



MDL MARINAS

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**Only a few days left to nominate young people for the trip of a lifetime**

For the past 40 years MDL Marinas has developed a close relationship with Ocean Youth Trust South, recognising the charity's fantastic work with young people and the life changing experience that sailing can offer.

MDL annually sponsors a five-day trip aboard *Prolific* for inspirational young people, which forms the basis of MDL's Sail Training Awards.

**Nominate a young person today**

MDL is looking for nominations for those who are 12 to 18 and who have overcome adverse personal circumstances, or shown other exceptional accomplishments and achievements. Third party nominations from people who are in contact with young people, including teachers, guide or scout leaders, youth group leaders, friends and employers are welcome, as are those from within the marine trade.

This year's voyage takes place in April 2020 and the winners will become involved in all aspects of life on board, including hoisting sails, helping with maintenance, sailing the boat at night and cooking and cleaning with the rest of the crew.

Last year's winners completed a five-night voyage which took them from Ocean Village Marina in Southampton around the Solent and further afield to Poole and Portland. Activities included night pilotage, and earning their RYA Start Yachting certificate.

Being onboard *Prolific* helps to build confidence and creates a sense of responsibility and pride. Not only is *Prolific* stunning, she is also large enough to make the most trepidatious of adventurers feel safe and secure.

Participants will be selected from the regions in which MDL Marinas are located; the South West, Dorset, Hampshire, Thames Valley and East Coast.

It's straightforward to make a nomination online. You'll need to provide some basic contact details and write a couple of paragraphs (no more than 200 words) on why you're making the nomination. Go to <http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk/sta-nominate>.

You have until Friday January 24<sup>th</sup> to make your nomination.

**Ends**

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## Notes for editors

High res images are available online at <https://maa.agency/media-centre>

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- MDL Marinas is proud to be landlords to over 300 marine business companies, with over 260 staff delivering the unique MDL experience to all members, guests and commercial partners.
- The company also advises on worldwide marina developments including Europe and China.
- For more information visit [www.mdlmarinas.co.uk](http://www.mdlmarinas.co.uk)

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