

Kieron Fords

T.S Royalist
diary

12th to the 16th of
October

Day 1: when we arrived in Weymouth and got on royalist I was kind of nervous as I didnt know any one and the ship looked massive on the first day we were given are harnesses workbooks and our new cap tallys after this we were given are bunks we were then briefed by the captain and after that we did up and overs and then were assigned are roles I was a yardsmen. For dinner we had shepherds pie.

Day 2: we got up at 6.30am and had toast and cereal for breakfast after this we mustered on deck and we got taught about are sailing handling stations by the bosun and watch officers after this the captain of the sea cadets came on board then we went to harbour stations and left Weymouth for Portland however for the day we did manoeuvres in the channel to show off the ship to are V.I.P.S the captain was very impressed and couldn't believe that it was only are second day on-board Later that day we dropped our V.I.P.S at the key side after that we headed for Portland when we arrived in Portland we were given are phones and were aloud showers.

Day 3: when we woke up we had a full English after that we climbed up the masts to set the sails after that we lowered them and left Portland from Portland we headed for Cowes 50 MILES !!!!!!!! I was sick 3 times ahahaa no it was good though also we had a lynx fly past and hover above us after that we got to have a go at the helm and then we got to go in the little rib and got a photo opportunity when arrived in Cowes every one was really happy and we listened to pirates of the Caribbean when we got along side we got shore leave we all did the same thing SAINSBURYS ahahaha we all bought junk supply's it was a good evening when we got back on on-board we watched ace Ventura.

Day 4:

We were woken up today at 7:30 am when we woke up we all were on the main deck after this we started to clean the ship down me and my friend matt from Chichester used the ships hose to clean the deck by the end we where soaked (I was not happy) after this we left Cowes for Southampton when we got to Southampton the two sea cadet yachts attacked us with water balloons in response

We picked up a fire hose and soaked the yachts after a long soaking the yachts surrendered and ran away (VICTORY TO THE MIGHTY ROYALIST) after this we had lunch chicken burgers YUMMMMMMM we sat in Southampton until it was dark when it was dark we started to head back to Cowes I was at the helm it was very hard to see but it was fun. When we reached Cowes however everything went downhill for stars our docking space had been taken (GRUMBLE GRUMBLE GRUMBLE) we had to spend half an hour searching for a space when we found one and we were back alongside we all went for showers. Then B.E.D.

Day 5:

After we woke up today we started to head for Gosport we spent the day learning about the ship's safety routine and learning about what to do in an emergency when we arrived in the Portsmouth channel I took the helm and steered the ship into Gosport as we were coming in the captain played pirates of the Caribbean for lunch that day we had pasta salad Yum when we arrived in Gosport we stowed the sails IT WAS SOOOO SCARY

After this we were taken over to Gun wharf keys for shore leave. When we got back we messed around with the staff and played some games after this we went to beds.

Day 6: When we woke up we started to clean up the ship for the next crew who were going to be on-board After breakfast we started to head out in the the channel again to practise mounovers and lookouts at lunch we had jacket potato after lunch we came back along side to Gosport to prepare the ship for visitors from a German ship to come aboard also cadets from the Sea cadet Power vessels when it was dark the visitors arrived we showed them around and then after that we packed most of are things for going home.

Day 7: we woke up quite early so we could clean the ship ready for a when we left we spent about an hour and a half cleaning the ship after that we packed the rest of are things then we were taken out to the main deck and given are awards I got my deck hand 1 I was very impressed and proud! After this we said goodbye to each other then we left in are mini bus back for Worthing

I would like to thank who ever provided me this one In a lifetime chance I have learnt so much about myself I found out I am stronger both mentally and physically I can keep my cool under pressure and I learnt that I am a better friend and a person then I thought I was who ever did this I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you yours thankfully
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