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Local water taxi helps young people get onto the water to learn life skills

Penarth-based water taxi Princess Katharine, and her passengers, have raised more than £200 for the local sail training charity Challenge Wales through onboard donations, giving the chance for local young people to learn life skills on the sail training vessel Challenge Wales.

Money raised contributes to the Challenge Wales bursary fund which helps support young people to jump aboard the sail training vessel, giving more youngsters an opportunity to develop their teamwork and communication skills in an outdoor environment.

Danny Rees, Director and Skipper of the family run business said: "We are proud to support a charity that can have a major influence on young people's lives, showing them how to work as a team, which in turn builds their self confidence and self esteem, helping them to build a better future".

Vicky Williams, Trustee of Challenge Wales stated: "It is fantastic to receive this donation which will support several young people. In some cases our voyages have been life-changing, motivating individuals to leave the cycle of unemployment behind and progress into paid work".

Challenge Wales is currently having some winter maintenance work undertaken but will next be back on the water in February.

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Challenge Wales

Challenge Wales is a 72-foot round-the-world yacht that sailed twice around the world and is now based in Penarth, as Wales' largest sail training vessel and Wales' Tall Ship. Sail training activities onboard Challenge Wales help young people aged 12 - 25 years develop social and personal skills, to improve their employment prospects, in a challenging and positive environment. Those onboard get involved in all aspects of sailing the boat, from helming and navigating, hoisting the sails to preparing meals and no sailing experience is required to take part.

For more information visit www.challengewales.org or email Vicky@challengewales.org

Princess Katharine

Local family business Cardiff Boat Tours Ltd operates Princess Katharine , a water taxi licensed to carry up to 90 passengers. The vessel is moored in Penarth and provides a water taxi service between Cardiff Bay and Cardiff City Centre. Princess Katharine has earned Cardiff Boat Tours a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence for 2016

For more information visit www.cardiffboat.com