



Voyage Schedule 2023

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.

Although most of our voyages are listed below in a long list you can also find our voyages on the [Sailing page](#) of our website themed under different types of voyages.

The Challenge Wales charity operates two vessels: *Challenge Wales* (72 foot round-the world sailing boat) and *Adventure Wales* (60 foot ocean-going sailing boat).

How to Book: Please email us at reservations@challengewales.org. Just identify a sailing trip and contact Challenge Wales to check availability by email. If you want to call us on 02920 704657 then please do. 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 14-85 years and who are reasonably fit. Remember, particular sailing trips are highlighted for certain age groups. Some of our activities such as 'Sea and Tell' activities and shore-side activities may be available for younger ages too. Sailing on *Adventure Wales* is open to 14 – 85 year olds. Our shore-side activities are open to most ages. Age ranges may change for residential activities.

Why can't I see any voyages for the smaller boat *Adventure Wales*? *Adventure Wales* is currently undergoing a maintenance programme so we are launching the season with just *Challenge Wales*, our larger vessel, being available.

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. If you are aged 14 – 15 years, and based in Wales, then we can offer Agored Cymru accreditation in Teamwork and Developing Confidence. If you are not part of a group or school and are an individual, or home schooled then you can join us on some of our 'Boat Camp' day voyages.

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 a youth group. If joining on your own you can take part in some of our more challenging activities. If you are joining as a group we can offer Agored Cymru accreditation in Teamwork, Developing Confidence or an Environmental Project depending on duration of trip. We also offer the John Muir Environment Award and DofE Residential and Expedition activities.

I am aged 18 – 85 years. Adult adventure voyages range from day sails to races 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 person's programme AND our adult adventure programme. Meeting different people with different backgrounds, cultures and ages is all part of the Challenge Wales experience!

I am aged under 12. Sorry, unfortunately you won't be able to sail with us but if you under 12 you might be able to undertake a boat visit e.g if you a Beaver group or on one of our public open days when we are tied up on the pontoon. Please enquire.

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, so if one bursary isn't suitable another might be. If we do provide you with bursary funding you will be required to write a short voyage report so that we can send that to the funders so they know how their funding has helped you, and been spent. **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 72-foot *Challenge Wales* and also an opportunity for those who are eligible to be 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. It's a hands on day where you get the opportunity to be fully involved in sailing – regardless of your ability.

There are a lot of voyages on your schedule, is there a better way to find what I am looking for? All our voyages are listed below for all our vessels however, if you are interested in only adult day voyages or adult adventures only then you can visit the [ADULT SAILING section](#) on the website. If you are wanting to build sailing miles or explore the coast then visit the [WILDLIFE VOYAGES, COASTAL CRUISES & DELIVERY TRIPS page](#) on our website. If Tall Ships Racing is your thing then visit the [TALL SHIPS RACES page](#), and if you are doing your DofE Award then visit the [DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD page](#) on the website. The [SAILING page](#) on our website shows all the categories of voyages making it easy to choose!

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. However, during the Coronavirus pandemic the twelve months will be extended to ensure you can use the voucher, so if you've purchased one in 2020 and 2021 there will be an extension. Vouchers bought in 2022 are 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 2023? Yes, we are currently planning to take part in Round the Island for those aged 18 – 85 years. For those aged 16 – 25 years we are taking part in the International Tall Ships Race in 2023 which starts in Falmouth and heads to Spain and Portugal.

How do I travel to and from the boat? You are responsible for getting yourself 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 we can advise on transfers or you can make your own arrangements.

Do you give a discount if I book more than one voyage? Yes, you will receive a 10% discount off a second consecutive voyage if booked at the same time as the first for the same season. One day voyages are exempt from this offer.

How do I become a crew volunteer? [Full details on volunteering can be found on our website.](#) Please note our volunteer crew specification can change depending on the volunteers we have so the website is the best place to find out more.

June 2023

Date	Voyage No and Vessel	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Cost without bursary	Description
Sat 24 th – Thu 29 th June Join the boat on the evening of Fri 23 rd June at around 6pm and depart after breakfast on Thu 29 th June. We aim to be in Gosport for Wed 28 th June	Challenge Wales	5	16 - 25	Cardiff - Gosport	Youth Voyage	£600 Bursaries still available on this	Youth Development Week Taking you around Lands End, this is a great voyage for those looking to develop their sailing skills, learn about ocean literacy and sustainability while meeting new people and having fun. This voyage will be great for improving young your mental health, improving social skills while having lots of fun outdoors. This trip may stop at Lundy Island for dolphin watching – but not guaranteed. This voyage can also be used for DofE Gold Residential, John Muir Award (an additional £10), Agored Cymru accreditation in Teamwork (an additional £20), Start Yachting (an additional £20).
Thu 29 th June – Sun 2 nd July Join the boat on the evening of Thu 26 th June	Challenge Wales	3	18 - 85	Gosport – Cowes - Gosport	Adult Voyage	£649	Round the Island Race With usually around 1,000 vessels on the start line and 15,000 sailors taking part this is one of the largest racing events on the water and what better way to race in it that on <i>Challenge Wales</i> , a round-the-world racing yacht. Read more about what's involved here.

