At the beginning of July the Jubilee Sailing Trust and Trinity House announced their new cadet training programme at an event on board SV Tenacious at West India Docks in London.

The first cadet to be taking part in the joint three year programme, Matthew Banks from Cornwall, will study for a Foundation Degree in Maritime Studies at the Warsash Maritime Academy. This will allow him to gain the necessary knowledge before joining Tenacious for unique practical seamanship training on the UK’s largest square rigged sail training tall ship; he will then broaden his sea experience with sea time on board different types of ships, including tanker, container, ferry and cruise ships. As part of this unique cadetship programme, he will also complete additional training in the traditional arts of ship rigging, sail making and boat building.

The Trinity House Merchant Navy Scholarship Scheme provides financial support for young people seeking careers as officers in the Merchant Navy. Cadets undertake a three or four year programme split between nautical college and time at sea in a variety of British-managed vessels. The Trinity House Merchant Navy Scholarship Scheme is funded as part of the Trinity House role as the UK’s largest endowed maritime charity, providing welfare and training and promoting the importance of safety at sea.

Duncan Souster, Chief Executive of the Trust said: ‘We are thrilled to be welcoming such a promising cadet to the JST and thank Trinity House for their sponsorship. This is a truly unique opportunity for everyone involved and we hope to be able to build on this success and bring new cadets into the JST every year.’

Commander Graham Hockley, Secretary to the Corporation of Trinity House commented: ‘The Trinity House Cadet Scheme always aims to give its members a broad experience of vessel types during their time at sea and we are delighted that this programme will add tall ships to the range of vessels where our cadets can learn their profession.’

About the Jubilee Sailing Trust
The Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST) is a registered charity whose mission is to promote the integration of people of all physical abilities through the challenge and adventure of tall ship sailing aboard two very special ships, Lord Nelson and Tenacious. In this way both able-bodied and disabled people take holidays where they get the chance to experience working together. It has been found
that a number of people take the opportunity to embark in one of the tall ship sailing adventures – making a JST voyage a great adventure holiday.

See also: www.jst.org.uk

**About Trinity House**
The Corporation of Trinity House was incorporated by Royal Charter in 1514 to oversee the improvement of pilotage on the River Thames and manage the welfare of distressed seamen and their dependants. Today it is the UK’s largest-endowed maritime charity, wholly funded by its endowments, spending over £4m each year on its charitable activities including the safety, welfare and training of mariners, and the promotion of safety at sea.

It also serves the mariner as the General Lighthouse Authority (GLA) for England, Wales and the Channel Islands, with responsibility for nearly 600 aids to navigation, from traditional aids such as lighthouses to the latest satellite navigation technology.

As a maritime fraternity with over 400 men and women selected from all aspects of maritime UK it also advises or is involved with a number of other functions and duties that safeguard shipping and the mariner.

In 2014 the Corporation celebrated the 500th anniversary of its incorporation by Royal Charter with a number of charitable initiatives and commemorative publications.

**Picture captions**

*SV Tenacious at West India Docks, London.*

*Left to right: Matthew Banks, Deck Officer Cadet; Captain Nigel Hope, Director of Maritime Training at Trinity House; Thomas Dutton, Deck Officer Cadet.*