

Ella Daley
Age : 16
Date of Joining AHOY : 11th May 2013

UKSA

Competent Crew

2nd - 6th August 2014

My message to the Royal Thames Yacht Club for funding my trip:

"Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to sail in a yacht around the Isle of Wight. This is not something that I would have otherwise come across and for that I am very grateful."

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Day One :

What I did : To start the course I was introduced to my instructors and the boat I would be crewing in. I learnt how yachts differ from the dinghy boats I have sailed previously at the JYC Centre.

We were then taught how to coil and throw mooring lines properly so they land around the cleats. After a further briefing around safety checks we finally set sail and left Weymouth.

Who I did it with : My two instructors and my fellow crew.

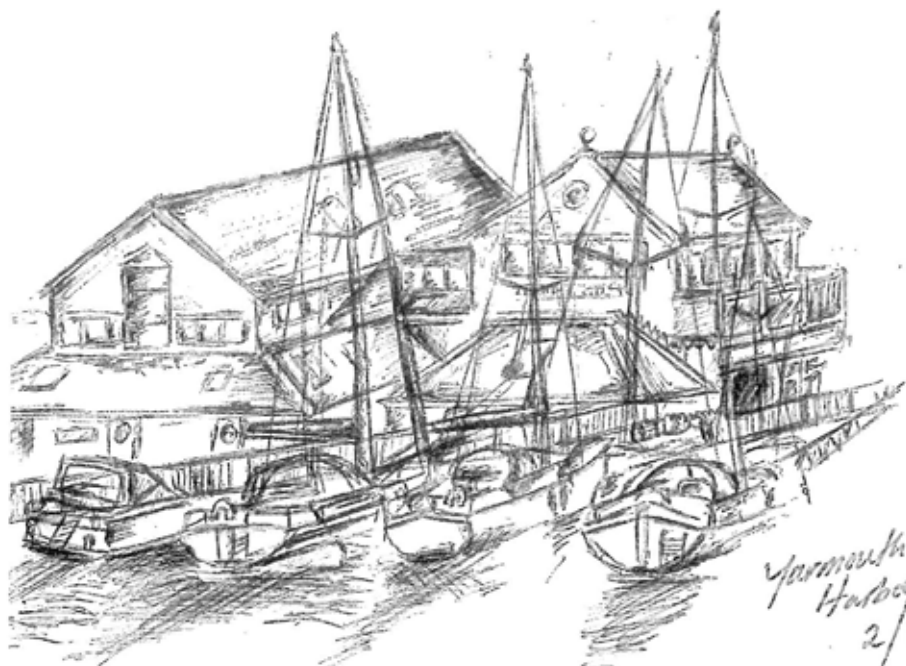
What did I learn : I learnt the correct methods in which to handle mooring lines. I also learnt the different safety procedures used in yachts, for example, how to deploy a life raft and which side to do so on. (windward/leeward).

Day Two :

What I did : Today we started by learning how to stow the sail into the boom. We practised it on land a few times, knowing that we would have to put our practice to good use later in the day. After working out a formation that worked best for us, we rigged the boat and sailed off. First I got to helm, it was challenging at first as I had never controlled a boat with such large sails. I was then however to use my previous sailing knowledge to control the boat by looking at the tell of the main sail to see if I am pointing the boat too high and need to bear away slightly.

Who I did it with : My two instructors and my fellow crew.

What did I learn : I learnt the proper technique for making a sail down efficiently and safely. I also learnt how to stay on a course when helming a yacht, especially using compass bearings to help me further.



Yarmouth
Harbour
2/8/14
(Day 1)



Poole Marina
3/8/14
(Day 2)

Day Three

What I did: On my third day aboard UKSA FREEDOM we set sail from Pool Harbour back towards UKSA. The winds were much more gentle, thus making the sail less hair-raising and allowing us to drink in the picturesque scenes surrounding us. As we were going downwind, we needed to learn how to gibe the yacht. We practiced the method for gifting a few times to make sure we knew what we were doing. We then put our practice to good use, gifting efficiently down to the Beaulieu river to a private pontoon which we moored onto.