July 2023

Date	Voyage No and Vessel	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Cost without bursary	Description
Sun 2 nd July – Friday 7 th July Join the boat for 2pm on Sunday 2 nd and depart in Cardiff after breakfast on 7 th July.	Challenge Wales	5	18 – 85	Gosport - Penarth	Adult Voyage	£500	Sailing Skills Builder Week on Challenge Wales Taking you around Lands End, this is a great voyage for those looking to build on their sailing skills. Ideal for those who are working towards their Competent Crew or polish up on their Day Skipper knowledge. You will be fully involved with sailing the boat and learning about navigation. Great for those with limited experience or wanting a confidence boost or refresher. This voyage may include night sailing.
Sun 9 th July	Challenge Wales	1	18 – 85	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	£95	Challenge Experience Day Big boat adult sailing day on 72-foot Challenge Wales. Get involved in all aspects of sailing, learn the ropes guided by our crew. Suited for individuals, couples or friends. No sailing experience necessary to take part.
Mon 10 th July New Date Added	Challenge Wales	1	14 -25	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Part funded opportunity	Youth Development Voyage A day on the water learning about personal development, life skills. Agored Cymru qualification available
Tues 11 th – Thurs 13 th July	Challenge Wales	3	18-85	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	Provisionally Booked	Leadership Development Challenge Wales is launching a 3 day leadership development programme with a 3 rd party HR company. And this is the first Leadership Development course we are running. The corporate clients will be sailing the boat as a team and getting fully engaged, with time to work through team dynamics and learnings with the HR partner who will be onboard.
Fri 14 th July	Challenge Wales	1	15-25	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Provisionally Booked	Blue Space - Mental Health Voyage A voyage on Challenge Wales focused on improving young people's mental health and providing Agored Cymru accreditation in Teamwork.

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Fri 14 th – Mon 17 th July	Challenge Wales	3	18-85	Penarth – Penarth	Adult Voyage	Provisionally Booked	Sailing Skills Builder Weekend on Challenge Wales Big boat adult sailing day on 72-foot Challenge Wales visiting Lundy Island. Get involved in all aspects of sailing, learn the ropes guided by our crew. Suited for individuals, couples or friends. No sailing experience necessary to take part
Tues 18 th July	Challenge Wales	1	15-25	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Booked	Blue Space - Mental Health Voyage A voyage on Challenge Wales focused on improving young people's mental health and providing Agored Cymru accreditation in Teamwork. Have the opportunity to meet like-minded people, take part in a new outdoor activity and learn employability skills, gain confidence, have time to reflect and talk while having fun.
Wed 19 th July	Challenge Wales	1	7-10	Penarth	Shore side Session	Booked	Brownies Shore side Sea & Tell Session Jump aboard Challenge Wales and have a shore-based learning adventure. Take a boat tour, learn about life onboard, sustainability and nautical terms. Develop teamwork skills to hoist the sail and learn about sea safety.
Thurs 20 th July	Challenge Wales	1	15-25	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Booked	SKILLS DAY Jump onboard and learn teamwork and communication skills, improve your mental health with a digital detox and develop your confidence
Mon 24 th – Tues 25 th July	Challenge Wales	2	15-25	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Booked	SKILLS OVERNIGHTER Jump onboard and learn teamwork and communication skills, improve your mental health with a digital detox and develop your confidence. Get to spend the night on a 72ft yacht and experience what 24 hours onboard are like.

