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Shipmates Trip Report

Date of Trip: 24th – 28th July 2013 _____

Destination: UKSA _____

Shipmate's Name: Colm O'Hagan _____

Age: 15 _____

Dear Shipmate – please complete this Diary at the end of each day whilst on your trip.

Day One

Weather: Sunny

What I did:

Morning:

After a 5'o clock start we were driven by Tim (AHOY's Instructor) to the UKSA, taking the Red Funnel ferry. When we arrived there we were shown to our instructors and boats

Afternoon:

We set off in our boats but before we learnt how to raise the sail fully we were taught how to put in a reef, then we sailed towards Portsmouth

Evening:

We stayed in Haslar Marina in Portsmouth, after mooring we had a knot tying competition.

Who I worked with:

Instructor(s): Sven, Jacob
Other students: Callum, Angus, Charlie (None from AHOY)

Equipment used:

UKSA Falcon

Photos I took:

What I learnt today:

How to hoist and reef the mainsail on a yacht

Day Two

Weather: sunny

What I did:

Morning:

We woke around 9 o' clock, made breakfast and eventually set off practicing tacking.

Afternoon:

We carried on tacking as well as doing man overboard drills towards Yarmouth, we put reef 1 in as the wind increased.

Evening:

After we arrived at Yarmouth there wasn't suitable berths in the Marina so our boat raced another boat back to the UKSA where we stayed the night.

Who I worked with:

As before

Equipment used:

UKSA Falcon

Photos I took:

What I learnt today:

How to pick up a man overboard in a yacht.

Day Three

Weather: sunny

What I did:

Morning:

After we woke we got out the inflatable tender and raced them.

Afternoon:

We sailed around for a little while and headed into a marina bear south of Hampton

Evening:

We rested for a couple of hours before setting out for a night sail but didn't raise our sails due to lack of wind so we stayed at the UKSA

Who I worked with:

As before

Equipment used:

We used UKSA Falcon - tender

Photos I took:

What I learnt today:

I learned how to navigate at night.

Day Four

Weather: Overcast

What I did:

Morning:

After a lie-in ☺ we did small presentations and set out on the water around 11 o'clock.

Afternoon:

We set out towards Haslar Marina doing man overboard drills towards Yarmouth, we put reef 1 in as the wind increased.

Evening:

We had a costume contest on the pontoon at Haslar after mooring.

Who I worked with:

As before

Equipment used:

UKSA Falcon

Photos I took:

What I learnt today:

I learnt how to recover a man overboard without the engine.

Day Five

Weather: Overcast

What I did:

Morning:

We all raced back to the UKSA from Haslar using our wind and tide knowledge

Afternoon:

We cleaned out the boats before heading back to London with Mike Evans – an AHOY Instructor

Evening:

Back home!

Who I worked with:

As before

Equipment used:

Charts and navigational equipment

Photos I took:

Summary of course and what I learnt:

I've learnt how to be competent on a yacht which has increased my sailing knowledge.

Thank You for completing!