Who I did it with: My two instructors and my fellow crew.
What did I learn: I learn downwind sailing in a yacht and how to gibe efficiently and safely.

Day Four:

What I did: Today we started our return journey from the Beaulieu river back towards UKSA, past the needles. We sailed a steady course towards Berthon Lyntoniers marina where we moored up for the night. The wind was decent enough so we didn't have to reef our sails, allowing us to take full advantage of the big sails. Flaking the sail was much more efficient, thus showing that we were improving.

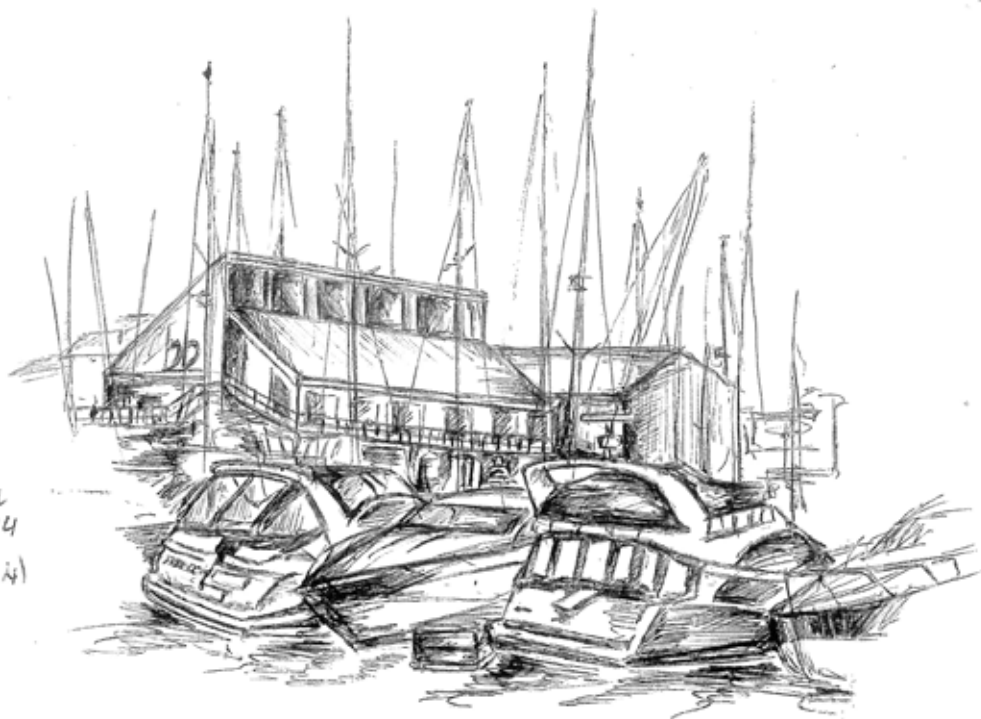
Who I did it with: My two instructors and my fellow crew.
What did I learn: I learnt the man overboard procedure and how to execute it well in order to save the persons life.

Day Five:

What I did: On the fifth and last day we made our way back to UKSA. What would have normally been a risk & collision free passage was quite the opposite due to the hundreds of boats racing at close work. It made the journey longer and slightly more stressful, yet somehow more enjoyable. After mooring up at UKSA the fun bit really started. (Cleaning up! (Joke)) After cleaning the whole boat inside & out we departed UKSA and the Isle of Wight for the mainland.

Who I did with: My two instructors and fellow crew.
What did I learn: The rules about collisions & right of way when boats are racing in large numbers.

Berthon
Marina
5/8/14
(Day 4)



NEW - NOT UNDER COMMAND



RECUITS - RESTRICTED IN ABILITY TO MANOEUVRE



LAN - CONSTRAINED BY DRAUGHT



FENDER - FISHING FISHING TRAWLING



SPINNAKER - SAIL



← WHEN UNDER POWER