August 2023

Date	Voyage No and Vessel	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Cost without bursary	Description
2 nd August	Challenge Wales	1	15 – 18	Penarth – Penarth	Youth Voyage	Booked	Youth Development Voyage Enhance those employability skills – improve teamwork skills, improve communication skills, improve self-confidence while having fun.
7 th – 11 th August	Challenge Wales	5	15 – 18	Penarth – Falmouth	Youth Voyage	Provisionally Booked	Challenge Wales Youth Week – Voyage 1 A 5 day voyage with dolphin watching at Lundy Island, and sailing around Lands End. A great opportunity to develop confidence, learn new skills and make new friends
Sat 12 th Aug – Thur 17 th Aug Join in Falmouth at 4pm on 12 th Aug. Depart Falmouth at 10.00am on 17 th Aug	Challenge Wales	6	16 – 25	Falmouth – Falmouth	Youth Voyage and Tall Ships Festival	£550 Bursaries are available to help contribute to the above cost	Falmouth Mini Voyage and Tall Ships Festival Over 6 days you will be making life-long memories, learning about global citizenship as you meet people from all over the world, seeing the Tall Ships and being part of the amazing Tall Ships Festival. You will enjoy a couple of days of sailing followed by cultural and sporting activities representing Wales and be part of the Tall Ships Crew Parade in the streets. This voyage is great for building confidence, learning new skills, can be part of your DofE Gold Residential and will be lots of fun. Click here for details in our Tall Ships Information Pack
Thu 17 th – Sat 26 th Aug	Challenge Wales	10	16 – 25	Falmouth to A Coruna (Spain)	Youth Voyage – Tall Ships Race 1	£900 Don't forget to check out	Tall Ships Race 1 – Falmouth to A Coruna (Spain) After the Parade of Sail, you will race from Falmouth, across the Bay of Biscay to A Coruna. A Coruna is hosting the Tall Ships Festival so there

						Tall Ships bursary details if you need financial support to take part	will be the opportunity to see other vessels, take part in inter-crew activities and the famous crew parade around the streets Click here for details in our Tall Ships Information Pack
26 th Aug – 2 nd Sep	Challenge Wales	8	16 -25	A Coruna (Spain) to Lisbon (Portugal)	Youth Voyage – Tall Ships Cruise in Company	£720 Don't forget to check out Tall Ships bursary details if you need financial support to take part	Tall Ships Cruise in Company – A Coruna to Lisbon After the Parade of Sail, you will sailing down to Lisbon with the Tall Ships fleet. This is an opportunity to hone your sailing skills, visit new ports and explore ashore. On arrival in Lisbon you will have the opportunity to take part in inter-crew shore-side activities, Crew parade and celebratory party. Click here for details in our Tall Ships Information Pack

September 2023

Date	Voyage No and Vessel	No of Days	Age Range	To/From	Type	Cost without bursary	Description
2 nd – 9 th Sep	Challenge Wales	8	16 – 25	Lisbon (Portugal) to Cadiz	Youth Voyage – Tall Ships Race 2	£720 Don't forget to check out Tall Ships bursary details if you need financial support to take part	Tall Ships Race 2 – Lisbon to Cadiz Join in Lisbon and after the Parade of Sail, you will race to Cadiz. This is the shorter of the two races, giving you the opportunity to learn or improve your sailing skills very quickly. On arrival in Cadiz you will have the opportunity to take part in inter-crew shore-side activities, Crew parade and celebratory party. Click here for details in our Tall Ships Information Pack
Sat 9 th Sep – Fri 22 nd Sep	Challenge Wales		18 – 75	Cadiz to Cardiff	Adult Delivery Voyage / Offshore Adventure / Milebuilder	£1,300	Cadiz to Cardiff – Offshore Adventure Join this voyage on 9 th Sep and still have an opportunity to soak in the Tall Ships atmosphere as all vessels will take part in the Parade of Sail at the end of the Tall Ships Event. Once you have arrived and settled in, boat familiarization and training will start before departing Cadiz in the afternoon of 10 th September. This could be a challenging Sail and those onboard will be hands on with all tasks and of course guided by our crew. This will be a great end of season milebuilder Ideal for solo travelers or very small groups
Sat 30 th Sep	Challenge Wales	1	14 - 25	Cardiff – Cardiff	Youth Voyage	Provisionally Booked	Youth Development Voyage Learn about teamwork and achieve an Agored Cymru award. Introducing young people to the marine world

October 2023

Date	Voyage No & Vessel	No. of days	Age range	To/From	Type	Cost without bursary	Description

November 2023

Date	Voyage No & Vessel	No. of days	Age range	To/From	Type	Cost without bursary	Description

- Prices may change and are subject to availability. Prices will go down for those who have successfully applied for a Challenge Wales bursary or other bursaries that are available at the time.

**Contact Challenge Wales on 029 20 704657 to talk through any of the above.
Additional Dates will be added for both vessels when we are able to do so.**

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)

Face mask (to use below deck)

Personal hand sanitiser (although there will be supplies onboard for you to use)

Extra pair of shoes

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 suggest that you think about your travel sickness options (e.g. medication / travel wrist band).

Don't worry, we will issue joining instructions prior to your voyage which will include a full kit list!

Where you will find us:

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