



Challenge Wales Voyage Schedule 2017

Booking a trip on Challenge Wales

Booking a trip, whether for yourself, for a group or as a gift for someone else is very simple. We are just a phone call or an email away.

How to Book: Identify a sailing trip and contact Challenge Wales to check availability by email: reservations@challengewales.org or phone on 029 20 704 657. Challenge Wales will advise you of availability and timings. Complete your booking form with payment and that's it.

Are there any age limits? Sailing on Challenge Wales is open to those aged 12-75 years and who are reasonably fit. Remember, particular sailing trips are highlighted for certain age groups.

I am aged between 12-15 years. If you are part of a group, school or youth organisation then please ask your group leader to look at the Groups, Schools and Young People section of our website or ask them to request our Young Persons Groups Brochure.

I am aged between 16 – 25 years. You can join Challenge Wales as an individual (you come along on your own with others joining on their own) OR you can join us as youth group. If joining on your own you can take part in some of our more challenging activities.

I am aged 18 – 75 years. Adult adventure voyages range from day sails to longer voyages exploring some spectacular places around the UK & overseas and gives you the opportunity to sail and have fun. If you're aged 18 – 25 years then you are still eligible for bursary funding and more opportunities are available as you will fall into our young persons programme AND our adult adventure programme. Meeting different people with different backgrounds, cultures and ages is all part of the Challenge Wales experience!

What is a Challenge Wales Bursary? A bursary subsidises your berth meaning that you will pay less than the advertised price to sail with us. Anyone aged 12 - 25 years can apply for a bursary from Challenge Wales for any of our sailing activities, whether as an individual or a group for any trip with Challenge Wales. Bursaries might have particular criteria. **Further bursaries may be available or become available at short notice so if you are under 26 years please ask us about this.** *If you are an individual and want to join us on a voyage and you feel you can't pay then we will work with you to get you onboard and help you to fund your voyage with bursaries and fundraising – we like to make opportunities possible for those who see the opportunity and the benefits it can bring!*

Challenge Experience Days are day sails for adults to experience Challenge Wales and an opportunity for those interested in being volunteer crew to have their skills assessed however, school & youth groups can also book these days for young persons sail training activity in which case the boat will be on an exclusive use basis for the group.

FAQ's

Do I need to have sailing experience? No sailing experience is required.

Can I book a trip on a date that isn't shown below? Yes. Challenge Wales is available all year to book for young persons sail training and trips for groups (summer trips, sports clubs, family celebrations), companies (corporate entertaining or team building) and private individuals (sailing with friends, parties etc). Minimum numbers are required for trips. Just let us know which date(s) you are interested in and we will provide you with further details.

Can I buy a sailing experience as a gift? Yes. You can buy a gift voucher which is valid for twelve months.

What do I need to bring with me? Check out the 'What to bring with you' list at the bottom of this document. A full kit list will be sent to you with joining instructions prior to you sailing.

Are you taking part in any races in 2017? YES!! Details are shown in the schedule below. Challenge Wales is taking part in the Tall Ships Races 2017 during the summer and additional bursary funding is often available to all UK residents and overseas residents

for this – with some of it on a first come first serve basis! Ask us for our information pack with all the details and for help with travel arrangements to and from ports.

How do I travel to and from the boat? Most of our voyages are accessible by car or train (in the UK). For our overseas voyages we work with a local travel agent to help you with your flights and transfers. We aim for all our crew and young people to travel together to and from the boat and in some cases with other UK Tall Ships organisations taking part in the same event as us. For many, this is the first time they may have experienced flying to another country

Are there any voyages you would suggest in particular? Taking part in our Celtic Adventure from Cardiff to Belfast is going to be really fun however, the second leg of our Celtic Adventure from Belfast to Aberdeen is going to be taking in some fantastic scenery in the Scottish Highlands as we go through the Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness! This voyage will be a little more relaxed and slower paced but still giving everyone the opportunity to develop their sailing skills. The legs as part of the Tall Ships Races are going to be spectacular and adventurous as we race with 100 other vessels.

Do you give a discount if I book more than one voyage? Yes, you will automatically get a 10% discount off your second leg if booked at the same time as the first for the same season. Day or weekend voyages are exempt from this special offer.

