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MDL's 2019 winning cohort presented with Sail Training Awards, as announcement is made doubling intake for 2020.

On Thursday 19 September, four young people were presented with their Sail Training Awards by Lord Iliffe (Patron, Ocean Youth Trust) and Michael Glanville (Managing Director, MDL Marinas).

The presentation took place on MDL's waterside stand at Southampton International Boat Show and marked the end of the exciting awards journey which began with nominations, included a five-day trip aboard Prolific with Ocean Youth Trust South and culminated in the presentation.

Michael Glanville took the opportunity to also announce that MDL will be sponsoring 12 young people in 2020, a doubling of the numbers taking part.

The awards were created to reward inspirational young people between the ages of 12 and 18 who have overcome adverse personal circumstances, or shown other exceptional accomplishments and achievements and rely on third party nominations from people who are in contact with young people, including teachers, guide or scout leaders, youth group leaders, friends and employers.

This year's winners, Josh Loman (14), Alex Salisbury (13), Adam Slim (12), Millie Nation (14), Katie Anderson (15) and Ella Plummer (15), completed the five-night voyage which took them from Ocean Village Marina in Southampton around the Solent and further afield to Poole and Portland.

The experience included night pilotage, and the award winners earning their RYA Start Yachting certificate.

Millie Nation comments: "The staff and everyone were very friendly. After a couple of days, I didn't want to get off."

Pictured are Josh Loman, Millie Nation, Katie Anderson and Alex Salisbury receiving their awards.

"We have been working with Ocean Youth Trust, South for over 30 years," says Michael Glanville Managing Director at MDL. "The Sail Training Awards have given and will continue to give so many young people the opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends through sailing. We are, as ever, delighted to be able to offer this opportunity."

Mark Todd, Ocean Youth Trust South's Chief Executive adds: "It is our absolute pleasure to work with MDL and the award winners. We love meeting the young people who are chosen to join us, and watching their confidence grow - minute by minute, hour by hour. It's brilliant that MDL has supported us for so many years, and we can't wait to see what the future brings as we continue to work together. Thank you to all the members whose generous contributions, via MDL, mean that we can keep changing lives for the better."



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The nomination window for 2020 awards will open in November with the trip taking place on 4-9th April. Find out more at www.mdlmarinas.co.uk

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