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Wales' Tall Ship to feature on Michael Portillo's Great British Railway Journeys

In May 2017, before Challenge Wales, Wales' Tall Ship set sail for her adventurous summer the former MP Michael Portillo stepped onboard for some filming in Cardiff Bay.

On what felt like the wettest day of the year, Challenge Wales volunteers and young people took Michael sailing in Cardiff Bay as he discovered the departure point for Scott's ill-fated, but most famous, expedition to the Antarctic. He also got to speak to volunteers about the Tall Ships Races that Challenge Wales takes part in.

Michael managed to helm Challenge Wales within the confines of Cardiff Bay and hoist the sails while also learning about the sail training charity.

The Great British Railway Journeys programme featuring Challenge Wales is airing on BBC2, 6.30pm on Tuesday 9th January 2018

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Photo: Michael Portillo with Challenge Wales volunteers and young people (pic courtesy of Boundless Productions)

Notes to Editors:

Challenge Wales

The award-winning and predominantly volunteer-run charity, Challenge Wales, operates Challenge Wales | Wales' Tall Ship, a 72-foot round-the-world yacht that sailed twice around the world and the ocean going vessel currently named Ocean Venture from Penarth, near Cardiff Bay, South Wales. 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.

All young people aged 12 – 25 years can apply for bursary funding to subsidise their voyages.

In 2017, Challenge Wales won the 'UK Sail Training Vessel of the Year' awarded by the Maritime & Coastguard Agency and the Association of Sail Training Organisations.

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