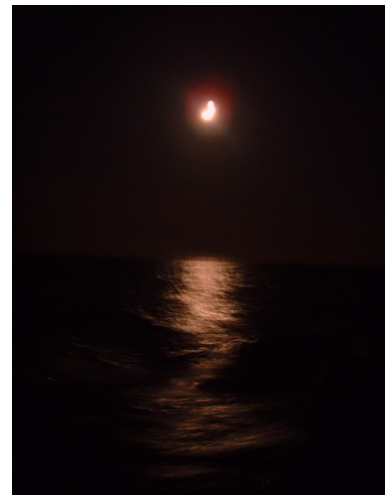
Mr. Ashford
Miss Jackson
Grant Minskip
Connor Bannister
Andrew Rose
Dale Smith
Connor Leonard
Anthony Ford
Sean Sheehy



We established that our trip was aimed for London, however due to unforeseen weather conditions we were likely to be storm bound in Portsmouth for a few days but we would still attempt to make it to London. In order to do this we were planning to leave Brixham at 21:00 hrs and sail right through the night until we reached Portsmouth the following

afternoon.

After all the briefings about boat safety and where we were heading we went and got our oilys, set up our bunks and were organized into our watches.



Port Watch

Lesley
Mr. Ashford
Connor Bannister
Andrew Rose
Connor Leonard

Starboard Watch

Matt
Laura
Miss Jackson
Dale Smith
Grant Minskip
Anthony Ford
Sean Sheehy

After a fantastic dinner of chicken curry we got the boat ready to set sail. Everyone was really excited to get out on the open ocean. Once we had been sailing for a while it was time to start our watches. Port watch sailed first for three hours and then Starboard watch took over. It was a long night but watching the moon over the sea and the sunrise made it all worthwhile even though there were a few seasick ship mates.

Day Two

We sailed all morning and managed to dock in Portsmouth at around 15:00hrs. We all got off the boat and had a brief wander around and a shower but we knew we would be storm-bound tomorrow so decided to save most of our exploring for then. The plan for the rest of the day was dinner, cleaning and then an early night. And funnily enough everyone was in bed and asleep by 22.00hrs.

**Day Three**

Due to our early night the previous night it was early to rise today. After a great breakfast it was time to split into our watches again and clean the boat from top to bottom. Starboard took downstairs and Port

were up on deck. This was affectionately named happy hour and involved everybody pitching in to scrub, polish, wash and clean everything including the heads (toilets).

Once the boat was gleaming it was time to head off to explore Portsmouth. We decided to have a look around the shops in the morning and then venture to the cinema in the afternoon. Half of us decided to watch X-men Wolverine and the other half that were more in touch with the sensitive side decided to watch 17 again, this group included Mr. Ashford not Miss Jackson.

We had planned to set sail again that night and hope to make it to Ramsgate the next leg to London, however due to the persistent weather conditions we would be stuck in Portsmouth for another night. So we had another chilled evening, the cooks on duty cooked a lovely meal of Beef in Black bean sauce and then passed the evening by playing games.

Day Four

A hard day of work awaited us today. As we had a day off yesterday, we offered our services to help with the boat maintenance jobs. We started off by scraping all the paint off of the stern of the boat. This was a very time consuming job and everyone all pitched in. Paint was scraped, wood was sanded and varnished, and brass was polished to a high shine. We worked right up until 14:00 and the results were brilliant. Everyone was tired but we felt really good about ourselves. A few of us decided to wander into Gosport this afternoon however the majority of us just relaxed on board and went fishing off the pontoon. Unfortunately there was no fish for dinner that night. Grant and Mr. Ashford decided take advantage of the Sean's knowledge of knots and learn a few in preparation for tomorrow's start sailing course. They managed to gain quite a head start. The rest of us missed out on this valuable lesson and had a lot to catch up on the following night.



Day Five

Our trip to London had been abandoned and so we decided we would sail around the Solent and sail to the Isle of Wight where we would spend the evening on a buoy. After yet another fantastic breakfast which I think we have all come to miss and Happy hour, which we have not, we set sail for the Isle of Wight. We all took turns being in charge of the steering, some were better than others, Miss Jackson seemed to take the zigzag approach rather than sailing in a straight line. The weather was absolutely beautiful today and everyone enjoyed being out at sea again especially in the sun. When we got to the Isle of Wight the majority of us went ashore however, Andrew and Dale stayed on board to cook as Andrew was asked to make his specialty. Chili the cook had heard so much about. Our trip to the Isle of Wight lasted all of forty minutes, the ordeal of getting on and off the boat with the dinghy took longer than it did to explore the Isle as there really is nothing there. Back on the boat, the Chili was well worth the wait; the consensus was that it was quite possibly the best meal of the week.

After dinner, we sat down to complete our start sailing course, all of us completed the session and gained certificates, however some of us wished we had had a previous lesson with Sean to make learning the knots a little easier. Last night tonight and mixed feelings.

Day Six

Happy hour again before we set sail back to Portsmouth; We had to back by 12 in order to get the boat tidy before Mrs. Martin arrived to pick us up. Everyone was a little sluggish today after their hard week but I also think everyone was a bit sad to be leaving at the same time.

All bunks were stripped, Oily's were back in the cupboard and life Jackets back where they belong. The trip was over. The drive back to Devon was a very quiet one; everyone was catching up on much needed sleep. A fantastic week was had by all and the behavior and attitude on board was fantastic.

Well Done everyone!!!!!!