

Duet



Facilities

The combined sleeping and dining area on Duet incorporates seating and four berths with most of the remaining berths forward of the galley. Of the 10 passenger berths on board, some of which are very 'cosy', 7 are used for the group. The compact galley is fully equipped with the necessary utensils, a small gas oven and hob, a small fridge and a sink. There is one toilet and wash area.

Areas of Operation

Duet operates a flexible sailing area depending on the demand for her service. She may sail from Ipswich in Suffolk or head up the coast towards Scotland or south to Portsmouth. From here she can either explore the South Coast or sail across the Channel. Duet is a keen competitor in the annual Tall Ships' Race and has been both class and overall winner.

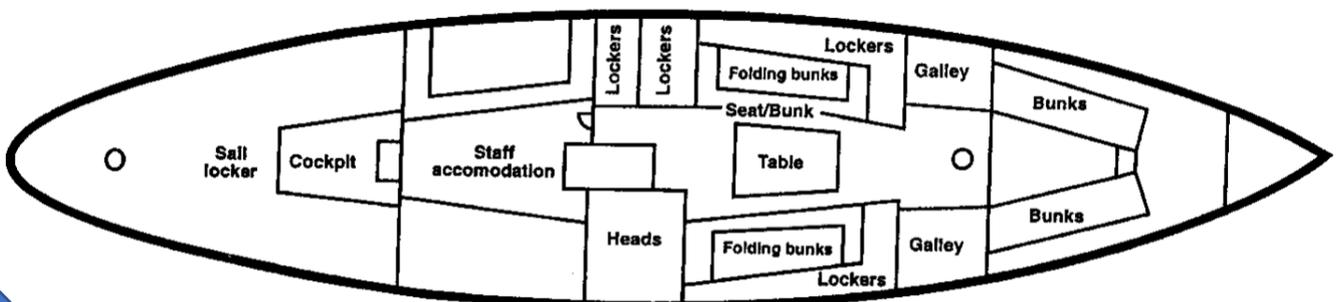
Group Number

The maximum group number for residentials (including leaders) must not exceed 7, all of whom should be aged 12 years or over. We recommend at least one leader within the group or more depending on the needs of the young people. Day charters can accommodate up to 10. The sailing staff include a Skipper and Mate.

History

Duet is a fine example of a gaff-rigged yawl retaining the features of an Edwardian classic yacht. She is 21.95 metres long (including spars) and has a beam of 3.38 metres. Duet is built of wood with beautiful teak decks and has most of her original high quality fittings including the original rig. One noticeable change however, is the addition of a deckhouse over the after cabin removed from Bloodhound (Prince Philip's yacht) during modifications in the sixties.

Designed by Linton Hope and built at White's yard on the River Itchen in Hampshire. Duet was launched in 1912 as 'Gaviotta'. In the early 1930s she was bought by Augustine Courtauld, a famous explorer, who renamed her 'Duet'. When he died in 1959, ownership passed to his son, the Reverend Christopher Courtauld who, with Mr Christopher Ellis, formed the Ocean Youth Club in 1960. The club used Duet for youth sail training from then until 1994. Duet is now on permanent loan to The Cirdan Sailing Trust.



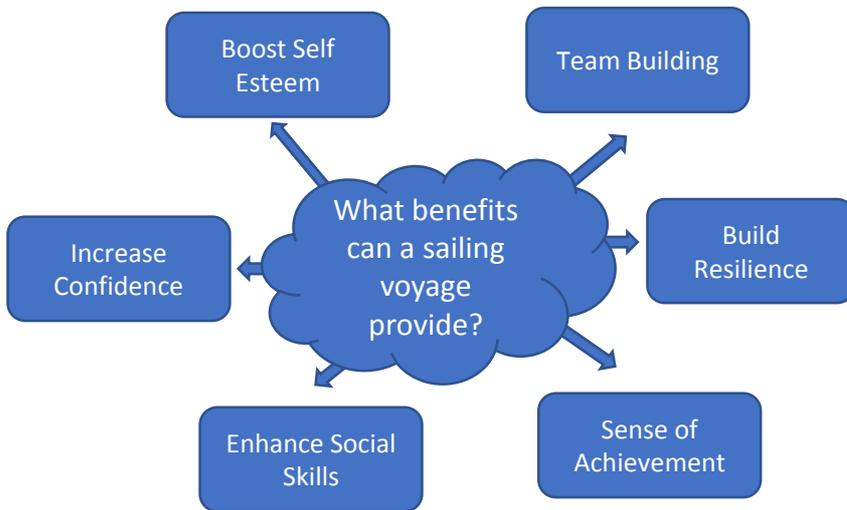
Why a sailing voyage:

Accompanied by their youth leaders and working alongside our professional crew, the young people are involved in all aspects of running and sailing the vessel, both above and below deck - such as getting involved in planning and navigation, learning to cook for themselves and each other and keeping a tidy ship.

Through this active involvement, they learn about themselves, develop an acceptance of others, develop a willingness to take controlled risks, discover hidden strengths and talents and gain an understanding of the value of working as a team. Depending on the length and type of voyage it is possible for participants to gain **RYA accreditation**.

Over the years we have received an enormous amount of feedback with leaders confirming that the benefits gained from the Cirdan experience substantially enhances their own work with the youngsters in their care.

It is now recognised that if young people are to thrive in today's society, character education is essential and will underpin success in education and work.



Who we are?

- The Cirdan Sailing Trust was established in 1983 since when we have provided in the region of 33,000 young people from across the UK with self-development, integration and learning opportunities through the challenge of life at sea aboard our large sailing vessels.
- Our work is mainly with groups of young people who suffer from disadvantages related to social deprivation, exclusion from education or society, have learning difficulties or just find school life challenging and need added direction.
- In addition to providing the experience aboard our vessels, we also raise funds for our Voyage of Discovery Fund to help **subsidise** the true cost of a voyage to make it affordable to most groups.

- Operating from various ports around the country, each of our vessels has its own individual character and voyages are tailored to meet the needs of the group.
- The vessels are fully certified for their operation and crewed by professional sea staff, all of whom have experience in working with young people and are DBS cleared; appropriate insurance and risk assessments are in place and are available for your inspection.
- We can work with young people from the age of 12 to 25 years (and older if they have special needs) but unfortunately cannot take wheelchair users.
- To enhance the well-being of the young people with whom you work contact the Cirdan office to discuss how we can help make this once in a lifetime experience possible.

The Cirdan Fleet



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