

The aim of the Jubilee Sailing Trust (JST) is to use tall ship sailing to promote the integration and collaboration of able-bodied and disabled people; proving that the pursuit of common goals overrides diversity. Men and women from age sixteen upwards become integral parts of a tall ship crew for either a day or short voyage; challenging themselves in a new, exciting environment and having the time of their lives.

Each member of a tall ship crew is involved in all parts of life on board ship. Whether disabled or able-bodied, experienced sailors or first timers, everyone participates in activities such as helming, unfurling the sails and cleaning the ship.

Both of JST's tall ships – LORD NELSON and TENACIOUS – have been purpose built to accommodate people of all physical abilities being actively involved in all aspects of crewing the ship. Features that enable this include:

- Wide aisles both above and below deck for wheelchair users
- Lifts between decks to allow wheelchair users or people with limited mobility to move around independently
- Large display and talking compasses to facilitate visually impaired or blind people to navigate
- Signs in Braille
- Vibrating pads fitted to bunks to alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing to emergencies
- Guidance tracks on decks for the blind and visually impaired
- Power assisted or joystick steering, allowing those with limited strength or mobility to helm the ship.

During the summer months, LORD NELSON and TENACIOUS travel around Britain, Ireland and the Channel Islands, exploring many cities along the way. Since LORD NELSON hasn't visited Hull in over 15 years and after a planned stop at Whitby in 2007 had to be cancelled as a result of bad weather conditions, the ship's visit to Yorkshire is much anticipated. Visiting new places is always exciting for crew members, especially those like Yorkshire with a lively sailing community and plenty to do ashore.

Voyages with JST are a challenging, rewarding adventure that can change lives and give new perspectives on diversity within age and physical ability. They are also a useful addition to a CV, especially with programmes such as Youth Leadership @ Sea for 16 – 25 year olds, which allows young people to experience working with and leading a team on board.