

Hi

I've recently returned from a Tall Ships voyage from Ipswich to Stavanger and I received financial assistance from the James Myatt Trust. Please can you pass this on to the Trustees.

Thank you.

I have recently returned from Norway where I took part in a Tall Ships voyage on Stavros S Niarchos which I have only been able to do with your financial assistance.

The voyage was amazing, I made so many new friends and so many fantastic memories. For some reason they put all the "Northerners" in the same watch so there were five of us from around Newcastle together, which was a good idea so we can keep in touch and see each other more easily. As ever I took far too much stuff! Including clothes and food, any left over food or toiletries we had we gave to Liam, who was staying on for the next voyage as well. The food was better than I had imagined, a full cooked breakfast every morning, you can imagine I was very demanding when I arrived home to find the next morning all I was offered was a slice of toast! The wind was completely against us for the duration of the voyage and we only managed to sail for 20 miles out of about 500 in total. Nevertheless, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and we still got to climb aloft as we manned the yards for our arrival into Stavanger. There were many inter-watch competitions during the voyage which prizes would be awarded for when we arrived in Stavanger. The first competition was a general knowledge quiz, which sadly we (red watch) lost. Next was the 'boat race' which involved raveling string around a stick to pull a small piece of wood (the boat) across a finish line on the deck. Red watch came second in this competition, behind the winners blue watch. Next was the sea shanty competition where each watch had to write a sea shanty and perform it in front of the whole crew the following day. A fellow watch member Reuben and I wrote our sea shanty to the tune of "What shall we do with the drunken sailor". I have attached a copy of our sea shanty and I'm sure you will be able to see for yourselves why we won this challenge. The final stage of the competition was the Egg Drop, which involved dropping a raw egg from the first platform on the rigging. Each watch had to design and build a holder for the egg, so when it landed it wouldn't smash on the deck. Our watch made a small 3-D hexagon out of cardboard, wrapped the egg in bubble wrap and tissue and placed inside the hexagon. The winners would be the watch who's egg didn't smash and went the furthest. Richard launched our egg from the platform the furthest distance and luckily our egg remained intact so we won and red watch were the winners of the whole competition and we were given a large pile of sweets to devour! As you can see I really enjoyed the voyage and I wouldn't have been able to go without your help so this is a HUGE thank you for the amazing time I had!!

Imogen Grylls

RED WATCH SEA SHANTY (by Imogen and Reuben)

to the tune of "what shall we do with a drunken sailor"

Way hey and up she rises
Stavros never she capsizes
Way hey and up she rises
On her way to Norway
Rigging, ropes and masts and yards
Staying up late and playing cards
Rigging, ropes and masts and yards
On our way to Norway
Bridge and waist and helm and lookout
Long green mile to clean the muck out
Bridge and waist and helm and lookout
On our way to Norway
Oillies, harness, fore and main mast
Coils on deck and make it fa-ast
Oillies, harness, fore and main mast
On our way to Norway
8 hard knots we must remember
Horizon sunsets dying embers
8 hard knots we must remember
On our way to Norway
Sheep bend and two half hitches
Tickle Louis, he's in stitches
Sheep bend and two half hitches
On our way to Norway
Halliards, buntlines, clews and sheets
Size four your way if you sleep
Halliards, buntlines, clews and sheets
On our way to Norway
Olivia, Reuben, Sarah, James
Stuart, Richard, Alice, Bethan
Immy, Callum, Lucy, Liam
Aldert, Emily, Gino, Lou
Claire Bear's leader of the pack
Friendships red watch do not lack
Claire Bear's leader of the pack
On our way to Norway
Port is left and starboard's right
Haul the braces really tight
Port is left and starboard's right
On our way to Norway
2, 6, heave we all must shout
As Liam falls along the ground
2, 6, heave we all must shout
On our way to Norway
Red watch clearly are the best
Nothing puts us to the test
White watch, blue watch screw the rest
Sailing into Norwayyyy!