

Firstly I would like to say thank you very much for the funding you have given towards my sailing. It has been an amazing and challenging experience doing the tall ship race cruise in company, it has probably been one of my best experiences in life so far, it was a once in a life time opportunity and I'm glad I went. I have learnt so many wonderful new skills which I will use if I go on other sailing boats in the future, these skills will feed over in to life as well.

I enjoyed every minute of the trip even when I felt a little sick, the staff and other crew members were very supportive, helpful and very fun throughout the whole experience and I genuinely enjoyed their company.

We went to so many fantastic and beautiful places: Greenock, Oban, Tobermory, Stornoway, Stromness, Scapa Bay and Lerwick. We also went on a bus tour while at Stromness to see the standing stones and saw the houses at skara brae which was very interesting.

The actual sailing was fun especially when the sea was what felt like rough but was in fact moderate the reason it was fun is because when we had to put up the stay sail we would get sprayed by the water that came over the bow of the boat.

The most challenging sail was when the main sail ripped luckily just below the 3rd reef, everyone on deck headed up to the bow near the main sail winch so that we could put the 3rd reef in, this slowed the boat down a little but didn't make much difference to the speed.

Thanks again for the funding for this trip I appreciate it very much!

Charmaine