



What a DofE Residential with us would look like

Any "Explorer" voyage lasting at least 4 nights allows you to cover all the essential areas for your DofE Residential in a relaxed, informal environment. You will learn a great deal - but you will also have a fantastic time!

Doing your Residential you'll:

- meet new people
- experience an unfamiliar environment
- build new relationships and show concern for others
- work as part of a team towards shared goals
- accept responsibility for yourself and others
- develop communication skills
- show initiative
- enjoy living and working and cooking with others
- you'll also get a detailed and personal assessors report written up about your adventure offshore!

All **OFFSHORE** "Explorer" voyages lasting at least four nights are suitable for your DofE Residential, but many of our Duke of Edinburgh Award participants prefer to choose one of our more ambitious voyages. Look for voyages of four nights or longer on the 2020 Programme, think about one of our #TallShipsRace or #ASTO Small Ships Race voyages.

Don't forget that your Residential MUST take place among people you don't already know. Ideally you should come on a voyage where you don't know anyone else at all; but it is possible for us to cope with two people who know each other on condition that you are in different teams or watches and working quite separately. If you know more than one other person on the voyage before you come then we won't be able to sign off your Residential.

Although we are a DofE Approved Activity Provider and will fill in any residential assessor reports we can on voyages; please tell both the office and remind the Skipper or Mate that you plan on using your trip as a DofE residential at the start of your voyage. This means they can give you lots of opportunities to prove yourself during the voyage and means that you will have the best chance of receiving a glowing assessors report at the end of your voyage! It is also best to check with your DofE Coordinator or DofE Manager that they do not have any paperwork they need you to complete before you come and ensure that you have filled in all relevant sections on eDofE before you arrive!

Please note that a Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award is not something you can simply pay for. Very occasionally we have had young people on board who believe that "I have paid for the voyage, therefore you have to sign my residential". **OFFSHORE** reserves the right not to complete the Record Book or DofE Assessor Report for a crew member who does not put in a certain amount of energy, enthusiasm, commitment and co-operation. Any young person who is in danger of falling into this category should receive a debrief midway through the voyage while there is still time to turn things around. Most keen Duke of Edinburgh Award participants have absolutely nothing to fear - we simply don't wish to devalue your achievement by signing off people who haven't put in anything like as much effort as most participants normally do!



Tolken, The Lane, West Mersea, Colchester, Essex CO5 8NT
Tel: 01206 385071 Email: sailing@offshore.org.uk
www.offshore.org.uk
Registered Charity No. 1035015

