

Who we have helped?

BRISTOL PILOT CUTTERS

One of the highlights of the Set Sail Trust year is the week long Bristol Pilot Cutters visit. Two sixty foot wooden vessels, with the look and lines of traditional classic boats, the Pilot Cutters give schools and special needs' groups the opportunity to sail in Guernsey waters. The Set Sail Trust aims to increase participation in maritime activities for those who might normally be excluded for financial reasons, particularly through schools and clubs. Before some sailings, we have also engaged the services of The Guernsey History in Action group to provide a character-lead performance on board, giving the younger groups an insight into maritime life in Guernsey during that era.

In the evenings, local businesses have also had the opportunity to get involved: the Set Sail Corporate Pilot Challenge has given the corporate world the chance to take part in some team bonding whilst enjoying a two hour sailing contest with the added satisfaction of knowing that their participation has contributed towards the Set Sail Trust's fundraising endeavours.



“The experience they gain from the Set Sail Trust, helps them to develop and gain confidence. Most pupils would rather be hands on than academic and enjoy the practical nature of going out on the Bristol Cutters.”

Caroline Wilkes Green
The Link Centre
supports pupils with social, emotional and behavioural difficulties

“Its new, innovative, different and that's what the children like. It gives us the opportunity to get the children together and do something different.”

Anne Kinch
Diabetes Nurse Consultant
works with young people who suffer from diabetes



COMMUNITY WINDSURFING PROJECT

The Set Sail Trust provided funding for an additional nine windsurfing rigs to enable the Guernsey Sailing Trust to provide more opportunities for Guernsey's young people to learn the sport of windsurfing through an after-school windsurfing club, under the banner of the RYA initiative Team 15.

The T15 club was set up so that children can meet in a relaxed atmosphere and have fun windsurfing. Up to 12 children, typically aged 12-15 can take part in each weekly session. The club is open to any secondary school child with a minimum charge purposely kept low to include and appeal to as many young people as possible. This met the stated aims of both organisations enabling local children from all walks of life to experience and enjoy the fun and challenges involved with sailing and windsurfing, and to dispel beliefs that the sport is elitist.



OUTDOOR GUERNSEY HERM WEEKENDS

In collaboration with Outdoor Guernsey, Herm Island and Travel Trident, the Set Sail Trust supported six Herm Island outdoor activity weekends for families with children suffering from a range of communication difficulties/social problems and also for young people who access agencies such as Action for Children/Youth Justice. The Herm visitors had the opportunity to take part in a range of water and land based activities under the supervision of the team from Outdoor Guernsey working in groups and individually all of which were aimed at helping to build confidence and encourage positive behaviour.

Andrea Nightingale, the Coordinator of the States of Guernsey's Drug & Alcohol Strategy was involved with the planning: "We're grateful for the Set Sail Trust's support. It has been wonderful to be able to offer this amazing experience to families, so that they can spend time away from home, enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and safe environment and try out new activities together which they may not have been able to experience before. It is too good an opportunity to miss."

“We would like to thank you all and to say we appreciated the effort we know you put into it to make the holiday weekend break in Herm so active and enjoyable. The families had such a wonderful time, the accommodation was absolutely perfect and the weather was ideal. The children did not want to leave.”

ADHD Support Group Chairperson
& Wigwam member

“Thank you so much for an excellent weekend. It was absolutely fantastic and a good time was had by all. The Herm Tavern staff were very friendly and the Outdoor Guernsey guys were helpful and informative and their planned activities for us ran smoothly and safely.”

Comment from 3 families who attended the Herm weekend



MORE KAYAKING INSTRUCTORS THANKS TO THE SET SAIL TRUST

Guernsey's youth clubs, schools and activity groups now have access to ten new canoe and kayak BCU Level 1 Paddlesport Coaches, thanks to co-funding from The Set Sail Trust.

More qualified instructors on the island mean that more and more local people will have access to kayaking and canoeing courses. One of the key objectives of The Set Sail Trust is to support under-privileged members of the community who wish to join nautically themed activities. Having more instructors will support both adults and children who wish to try out water sports but might not have the funds to pay for a course. Most of the newly qualified coaches are volunteers, with many being active members of the Guernsey Canoe Club (GCC), which is a cheap and accessible way to go kayaking. They will be able to run free kayak or canoe taster sessions for scouts, guides and other youth groups which is a great way of getting kids out on the water and enjoying the marine life of Guernsey.

The five-day course was organized by Lorraine Koller. She brought two specialist instructors (Kim Bull and David Hellawell) over from the UK to run the course. The five days of instruction covered basic water safety and rescue techniques and water-work to help pupils learn stroke and performance techniques.

Lorraine Koller acknowledges that there is no one in Guernsey with the specific responsibility of training kayaking instructors: "I organized a similar course whilst I was at university in the UK and felt that the community here would really benefit from something similar so I grasped the opportunity of co-funding from The Set Sail Trust who have helped to make this more affordable for everyone involved," explained Lorraine Koller.

TUDOR GUERNSEY E-LEARNING PROJECT

In 2008/2009, the Set Sail Trust collaborated with the States of Guernsey to develop an e-learning project around Guernsey's nautical heritage in the Tudor time. Our commitment acted as a springboard to get a larger project off the ground and this is now part of an ongoing venture with involvement from Culture & Leisure and Education department to integrate the Tudor Guernsey e-learning project into a larger website that is being prepared for educational/research purposes.

With the backing of the Set Sail Trust, the 8th book in a series of educational and activity books for families, schools and teachers was published in 2011 and distributed to local schools. The book details the maritime story of Guernsey from early times to the end of the 1890s and is aimed at primary school readers. A follow up book will take the maritime story to the present day and will be launched later this year. (Copies of this and previous books in the series can be purchased from Guernsey Museum)

OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT THE SET SAIL TRUST HAS SUPPORTED OVER THE YEARS, INCLUDE

- Pupils from La Mare de Carteret School undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh awards scheme enjoyed a week aboard "Gemervescence"
- Members of Brock Road Youth Centre spent a week on "Leader"
- Sea Cadets sail training aboard TS Royalist
- Granville House students sailing week on "Gemervescence"

OTHER GROUPS WHO HAVE BENEFITTED FROM SET SAIL TRUST ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Children with Type 1 Diabetes
- ADHD & Wigwam Support Group
- Link Centre
- Karabiner Project
- St Martins Scouts
- The Boys Brigade
- Action for Children/Youth Justice
- Le Murier and le Rondin Schools
- Local primary schools
- Drug Concern
- Guernsey Probation Service
- Sports Commission
- Child, Adolescent & Adult Mental Health Service



GUERNSEY HISTORY IN ACTION COMPANY (GHIAC)

It's not all about physical activities; the Set Sail Trust also promotes initiatives to raise awareness of Guernsey's long and varied maritime history

The Trust has a longstanding partnership with the Guernsey History in Action Company, a group of actors who bring the Island's history to life through their Living History performances in an entertaining and engaging fashion. The Easter Festival of Living History at Castle Cornet and performances at Fort Grey and Guernsey Museum & Art Gallery on selected days, during the summer months are eagerly anticipated and very popular.