2017

June

Date	Voyage No	No. of days	Age range	To/From	Type	Cost without Bursary	Description
Thur 8 th – Wed 14 th	V45d	7	16+	Cardiff to Belfast		£695* BOOKED	Celtic Adventure (Part 1) Depart Wales and arrive in Ireland. An opportunity to sail the Irish sea and see spectacular coastline. Open to adults looking for adventure. *
Wed 14 th – Thur 22 nd	V47c	9	18-75	Belfast to Aberdeen		£220*	Celtic Adventure (Part 2) From Northern Ireland we will head through the Caledonian Canal and no fewer than 3 lochs including Loch Ness! This should be a spectacular, scenic adventure. Open to adults. *Aged 18 – 25 years? Our bursary fund can help reduce your voyage cost
Thur 22 nd – Mon 26 th June	V49d	5	18 – 75	Aberdeen to Kristiansand (Norway)	Tall Ships Race Delivery	£175*	The Mini North Sea Challenge (5 day) If you can't join us for the full 11 day voyage (below) then join us for the mini Challenge. Join Challenge Wales on 22 nd and depart in Kristiansand, Norway on 26 th . A great starter voyage for those looking for a start of summer adventure. *Aged 18 – 25 years? Our bursary fund can reduce your voyage cost
Thur 22 nd – Sun 2 nd July	V49d	11	18 - 75	Aberdeen to Halmstad (Sweden)	Tall Ships Race Delivery	£299*	The North Sea Challenge (11 day) Join us in our crossing of the North Sea. We will be stopping in Kristiansand before departing for Halmstad. A great opportunity for a milebuilder or taking on a personal adventure. *Aged 18 – 25 years? Our bursary fund can reduce your voyage cost
Mon 26 th – 2 nd July	V51a	6	18 - 75	Kristiansand (Norway) to Halmstad (Sweden)	Tall Ships Race Delivery	£175*	Baltic Sailing – Tall Ships Arrival Join us on this voyage where we will meet up with the Tall Ships Fleet. With around 100 vessels taking part, it will be an unforgettable sight sailing into Halmstad. You will have the opportunity to experience the festival atmosphere *Aged 18 – 25 years? Our bursary fund can reduce your voyage cost

July 2017

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Sun 2 nd – Sat 15 th	V53	14	16-25	Halmstad (Sweden) to Kotka (Finland)	Tall Ships Race	£1,200* Last 5 berths left	Tall Ships Races: Includes parade of Sail, Crew Party and Crew Parade. Ask for our Tall Ships Information pack with details of all our current bursary support to help you jump aboard!
Sat 15 th – Sat 22 nd	V56	8	16-25	Kotka (Finland) to Turku (Finland)	Tall Ships Race	£800*	Tall Ships Races: Includes parade of Sail, Crew Party and Crew Parade. Ask for our Tall Ships Information

							pack with details of all our current bursary support to help you jump aboard!
Sat 22 nd – Mon 31 st	V58	10	16-25	Turku (Finland) to Klaipeda (Lithuania)	Tall Ships Race	£900*	Tall Ships Races: Includes parade of Sail, Crew Party and Crew Parade. Ask for our Tall Ships Information pack with details of all our current bursary support to help you jump aboard!
Mon 31 st – Mon 7 th	V61a	8	16-25	Klaipeda (Lithuania) to Szczecin (Poland)	Tall Ships Race	£800* Fully booked	Tall Ships Races: Includes parade of Sail, Crew Party and Crew Parade. Ask for our Tall Ships Information pack with details of all our current bursary support to help you jump aboard!

