

Sail-the-dream

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The Plan

I plan in the summer of 2008 to sail singlehanded around Britain. I hope to sail for 7-8 hours a day and then stay in harbours and safe anchorages overnight. At this time I see this challenge achievable and will be a great experience.

I am in Yr 11 so I do not have any working binds or other commitments which may restrict me completing the challenge later in life. My main reason for the trip is to raise as much money as possible for Sailability which I think is a great cause helping less able people to experience the joys of sailing.

I have chosen to sail a Coribee, with their renowned sea keeping capabilities and traditional yacht characteristics it seemed an excellent choice. The boat that I have purchased is a Mk II Newbridge Coribee called 'Padiwak'.

I will be setting off as soon as I have finished my GCSEs next year and I will then have 10 weeks to complete the challenge. This is just a small overview of my plans please read on for more details on specific areas.

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Who?

My name is Jack Daly, my birthday is on 27th September and I am currently 15. I have a huge passion for sailing which started when I moved to Kent in 2000. I was introduced, like many people to sailing in a mirror dinghy. From then on I have progressed through dinghies. Racing nearly every weekend, summer and winter I have built up sailing experience and in 2005 was the Comet Mino national champion and Gull national champion. After the mirror I raced a topper for 2 years before moving onto a Comet, of which we have a large fleet at HPYC. Last season I sailed a Laser 3000, whilst sailing all of these dinghies I have been crewing for other people to gain experience and getting out on the water as much as possible.

In the summer I sail at Hampton Pier Yacht Club on the North Kent coast and in the winter at Westbere Frostbite Sailing Association. Also in the summer I am a volunteer at Westbere Sailing Opportunities, a Sailability centre. I am a student at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar school, Faversham and am currently studying for my GCSEs. I will set off for the trip as soon as I have finished my exams in 2008.

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Why?

I have different reasons for attempting the challenge, the experience, the challenge but the main one is to raise money for RYA Sailability. I intend to raise money all of this year and then next year before the trip so after the completion it is just a matter of collecting the money.

Why Sailability?

I have chosen Sailability as the charity as I believe that everyone, if possible should be able experience the sport of sailing. I have helped with Westbere Sailing Opportunities (WSO) and it has exposed me to the amazing organization of which Sailability is. It is a voluntary run charity with centres all over the country, found at all centers is an enthusiastic and dedicated team of people who are always ready to help. Helping with WSO has touched me and I will always remember the smiles on people's faces who have been able to experience sailing. When sailing you become free to go where you like and do what you want and this is the same for everybody and the more people we can help achieve this the better.

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The Boat 'Padiwak'

I have chosen the Corribee due to her renowned sea keeping capabilities and her ability to be sailed comfortably singlehanded. Padiwak is a Mk II Newbridge Corribee built in 1985. I am adapting her for long distance cruising but most of the large things are already complete. Whilst in marinas and safe anchorages overnight I hope to stay onboard for as many nights as possible to reduce costs of staying in hotels.

The main things before the trip I will aim to complete:

- Electrics
- Power management (Solar Panels, wind turbine)
- Standing Rigging (Including mast)
- Navigation Equipment
- Fit safety equipment
- Antifouling
- Check and if necessary replace deck fittings
- Adapt for singlehanded sailing



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Sponsorship

To complete the trip I will need donations to purchase equipment for the boat and safety equipment for myself. What I aim to do is sponsorship from companies will be used for the boat and then donations from people will be given to charity.

I have approached many companies asking about sponsorship and have secured various sponsorships. These are all mainly equipment based sponsors.

I have purchased the boat so anything which is given will be used directly on the trip and to adapt the boat. I will also need to take into account the cost of fuel and will contact fuel companies to see if they can do anything.

In return for sponsorship I can offer advertising on the boat in the form of vinyl stickers, on the website where companies can have logos and links to their website, information leaflets, newspapers, magazines and during the challenge hopefully media coverage.

Can you help?

- If you could help please contact me, anything, sponsorship or advice all will be gratefully received. Everything will be used and it will be great to start raising money for Sailability this year so I can concentrate more on the sailing next year.

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