

T.S. Royalist cadet course 12/10/13-18/10/13

Day 1 (12/10/13)

Our chief at Worthing drove us down to Weymouth to get on T.S. Royalist. We got to Weymouth at 14:00 and said good bye to our chief. All us cadets met the sailing master and went down below to meet the other cadets and the Coxswain, who showed us where we were to sleep and stow our belongings. Also the Coxswain gave us our task book which would help us achieve our qualification. Then the Coxswain told us to muster on the foredeck, where we got a talk from the Captain and met the rest of the instructors. Then we had a safety brief. We then got a tour of the ship from our watch officers and then had dinner. After dinner we socialised with the other cadets and then went to sleep, waiting to see what will happen the next day.

Day 2

We woke up at 06:30 and had breakfast. After breakfast we stowed our bunks and went to the cockpit to hear a talk from the Captain. Then we looked at our station cards to see where our bracing and sail setting stations are. I was in the aft watch and my bracing station was for the fore gallant yard and sail. We then got told to get in to our harness to go up the rigging to the first platform. I was a little nervous at first but when I clipped on to the safety rope and started climbing I loved it. I had done my first "up and over". After the climbing we did some bracing of the yards and some sail setting. We had to learn loads in the first morning as the Captain of the whole sea cadets was coming on board with other V.I.P.'s! The sea cadet Captain and V.I.P.'s came on board by sea boat and for the first time we said out of Weymouth. We sailed for a few hours showing the V.I.P.'s what we had learnt in one morning. We anchored out side of Weymouth and had lunch. Then we sailed more to shore and the V.I.P.'s left by sea boat and we sailed to Portland. We sailed past H.M.S. Iron duke and got into Portland harbour. Then I was shore party and got in the sea boat. We motored in the marina and stood on the pontoon, ready to moor Royalist for the night and had dinner.