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Dear Andrew,

**Sailing Bursaries**  
**JST Voyage - 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014.**

With reference to the above please find attached our relative voyage reports.

I apologise for the delay in forwarding the reports, this is however entirely due to extraordinary unforeseen circumstances relating to Andrew Leng, one of our three sailors on the voyage.

Andrew's parents moved during his time away on the voyage, an unexpected action which, along with other family issues, has had a major traumatic impact on Andrew's personal life. Whilst GYT continues to engage and support Andrew during this difficult period it is fair to say that he is currently in a very deep and dark place in his life right now. He is certainly finding it difficult to focus and commit to compiling his voyage report. This loss of focus and commitment is uncharacteristic of Andrew and to this end I would now ask that your Trustees show lenient consideration towards the absence of a report from Andrew. Having personally spent considerable time supporting Andrew during this difficult time I can confirm that he speaks very highly and positively of his 'brilliant experience' sailing with The Jubilee Sailing Trust. Such a unique experience is obviously providing a positive influence and steadying anchor point towards helping Andrew cope with his current personal and family issues.

It is also clearly obvious in speaking with Andrew that his experience with JST mirrors the views and experiences given within the enclosed reports from Maxine and Lorna.

Our continued association with The Royal Thames Yacht Club and our subsequent ability to offer sailing voyages to many of our more deprived and vulnerable young people and youth volunteers is having a significant positive impact on our local grassroots youth work. This impact is again reflected in the continual interest from local young people wishing to undertake a sailing voyage with JST, Tall ships, TS Pelican or Cirdan Sailing.

Young Maxine Bennie has, for instance, already offered to undertake another voyage in 2015 during which time she will act as a 'support buddy' for a younger local female who has personal issues and low levels of self-confidence and self-esteem.

All of our ongoing association with the various sailing bodies and our subsequent support in meeting the developmental needs of our disadvantaged local young people would not of course be possible without the support of others. To this end, I, on behalf of everyone involved with GYT, again offer our sincere and deepest appreciation to the Trustees of The Royal Thames Yacht Club Charitable Trust for the provision of an annual bursary. Such kind generosity is without doubt making a major difference to the life of so many of our local young people.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information and/or clarification on the attached reports or our continued interest in sailing voyages in 2015.

Yours Sincerely,

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