



E.ON Supports Orkney Sail Trainees in the 2011 Tall Ships Challenge



We're pleased to be supporting young sail trainees in conjunction with Orkney Council Marine Services Division by making a donation towards the funding of placements on the 'Cruise in Company' leg of the 2011 Tall Ships Challenge.

Orkney Marine Services worked hard to achieve the great accolade of securing both Stromness and Kirkwall as 'Cruise in Company' ports in the 2011 Tall Ships Challenge. We were also really impressed by the level of commitment they have shown to their young community by securing a once in a lifetime opportunity for thirty 15-30 years old Orcadians to train with the crews of tall ships on the leg from Greenock to Orkney; so when we were approached by their Business Development Manager Michael Morrison to ask if we'd support this initiative, we didn't

hesitate to say yes.

One of the lucky applicants who secured a place to train on the class B ship Provident was Christine Moar, 30, from Stromness. We spoke to her about her upcoming adventure.

'I first became aware of the opportunity to train on the tall ships in the local paper, as I turned 30 this year I thought I may not be eligible to apply; but I thought you only live once and I may never get a chance like this again so I sent off the application form. I was delighted when I was invited to interview for a place and can't wait to take my place with the 16 other Crew Members on the Provident.'

Christine will be joining the crew in Greenock on 12 July and travelling up the west coast of Scotland, with stops at Orkney and Shetland until the 23rd. She commented on the experience saying 'I have only been sailing once before and can't think of a better way to learn than in at the deep end on the Provident; who knows, it may be something that I will do again in the future if all goes well.'



We'll be keeping in touch with Christine throughout her journey and will be talking to her about the experience on her return.

For more information on the Tall Ships Challenge and how you can get involved in the festivities that will be taking place portside on Orkney please visit the [Orkney Marine Services website](#).