



## OFFSHORE VOYAGES

Offshore voyages provide a fantastic opportunity for cadets to go to sea to experience life afloat and to develop their maritime skills. Commanding Officers (COs) should assist cadets in choosing the most appropriate vessel for this training, key voyage characteristics follow:

TS Royalist	- Square rig sailing, teamwork and the challenge of handling sail aloft, (RYA qualifications not available)
TS John Jerwood TS Jack Petchey	- Power vessel based training, experience in all aspects of operating a ship at sea, developing seamanship and navigation skills.
TS Vigilant TS City Liveryman	- Tradewind 35 yachts, ideal for gaining and progressing RYA qualifications

Life on all offshore vessels is challenging but fun and to gain the best from the week it is important that all cadets are given a thorough briefing before attending. CO's should think carefully before endorsing cadet applications for offshore voyages. Cadets must have a positive attitude and must be medically capable to cope with the rigours of sea service. Accommodation in the vessels is cramped with little privacy. Recently there have been a number of cases of bad behaviour which have disrupted the voyage experience for others.

Bursaries are available to ease the financial pressure but COs must be prepared to honestly validate bids from applicants.