

Children in Care Council (CiCC) Residential Sailing Trip Feedback 15th – 18th July 2024



The City of London Children in Care Council ([CiCC - City of London](#)), supported by the Virtual School and Education Team, took 7 care leavers on a fantastic residential sailing trip. Over 4 days the group sailed The Blue Mermaid ([Sea-Change Sailing Trust](#)) from Ramsgate to St Katherine's Dock in London. Learning lots of new skills, working together as a team, building confidence, developing their communication, and making lasting memories. Our group had an amazing and unique experience. Below is some of their feedback about the trip.

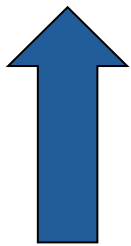


What have you learnt during this voyage?

“I like this sailing so I learnt a lot of things, I have learned how to be brave in the boat and it made me feel I can do things in boats such as steering the small boat. I have learnt being respectful with people.”

“I have learnt how to live on the sea and help others with tasks, also having to manage making food for the whole group.”

“I learned how to live in a confined and restricted area. I learnt how to help crew members to get things going when we are setting off. Lastly I used to cook for myself, but I have never cooked for more than 3 people, but this trip helped and boosted my confidence, which is great as now I can cook for large number of people.”



80% said that they were highly likely to sail again after their experience

60% felt that their confidence had increased after the trip

100% had more belief that they could do things for themselves

100% felt more confident in sailing

80% felt that they were better at listening to others

80% felt that they were better at sticking with things and finishing tasks



What did you enjoy the most or was the most memorable part of the trip?

“The good conversations I had with people on board.”

“I liked the whole experience but my most favourite thing was around the sunrise. Also cooking for everyone.”

“It has been good for my confidence.”

“I have enjoyed everything, especially how I could have lovely conversations with people.”

“I enjoyed every single bit of this voyage. One of the most memorable moments is waking up early and seeing a beautiful sunrise. I enjoyed talking to all the people, last but not least the crew members were very friendly.”

Watch the video to see the incredible time they had!

 [Blue Mermaid trip.MP4](#)

