

Trinity Sailing Trust

THE FOUNDATION AND THE TRUST

The Trinity Sailing Foundation is a not-for-profit company, limited by guarantee, set up to bring together three traditional vessels – Leader, Golden Vanity and Provident – in order to secure their future and develop the work they do in the field of sail training.

Provident was initially managed by the Foundation on behalf of her owners, The Island Trust, but in 2001 they decided to sell the vessel. Trinity committed itself to raising the funds required to purchase her, in order to ensure she continued the work she had been doing, and was not lost to the area - and possibly from the U.K.

At that time a decision was also taken to establish the Trinity Sailing Trust, in order to give our efforts charitable status.

Any money the Foundation earns from its activities goes directly towards the maintenance and preservation of the three vessels or is returned to the Trust under Deed of Covenant, to be used in furthering its objectives.



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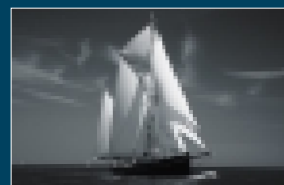
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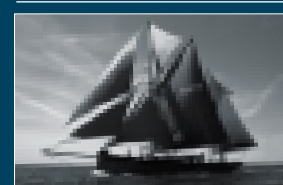
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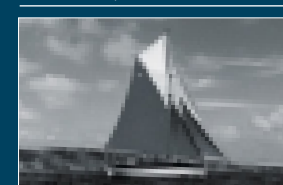
Leader	
Length overall:	105 feet
Beam:	19 feet
Draught:	10 feet
Displacement:	110 tonnes
Sail area:	3,150 sq feet
No of berths, inc. crew:	17



Provident	
Length overall:	95 feet
Beam:	17 feet
Draught:	9 feet
Displacement:	80 tonnes
Sail area:	2,750 sq feet
No of berths, inc. crew:	15



Golden Vanity	
Length overall:	53 feet
Beam:	10 feet
Draught:	6 feet
Displacement:	20 tonnes
Sail area:	1,250 sq feet
No of berths, inc. crew:	9



The Trinity Sailing Trust is a registered charity number 1076538

Trustees:

Jean Border Struan Coupar Tony Knights Nick Walker Howard Young

Secretary:

Struan Coupar

"We were privileged to undertake another residential on board Provident with a group of homeless and socially excluded young people. All the group were able to take individual and collective responsibility for the smooth running of the boat. One young man in particular took an interest in navigation. The sense of responsibility and self-respect this engendered has helped him address his sometimes difficult and aggressive behaviour. The crew were wonderful, patiently and clearly explaining everything and having a good rapport with the group".

Chris Morgan, group leader
The London Connection

"There is only one way to put this. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you have done for us these last seven days, an experience we will all never forget. There are no words to describe how much we all enjoyed it. "With the utmost and greatest respect".

Scouser and the crew
The London Connection

"I am much more confident now, especially about putting my ideas across and not just doing what everyone else wants. I had loads of fun - seeing a dolphin was my favourite thing. It was my first time sailing and I'd love to go again. I am more sociable now and have made more friends at school because of this trip".

Claire

"The most enjoyable part was seeing everyone working as a team, though at times I found it difficult to cope with the responsibility of the tasks. But I have developed my listening and teamworking skills, and am more independent, as well as learning how to sail. I also cooked a meal and everyone enjoyed it (hopefully)".

Josie

"I will never forget this experience. The young people filled my heart with admiration, different characters working together to form a team. They were keen to discover and prove themselves. "It was much more than just an activity, it gave them an opportunity to discover the spirit within themselves".

Patrick Trimmer
St Boniface College

"The pupils arrived back exhausted but very, very happy. Social and listening skills were forgotten as they all tried to vocalise their experiences ahead of the others. What was impressive was that they sailed to Cherbourg - that met with massive applause from the rest of the school. The group was the weakest and most deeply troubled we have sent to date. To see them receiving praise and congratulations, and gasps of "you must all be brilliant" from the whole school has left them feeling so successful and confident".

Anne Pearce, Deputy Head
Woodeaton Manor School (for children with emotional problems)

"Away from their own environment, they swapped the dangers of drug abuse and crime for the real excitement of facing nature's awesome power. "I cannot begin to explain the pleasure I get from seeing young people who had little regard for anyone, including themselves, transformed into integral members of crew, with a responsible and caring attitude to the boat and fellow crew alike.

"The last trip enabled me to gain the trust of four young people who in the past have trusted no one, to get alongside them and explain the importance of making things happen that will give them choices in how they live their lives. It has been an experience that has left them believing in their own worth, and with the realisation that they must take control".

