



Is this your time to test yourself or give something back?

Williams Expedition Senior Crew Selection Process, Requirements and Sailing Programme.



The Williams Expedition is run by the charity Blyth Tall Ship and aims to recreate the original voyage of discovery of Antarctica by Captain Williams Smith on the Brig Williams (both from Blyth) in 1819. In so doing it will transform the lives of the crew who will be selected from the regeneration areas around Blyth and nationally, give Blyth and the Nation a positive example of courage and enterprise that will raise hope, inspire change and create pride in your community.

Applying to be a senior crew member of the expedition is a challenging proposition and you will be tested to the limits of endurance and your leadership and team skills, learning the ropes of a 100 year old Baltic Trader, training inexperienced crews and, if selected, crossing oceans including the potential to cross the Southern Ocean. The maximum numbers of those entering the process will be 80, with 32 places available on the final expedition legs and 12 reserve places. So while it is competitive, there is a high chance of success. We are looking for Yachtmaster Ocean's Coastal Skippers, Doctors, Cooks and Engineers. Detailed job descriptions are available.

If selected to enter the competitive process of winning a place on one of the final 8 to 10 week legs of the expedition you will be asked to make a suggested pledge of £1500 towards the work of Blyth Tall Ship as part of your application. The first week will be sailing out of Blyth in 2018 and the second on a leg around Britain. There is also an opportunity to take part in the Tall Ship Regatta 2018 if you have the time spare.

The process for application starts with you sending:

- a covering letter with photo explaining why you want to take part and for which role or roles you would like to be considered,
- your CV for the role you are applying for
- and copies of your supporting documentation and certificates
- The tick box sheet identifying which voyages you can be available for
- a confidential medical questionnaire (attached)

to info@williams-expedition.com by midnight Sunday 4th March 2018 indicating which voyages you would be able to take part in on the table below.

Early applicants will gain places, assuming they have the right qualifications or are on track to get the right qualifications on a first come first served basis, but places will not be confirmed until payment of the £1500 to Blyth Tall Ship has been received.

If successful in joining the process you will be responsible for making your way to the embarkation point from your home. We will also ask you do a DBS check (crew members while over 18 may be vulnerable adults), sign a waiver to allow yourself to be filmed for TV documentary and social media purposes, agree to make yourself available for at least one of the main voyage legs if successful during the selection process, sign a statement that you recognise the risks you will be undertaking. You will also be presented with a hand knitted Expedition Gansey (which would usually cost £300 to £400) on boarding the round Britain Leg to wear as uniform and keep after the leg. All we ask is you write a letter or email with photos to send to your Gansey Knitter as a thank you.