My time on the Windeward Bound was very enjoyable and interesting.

Susie's lessons were a lot of fun. We learned about ropes, the safety equipment used onboard and climbing aloft. I also learnt about the weather, navigation and more about the wonderful ship itself.

Working together as a Watch with our Watch leader went well for me. As a Watch we were setting and striking the sails and doing safety checks while anchored. I was also responsible for waking my Watch members if needed.

Helping the cook in the galley, washing/drying dishes was fun because this enabled the cook to serve everyone breakfast/lunch/dinner easily.

There was a lot more work involved in the journey than I expected. The whole journey was very challenging. I needed to get used to the different sleeping arrangements, sharing a room with people I didn't know and dancing in front of everyone.

The Command Day was very unexpected and challenging but we all got through it and had a fun whilst doing it.

This was an amazing and unforgettable experience where I learnt a lot, made friends developed as a person.

Thank you everyone.

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