Patrick Barry, Educational
Social Work Service, Somerset

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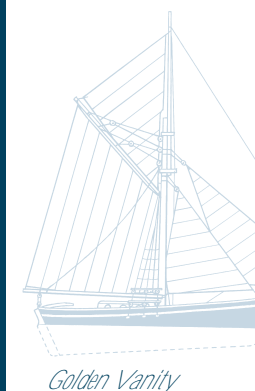
2002 was a formative year for the Trust, the one in which it inherited in full the Charitable role previously undertaken by the Trinity Sailing Foundation. It has, we are pleased to say, been an extremely successful twelve months.

The Trust and the Foundation share two main aims:

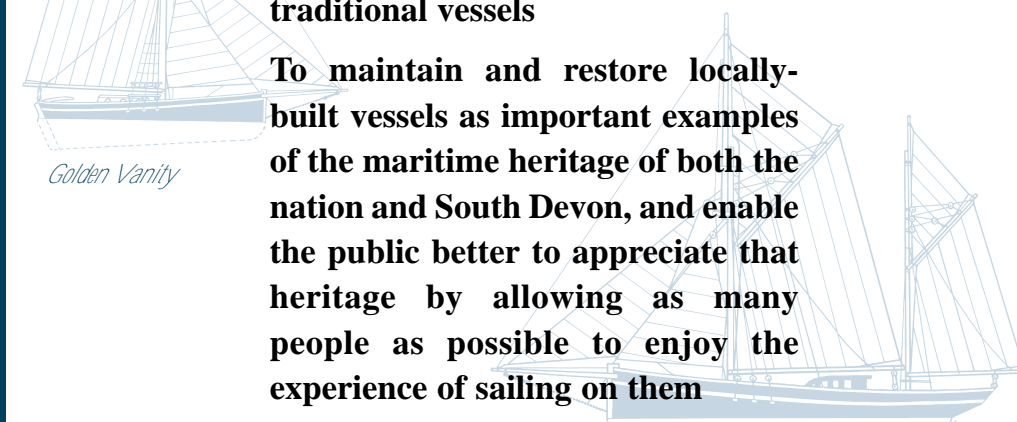
To assist the personal development of disadvantaged young people through offshore sail training on traditional vessels

To maintain and restore locally-built vessels as important examples of the maritime heritage of both the nation and South Devon, and enable the public better to appreciate that heritage by allowing as many people as possible to enjoy the experience of sailing on them

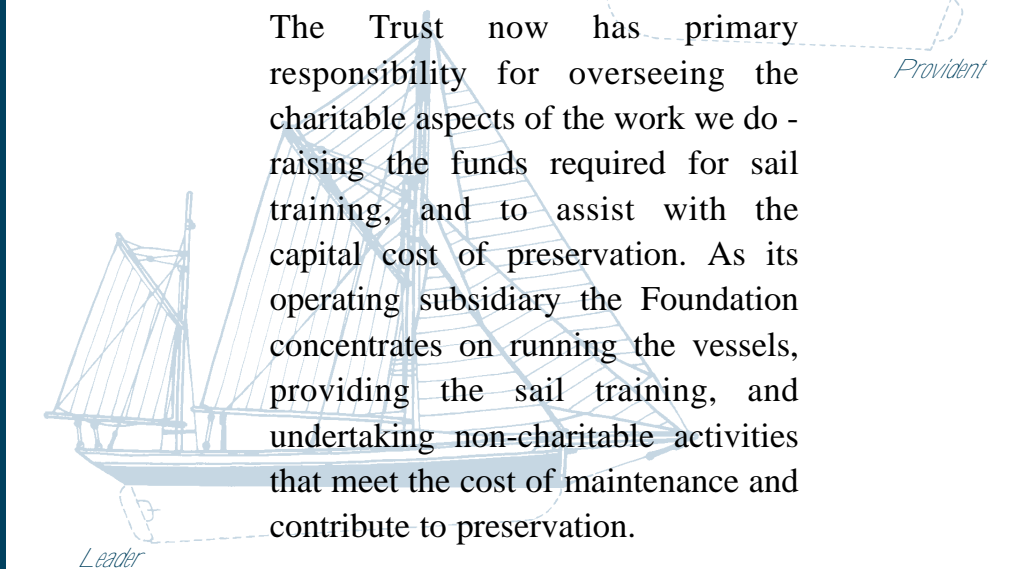
The Trust now has primary responsibility for overseeing the charitable aspects of the work we do - raising the funds required for sail training, and to assist with the capital cost of preservation. As its operating subsidiary the Foundation concentrates on running the vessels, providing the sail training, and undertaking non-charitable activities that meet the cost of maintenance and contribute to preservation.



