



Photography by Hugh Hastings

Sailing Trust gets 80 children on-board for day of superyachts and swash-buckling

There were smiles all round yesterday as the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club (RCYC) Sailing Trust once again took a group of local children from local charities out on the water for a pirate-themed “Get on Board” day. With eleven of the world’s most prestigious sailing yachts gracing the waters of Falmouth Harbour, around 80 young people were treated to a trip onboard leisure boat “Princessa” to witness the launch of a superyacht race in Falmouth Bay, the inaugural Richard Mille Cup.

“It makes me want to get back out and do it all again tomorrow!” said Ollie, 12.

“I like the sails on these boats, they are huge! The power it takes to sail them is quite impressive” said Jack, 13, another attendee of the Get on Board day.

“Definitely makes you feel like you want to go out on the water, go and experience more things like that!” Amy, 11.

The Trust then returned to Falmouth for Cornish pasties and an afternoon at the National Maritime Museum, where the young people raced remote-controlled sailboats and took in an exhibition on pirates.



The majority of children supported by the Trust are from local charities and organisations who support under-resourced families and communities.

Since the Trust started in 2012, it has given several hundred such children from various local schools and organisations the opportunity to get out on the water on a variety of boats.

"For many of the young people these are life-enhancing experiences with many of them having never been on the water or around boats before," says Robin Taylor of the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club Sailing Trust.



The aim of the RCYC Sailing Trust's "Get on Board" programme is to provide young people with the chance to get out on the water - a new environment for them where they can develop their confidence and capabilities and, ultimately, one that could help enrich their lives with new experiences, challenges and skills as they continue to develop into adulthood.

The Port of Falmouth Sailing Association ('POFSA') have chosen the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club Sailing Trust as their official charity.

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About Royal Cornwall Yacht Club Sailing Trust

Established in 2012 with Sir Ben Ainslie as patron, the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club Sailing Trust encourages and provides opportunities for families and especially children to experience sailing in the waters around the Port of Falmouth, with the aim of enhancing lives and opening up further avenues and skills.

Since inception, the Trust has provided several hundred children from various local schools, an opportunity to access and experience activities on and around Falmouth waters, with the support of local advocates and partners including the National Maritime Museum, St Mawes Ferry and Rowes bakery.