



Approved Activity Provider
Reg. Charity No. 1035015
Adventures Offshore, Tolken, The Lane, West Mersea,
Colchester, Essex

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Gold Residential Assessor – Paul Molyneaux Assessor ID HO67595A eDofE ID : 3144943	DofE Leader: Email: Mob : N/A

James Rodrigues, DofE Gold residential report, including ASTO Small Ships Race and award of RYA Competent Crew Qualification, Saturday 10th to Saturday 17th August 2024

The accommodation for James's seven day DofE Gold Residential was *Ocean Scout*, an Oyster 49 foot ketch/cutter yacht, belonging to Adventures Offshore, a DofE provider organisation, based at Haven Marina, Ipswich. One female crew was accommodated in the forepeak Two participants over the age of 18 were accommodated in the saloon. None of the participants were familiar or known to each other cabin. James and two other boys were accommodated in the aft cabin. The afterguard, comprising the skipper (Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Yachtmaster Instructor) and mate (RYA Yachtmaster Coastal) were accommodated in the port cabin.

The galley comprised a sink, gimble four-ring gas stove and chest fridge. Dry food lockers were sited around the saloon. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were cooked and washed up by watches on rotation. The meals were served to the whole crew seated around the saloon table. Underway, the watches generally ate on rotation although, as the wind eased, it was sometimes possible to eat in the cockpit.

Saturday night was spent alongside an external waiting pontoon at St Peter Port, Guernsey. The crew received comprehensive above and below deck safety briefings including: how to operate the heads, life jackets, vessel safety equipment, prepare and board the life rafts, CO and gas alarms, gas drills, engine checks, the VHF distress message and action on fire. Sunday was spent in the Little Russel Channel practising tacking and gybing, sail trimming, and man overboard drills.



There was also time for a conducted tour of Cornet Castle which guards the entrance to St Peter Port. The crew entered the spirit of the moment and dressed accordingly from the castle's dressing up box



ASTO Patron Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, visited each crew in St Peter Port, and later spoke to them all together at the Guernsey Yacht Club



Ocean Scout surges past another yacht at the start of the race

Later, the wind died. As we approached the finish line off Studland Bay, we just managed to ease ahead of the two Sea Cadet yachts.

Vessel	Class	Corrected Time
Thermopylae Clipper	C2	00 19 17 11
Guiding Star of Revelation	C2	00 20 20 49
Donald Searle	C1	00 21 20 43
Ocean Scout	C2	00 22 38 21
Scaramouche	D	01 00 02 30
Merrilynn	C2	01 01 02 58
TS City of London	C2	01 01 08 03
TS Sir Stelios	C2	01 01 12 16
Challenge Wales	C1	01 01 15 05
Challenger 3	C1	01 03 16 39
Rona II	C1	01 05 11 46
Prolific	C1	01 05 18 05
Eastern Star of Revelation	C2	Retired

Ocean Scout completes the race in under 24 hours. James made an important contribution to that result and enabled us to come third in class and fourth out of 13 yachts.



An Ocean Scout crew member receiving the award for third in class from Mark Todd, CEO ASTO



The day after the race all crews were invited to spend a day learning about all aspects of the RNLI's work. Here they visit the engine workshop.

James is congratulated on achieving the award of the RYA Competent Crew Certificate at the end of a very successful week.