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Local sail training vessel, Adventure Wales, wins Environmental Award

Adventure Wales sail training vessel, owned by the charity Challenge Wales has picked up its first award as it prepares to take part in the Tall Ships Regatta in Liverpool.

The Environmental Award was won by *Adventure Wales* for its environmental commitment and is a great recognition for the environmental focus the vessel and the charity have taken.

Sail Training International Race Director, Paul Bishop said: "*Protecting the marine environment is more important today than it ever has been with the immense levels of plastic pollution in all the world's oceans today. The Environmental Award went to a vessel which has environmental stewardship education as part of their on board training.*"

Vicky Williams, Trustee of Challenge Wales stated: "*The Challenge Wales charity has been working on initiatives to educate others on sustainability and the marine environment and embedding these into our sail training activities. From measuring plankton levels and bringing science to life to developing accreditation in environmental activities, all of which give us an opportunity to talk to young people about issues effecting the marine environment including plastic pollution which is*



often seen on our doorstep. It is great for Adventure Wales to be recognised publicly for the work the charity is doing in this area.”

The Tall Ships Regatta, organised by Sail Training International, brings young people from all over Europe together in a spectacular youth and cultural event and the young people onboard *Adventure Wales* will be representing Wales and the UK. *Adventure Wales* will race with the fleet before returning back to Penarth on the 5th June 2018.

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Picture Caption: Young people from Wales about to board Adventure Wales for the Tall Ships Regatta.

Challenge Wales

Challenge Wales is a sail training charity that uses the medium of sailing to teach life skills such as teamwork, communication, leadership and self-confidence. The charity operates *Challenge Wales* a 72-foot round-the-world yacht that raced around the world in the world's toughest yacht race and the 60-foot schooner *Adventure Wales* that has circumnavigated the world as part of the world cruising rally and undertaken a significant number of transatlantic crossings.

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Tall Ships Races

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