

Is this your time to test yourself?

Williams Expedition Crew Selection Process, Requirements and Sailing Programme.

Two exciting voyages the First is a Round Great Britain and the Second a Voyage of Exploration to Antarctica.

Crew applications are now open for the Williams Expedition on our 100-year-old Tall Ship.

You must be over 18 by the time you would come on board for one of the ten 6-day selection voyages around Great Britain in early 2019 and the Antarctic voyage later in the year.

You must be prepared to be filmed as part of a documentary on both voyages.

The Williams Expedition, 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.

A similar voyage was undertaken by a Russian vessel in 1820 and they intend celebrating their voyage in 2020. *Let's beat them to it.*

If you want to test yourself, why not join the selection process. (See bottom of page)

You will then be invited to an active selection day in Blyth (you will get to see the ship and try out team and sailing tasks) and from there, if you make the grade, you will be asked to make a pledge of £750 towards the work of our charity Blyth Tall Ship. If you need advice and support in raising the necessary sponsorship funds, our team of supporters can help you with how to write to your local councilor, or organise fund-raising events for this inspiring voyage.

You will then be given a place on the Round Great Britain selection and training voyage in early 2019 after which you will find out if you have a place on the final Expedition which will involve your commitment to participating in legs of up to 10 weeks.

If you are successful in being selected for the Antarctic voyage we will ask you to help us raise a further £2750 each for Blyth Tall Ship.

This voyage will test our crew to the limit and prove that the heart, courage and enterprise that made the original discovery is alive and well in the UK.

As a trainee crew member, you need have no experience of sailing. There will be experienced leaders to show you the ropes in the Round Great Britain voyage. It will be a challenging selection and training process that will help you identify if you have the strength of character and determination to do what few can.

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, 1000 miles from the nearest land.

Then the shout comes down for all hands-on deck to lower 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 lower 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.

Changing 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.

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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 send to us at :-

recruitment.blythtallship@gmail.com

Name

Date of Birth

Phone/Contact Number

e-mail Address

PLUS - in no more than 500 words explaining why you want to apply.

If you have any further questions that can't wait until the recruitment day please email our recruitment team on :-

recruitment.blythtallship@gmail.com

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