

Queen Galadriel



Facilities

The vessel has a large open plan galley and saloon area where the long table is a feature and easily seats all on board. The well equipped galley has ample storage, an industrial size cooker, two domestic size fridges, a freezer and a double sink. Sleeping accommodation consists of 12 bunks situated forward on either side of the vessel with a further 4 bunks in two separate cabins. There are three toilets and wash areas, all have hot and cold running water.

Areas of Operation

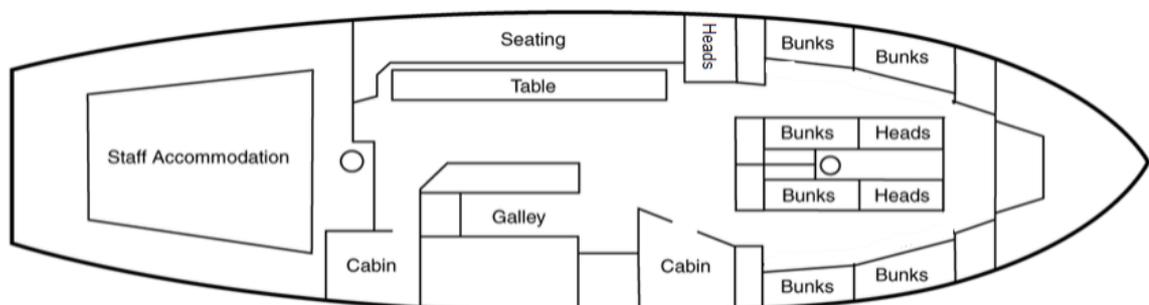
Queen Galadriel starts her season in Ipswich, Suffolk before heading south to operate from ports on the South Coast for the summer. From here she can explore the South Coast and make regular crossings to the Channel Island and France. Queen Galadriel also competes in the Tall Ship' Race to foreign ports and other maritime festival.

Group Number

The maximum group number (including leaders) for sail training voyages must not exceed 16, all of whom must be aged 12 years or over. We recommend at least two leaders within the group, or more 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, Bosun & often a fourth hand.

History

Queen Galadriel, a Baltic Trader is 32.9 metres long with a beam of 6.6 metres. She was built in 1937 in Svenborg, Denmark and was originally named 'Elsa' after the Captain's daughter. Queen Galadriel traded as a cargo vessel around the coasts of Denmark and Norway, initially as a motor sailor but after 1956 under motor alone. By 1970, the need for such vessels as Else had ceased and her future became uncertain. In 1983, she was bought by The Cirdan Sailing Trust and went into services renamed 'Queen Galadriel' after a character in Tolkein's 'Lord of The Rings'. After twenty years in the business of sailing residentials she was taken out of service during 2003 for a major structural refit. This involved replacement of the keel, extensive re-planking, installation of watertight bulkheads and renewal of all electrical and mechanical systems. The opportunity was used to completely redesign and renew all below deck accommodation. Queen Galadriel returned to service in May 2004 to continue her important role in working with young people.



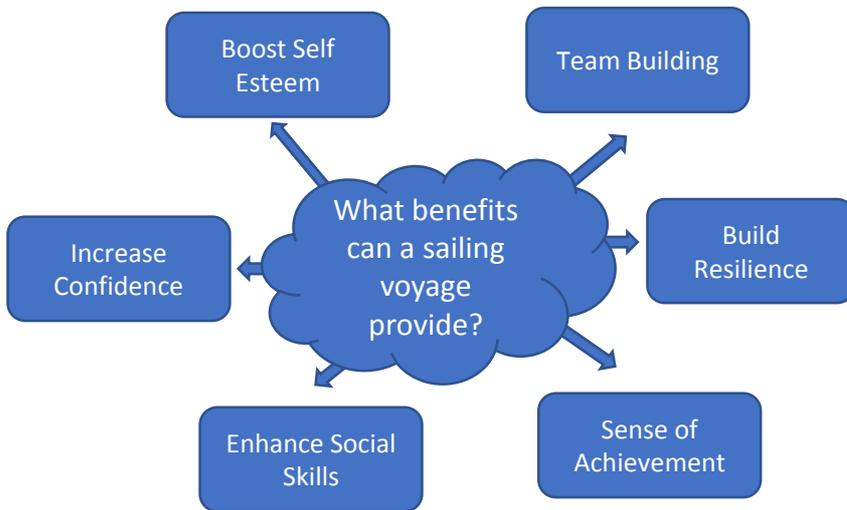
Why a sailing voyage:

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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