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Lord Iliffe presents Sail Training Awards

Mia Brackley and Elizabeth Bland are the proud recipients of MDL Marinas 2018 Sail Training Awards presented at TheYachtMarket.com Southampton Boat Show.

Presented in conjunction with Ocean Youth Trust South, MDL's Sail Training Awards are designed to recognise, reward and challenge young people who have shown exceptional accomplishments and qualities which have inspired or supported others.

Pictured are (left to right): Mark Todd (Chief Executive Ocean Youth Trust South), Mia Brackley, Lord Iliffe (Board Chairman, Yattendon Group Plc), Elizabeth Bland and Michael Glanville (Operations Director MDL Marinas).



Mia Brackley and Elizabeth Bland were given the beautiful awards as recognition of their accomplishments while at sea. They spent five nights and six days living and sailing on board OYT South's 30-metre vessel *Prolific* and were 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. The voyage departed from and returned to MDL's Ocean

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Village Marina in April 2018. Also onboard were Emily Godson, Carla Green, Hayden Knight and Shaillyse Saunders.

The presentation was made on MDL Marinas waterside stand at TheYachtMarket.com Southampton Boat Show.

Keep an eye out for entry forms for the 2019 MDL's Sail Training Awards on MDL's website: www.mdlmarinas.co.uk. The awards offer admirable young people – carefully selected due to their exceptional accomplishments, or for overcoming adverse personal circumstances – the opportunity of a lifetime aboard the sail training ship.

MDL Marinas has run its Sail Training Awards for over 30 years. Ocean Youth Trust South is a charity which uses Adventure Under Sail as a personal development opportunity for young people aged 12-25.

More information from www.mdlmarinas.co.uk and www.oightsouth.org.

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Ocean Youth Trust South

- Ocean Youth Trust South sails with around 450 young people each year.
- Sail training brings benefits to all sorts of young people. Voyages are designed to develop confidence, team-working, the ability to cope with unfamiliar situations, and tolerance and understanding of others.
- More information from: www.oightsouth.org/charity.asp

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