



Is this your time to test yourself?
**Williams Expedition Crew Application Process,
Requirements and Sailing Programme.**



Crew applications are now open for future Williams Expeditions on our 100 year old Tall Ship.

The Williams Expeditions are run by the charity Blyth Tall Ship to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the discovery of Antarctica, aims to recreate the experience of the original voyage, by Captain Williams Smith on the Brig Williams (both from Blyth) during which he discovered Antarctica in 1819.

As a trainee crew member you need have no experience of sailing as there will be experienced leaders to show you the ropes.

Imagine it's 2am, you have fallen into your bunk dog-tired after seeing through 3 hours on a heaving deck, constantly moving in the pouring rain, miles from the nearest land. Then the shout comes down for all hands on deck to reef the main sail. You drag yourself in to your waterproofs and boots to stagger on to the deck, clip on to the safety line as a huge wave tries to wash you off your feet and join your crew-mates to adjust the sail.

Your reward? Knowing you can do it. Having a hot drink below decks afterwards with others who can. Having the confidence to take on anything life has to throw at you afterwards. Gaining and skills and personal confidence to boost your CV. Change your life forever.

What we will be looking for:

- The spark of enthusiasm and excitement to test yourself.
- An interest in going to sea.
- A happy team player, always willing to help out when the going gets tough.
- Able and determined to keep going if you get seasick.
- The potential to be self-disciplined, looking after your kit and getting out of bed for your watch whatever the hour or weather.
- Be ready to eat what is available as conditions can dictate the menu onboard.
- Be prepared to be separated from friends and family (with no internet for days and weeks at a time, and experience the wildest places on the planet.
- be part of the preparation of food and cleaning up afterwards.

You must be over 18 by the time you would come on board. You must be prepared to be filmed and photographed for use on our web site and social media pages and by happy for us to use any photographs you put on our social platforms in the future.

We are an equal opportunities charity and thus race, religion, sex or disability will not be a factor in the selection process. We regret, however, that the safety and physical limitations of an international expedition on a 100 year old ship create some unavoidable practical **restrictions**. Thus we are unable to take those who have the need for immediate access to emergency medical facilities **for an** illness or condition or accommodate wheel chairs onboard our historic vessel.

There are opportunities to sail Tall Ships for wheel chair users via the Jubilee Sailing Trust <http://jst.org.uk> .

The limitations of storage and resupply in international ports will further restrict expedition food provision which will make it difficult to support some allergies or food requirements. We will be trying and testing out the food on the Round Great Britain venture that we intend using on the Antarctica venture to see if it suitable.

If this sounds like your future, please email us at clive@blyhtallship.co.uk with your

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Phone Number
- Email Address

Plus no more than 500 words explaining why you want to apply.

We will then let you know about future sailing opportunities

Finally we do ask that you pledge money to support our work as part of your application and we will suggest suitable sums dependant on the voyage. In many cases if you are unemployed or a trainee, these pledges will be covered in part or full by sponsors. So don't let funding put you off.

Blyth Tall Ship is a charity (Charity Number: 1138239)