August

Date	Voyage No	No. of days	Age range	To/From	Type	Cost without Bursary	Description
Mon 7 th – Mon 14 th	V63a	8	16-25	Szczecin to Amsterdam	Tall Ships Race – Homeward Bound Delivery	£750	Join in Szczecin for the end of the Tall Ships Event and the Parade of Sail before heading South to Amsterdam. Ask for our Tall Ships Information pack with details of all our current bursary support to help you jump aboard!
Mon 14 th – Sun 20 th	V65a	7	18 – 75 Or 16 - 25	Amsterdam to Gosport		£495	Tall Ships Homeward Bound Delivery. Ask for our Tall Ships Information pack with details of all our current bursary support to help you jump aboard!
Sun 20 th – Fri 25 th	V67	6	16-25	Gosport to Cardiff		£495	Join the boat on Sunday in readiness for a Monday morning departure. Ask for our Tall Ships Information pack with details of all our current bursary support to help you jump aboard!
Sat 26 th – Mon 28 th August	Cardiff Harbour Festival, Cardiff Bay, South Wales Jump aboard for free guided tours at the Cardiff Harbour Festival. Cardiff Bay will be buzzing with summer events both on and off the water over the bank holiday weekend. You will get the opportunity to jump aboard Wales' Tall Ship – Challenge Wales, learn about her youth work and adventure voyages.						
Fri 1 st Sep	V69e	1	16-25	Penarth		<i>Reserved</i>	A one day youth adventure learning about teamwork
Sat 2 nd Sep	V70	1	12 - 25	Penarth		<i>Reserved</i>	A one day youth voyage learning about teamwork
Sun 3 rd Sep	V71	1	18 – 75	Penarth		<i>Reserved</i>	Leadership Day – use sailing to develop teams and leadership.
Tues 5 th Sep	V71b	1	14 – 25	Penarth		<i>Reserved</i>	A one day accredited voyage as part of our fully funded <i>Voyages of Discovery</i> project
Sat 9 th Sep	V72	1	16 – 75	Penarth		£95	Challenge Experience Day – an opportunity to jump onboard and experience big boat sailing. Please note this voyage will start and finish later than usual around 11.30 – 6.30pm
Mon 11 th Sep	V73a	5	15-18	Penarth – Penarth		<i>Reserved</i>	A 5 day youth residential focusing on the Youth Achievement Award: Learning teamwork, cooking skills and sailing skills to help run the boat
Tues 19 th Sep	V75b	1	14 – 25	Penarth		<i>Reserved</i>	A one day accredited voyage as part of our fully funded <i>Voyages of Discovery</i> project
Weds 20 th Sep	V75c	1	14 – 25	Penarth		<i>Reserved</i>	A one day accredited voyage as part of our fully funded <i>Voyages of Discovery</i> project
Thu 28 th Sep	V77d	1	14 – 25	Penarth		<i>Reserved</i>	A one day accredited voyage as part of our fully funded <i>Voyages of Discovery</i> project

*Additional funding is currently available through a variety of funding sources co-ordinated by the Challenge Wales office. V56 and V58 have several fully funded berths available for those living in a CF postcode region. For those living outside of Wales there are bursary funding options available. Please ask.

Prices may change and are subject to availability.

DE A 4 night voyage or longer can qualify for Gold Award Residential Section. These trips will mainly take place in school holidays with some delivery trips qualifying. If you are not doing your Gold DofE, you can still join us if you are the right age!

Young Persons Sail Training: If you are an organised group or club and wish to undertake sail training then please let us know and give us a call. Sail Training is learning about life skills such as teambuilding, communication, discipline, responsibility and about developing personal skills such as self-confidence through sailing. We can work with you to add Challenge Wales sail training into an organised programme of activity to compliment activities you already undertake. We can take up to 10 young people and 2 group leaders. **No sailing experience is needed.**

Sail training trips may not be shown in the above schedule and can be booked on an ad-hoc or on a regular basis. If you are a Youth Worker, Outreach Worker, Teacher or work with young people then please get in touch. **Those aged 12–25 years may be entitled to a Challenge Wales bursary on most of our sailing activity.** You can also request our Young Persons and Groups brochure by emailing us at reservations@Challengewales.org.

What to bring with you:

Challenge Wales provides wet weather trousers and jackets & safety equipment as well as food and refreshments during your trip.
Depending on your length of trip you will need to bring with you:

Suitable footwear (soft shoes/trainers/deck shoes/sea boots)

Plenty of layers of clothes (even in warm weather it can get chilly at sea – remember extra pairs of warm socks too)

Beanie hat, gloves and scarf (useful in all weather conditions while sailing)

Extra pair of shoes

Smart clothes for going ashore

Sun cream, toiletries, hair bands, sunglasses (even in winter the sun can be quite strong)

Sleeping bag and pillow (for overnight trips)

Travel sickness tablets (please speak to your local pharmacist if you require any). If it is your **first** time sailing on Challenge Wales then we recommend that you consider taking travel sickness tablets or wearing a travel wristband.

Where you will find us:

Challenge Wales is moored in her home port of Penarth Marina, Penarth, CF64 1TN. Your trip will start here unless you are advised otherwise.

Contact Challenge Wales to discuss your requirements on:

029 20 704 657 or reservations@challengewales.org

