

Canadian exchange trainees enthralled

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A fantastic sense of community is how Canadian exchange trainee Trish Jannett (16) and her colleague Kate Van Welter (18) describe the Tall Ships Races experience. The girls are part of an exchange programme sponsored by the James Myatt Memorial Trust, in association with The Association of Sea Training Organisations (ASTO). *We have made so many new friends and learnt about different types of ships that we didn't even know existed!* Each year one young person from UK is selected by ASTO to travel to Australia to sail on *Young Endeavour*, and two are selected to travel to Canada to sail on Toronto brigantines. Similar selections are made in Australia and Canada with the lucky trainees sailing on *John Laing* (UK).

Kate usually sails as mate on *Bytown Brigantine* (Canada) and looks forward to returning and putting into practice many of the skills and ideas she has picked up during her time on *John Laing*. Both were nominated for the exchange by their local sail training organisations.

The James Myatt Memorial Trust was set up in 1984 by friends in memory of a man who was instrumental in setting up various sail training organisations in the UK during the 1960s and a strong supporter of the Tall Ships Races.