Golden Vanity



Provident



Leader



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SAIL TRAINING

In 2002 the Trust took almost 400 young people to sea, from a variety of backgrounds and with various needs. The results were excellent, and we are grateful to the people and organisations who helped make that possible. Our aim is to continue building on that success in 2003 and beyond.

Our belief is that all young people benefit from the experience of traditional sailing. It breeds self-confidence, raises self-esteem, enables them to discover their own capabilities, and gives them a sense of achievement.



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important ways. Some find it difficult to form and maintain relationships with others - either their peers or adults. Others are insecure and compensate for that through aggression and anti-social behaviour, or in their normal environment can see no signs of hope for the future. The consequences can be truancy, crime, drug abuse and other problems.

Taking them out of their normal environment, and placing them in one that encourages teamwork, decision-making, leadership and other skills, can make a truly positive and long-lasting difference. Visiting new places helps broaden horizons.

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Rosemary Sutton
CfBT Advice and Guidance, Bedford

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"Our students have many and varied special needs, ranging from slow learners, physical clumsiness, behaviour problems, and speech defects to Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. All of these were soon forgotten once we were on board and became a 'crew' for Leader. We would like to say a very big thank you for memorable days; the students really enjoyed all aspects of it".

Lynda Glenister
Hillside Special School

Our three vessels are the means of achieving these results. Our experience is that they offer advantages that other sail-training ships do not have. The traditional layout, with everything having to be done manually and by teamwork, is one. The fact that because of the solid way in which they are built they are stable and safe working platforms is another. But although they are sizeable (Leader displaces 110 tons, for example), they are small enough to engender an intimate atmosphere, and the young people themselves can undertake all the tasks on board, under supervision, whereas on larger sail training vessels professional crew must do a lot of the work.

Work on board is shared equally between trainees, group leaders and our crew. All face the same challenges and hardships, and enjoy the satisfaction of meeting and overcoming them. As a result strong personal relationships are formed, that can be extremely valuable for the future.



HERITAGE

Being of traditional wooden design, and built between 1892 and 1924, our three vessels need a lot of tender loving care. We want them to be in as good condition at the start of the 22nd century as they were at the start of the 20th, and are now. All are on the National Register of Historic Ships, and recognised as being of national and regional importance to Britain's maritime heritage.

Having undertaken a major structural refit of Leader in the winter of 2000-2001, and with Golden Vanity also not requiring any immediate major restoration work, last year's main project was the acquisition of Provident from The Island Trust. Not only were we anxious to ensure that Provident remained in the area with which she is historically connected, we were also keen to ensure she could carry on doing the work she has done for the past 50 years. In this we were enormously helped by the Provident Appeal Group, which was originally set up to help



"I am sure it is safe to say our whole group will never forget their week on board the boat. They thoroughly enjoyed life at sea, despite many concerns before leaving. Visiting the Channel Islands was a big highlight, as many had never left the mainland before".

Tim Marsh
Youth Enquiry Service, Plymouth

"I've enjoyed the experience to the full. Thank you so much. I have learned loads and I hope to carry it on when I get home".

Nicola, Lancashire

"I have been laughing so much that I started crying. I can say that this has been the best week of my life. The first day everyone was very nervous because no one knew what to expect. I am now just finding out different sides that I didn't know I had. I think that this is a good way to make new friends. Living without essentials i.e. TV, Playstation, the Internet and my mobile, I am not really missing them. With this trip it makes you think about life in general. I know I may keep myself to myself but that's the way I am. This trip is making me open up a lot, which I am finding really well. I have been sad, nervous, tired and very, very happy. You've taught me lots, and I appreciate that".

Alex

raise the money that enabled The Island Trust to acquire the vessel from the Maritime Trust, and which since then has raised many thousands of pounds for additional restoration. In recognition of the PAG's long-term interest in Provident's well-being Nick Walker, it's chairman and a former skipper, became one of our trustees.

We completed the purchase of Provident in July. However, that was in part thanks to the generosity of two private individuals who lent us the part of the purchase price that we had at that stage been unable to raise. Those loans have to be repaid in due course, so the fundraising must continue, and a new appeal is being organised to help with that, and to help expand our activities generally.



We are indebted to many individuals and organisations for their support and advice during the past year, and for helping fund both our sail training activities and the work of preservation and restoration. We are particularly pleased to enjoy a continuing good working relationship with The Island Trust. Several of their beneficiary groups sailed with us during 2002.

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