

Faramir



Facilities

The vessel has a well designed and spacious, centrally heated living area. The saloon has a dining area with seating for all on board, plus a galley situated to one side. The galley is equipped with hot & cold running water, two chest fridges, two gas cookers and all necessary cookware. Sleeping accommodation consists of 15 bunks situated in sets within different areas of the vessel. There are two toilets and wash areas with running water.

Areas of Operation

Faramir starts and ends the season on the East Coast of England. During the season she will spend time on the North East Coast and venture further a field, possibly up to the West Coast of Scotland or down to the South, with a good few channel crossings thrown in.

Group Number

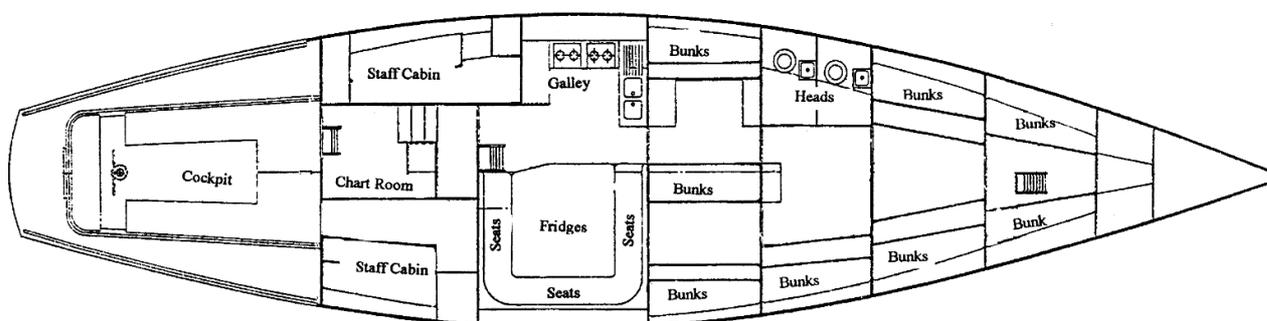
The maximum group number (including leaders) for sail training voyages must not exceed 15, all of whom should be aged 12 years or over. We recommend at least two leaders within the group. More may be required depending on the needs of the young people. For private charters and adult day sails the maximum number of passengers on board must not exceed 12. The sailing staff includes a Skipper, Mate and a Bosun.

History

Faramir, a ketch with a length of 22.35m and a breadth of 5.26, was designed by Marine Architect David Cannell in 1982, specifically for use as a sail training vessel for an organisation called Shaftsbury Homes & Arethusa, from where she gained her name, 'Arethusa'.

In 2002, after many years of service, during which she developed a following of loyal sailors, Arethusa was sold on to another sail training organisation who changed her name to 'Bulldog'. Not being able to fulfil her potential, her owners sold her to The Cirdan Sailing Trust in January 2006.

Being absolutely ideal for the work undertaken by The Cirdan Sailing Trust, she was purchased to replace the vessel Hartlepool Renaissance, which had to be retired from service at the end of the 2005 season. Finding it necessary to change her name again, the vessel was renamed Faramir, after Cirdan's sister charity with which it joined forces in 2002.



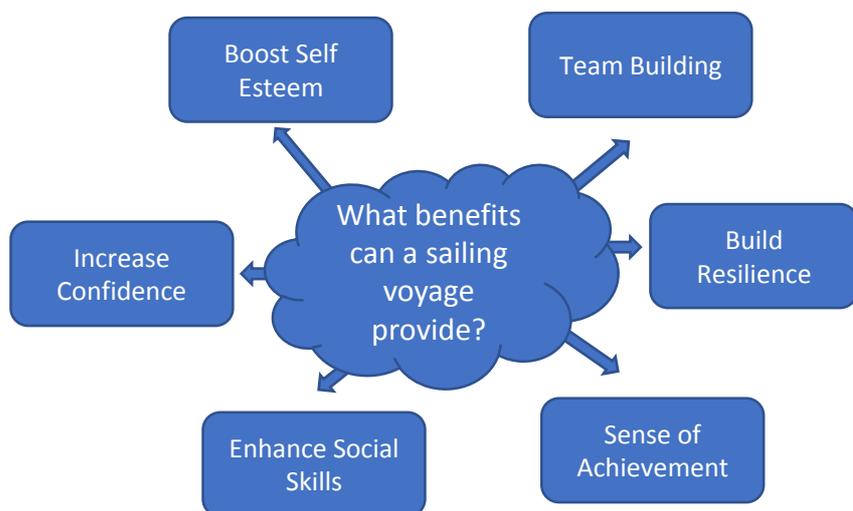
Why a sailing voyage:

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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