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ADAM TAKES THE HELM

A 14 year old Thorne Sea Cadet got the opportunity of a life time last Sunday when he was offered the chance to crew a tall ship from it's birth in Goole Docks down the River Ouse to Hull.

Adam Bryars who has been a sea cadet for two years now, jumped at the chance to spend 24 hours on board the 1929 Dutch built gaff ketch called "Maybe". The ship specialises in youth development and takes part in the Tall Ship races each year.

Adam helped the crew throughout the journey from Goole which is the most inland port in the country, down past the Trent and into the River Humber before sailing under the huge Humber Bridge. He spent over an hour at the helm following the navigation markers and avoiding the infamous mudflats and sand banks unlike one cargo vessel that actually had run aground on it's way to Goole!!!!

Having missed the tide to sail into the marina, the crew had to drop anchor and spend the night bobbing up and down in the Humber until the tide rose at 4 am. Spending 2 hours on the first anchor watch gave him time to learn about all

the instrumentation before galley duties and then bed in a bunk.

"It was rather noisy and a bit rough but great fun" Adam "But the best bit was getting up at 3 am in the rough conditions and sailing into the marina in the dark when it was all hands to deck".

Adam's been on plenty of smaller yachts before but never over night but is h now looking forward to having a spell on-board the cadet flagship T5 Royalist in June.

It was quite a weekend for Adam who was also awarded his second star the same time making him Ordinary Cadet Bryars. He eventually hopes to join the Royal Navy as a career when he leaves school but sailing on the Maybe has given him the confidence to travel any where across the oceans waves.

The Maybe is a 16 birth, 22 metre double masted vessel that concentrates on youth development though sailing.

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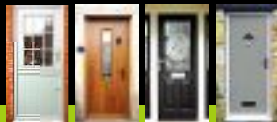
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