

Bailee's Spirit of Adventure Trip



Background

- Over 2 years ago I applied for a scholarship through Rotary to go on the Spirit of Adventure as part of my Gold Residential Project for my Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Due to ongoing health problems I faced after sustaining a concussion, I was not well enough to go until March this year.
- I am so grateful for The Howick Rotary Clubs patience in giving me time for my health to improve so that I was well enough to go on the voyage.
- After postponing 3 voyages I was finally able to go in March!
- This is therefore a HUGE achievement for me.

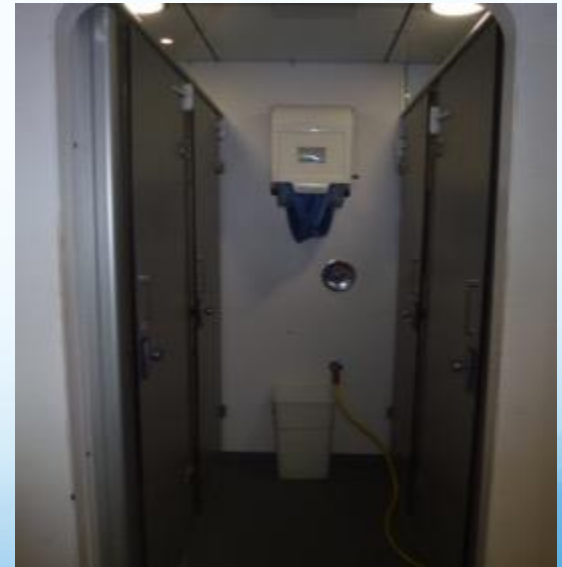
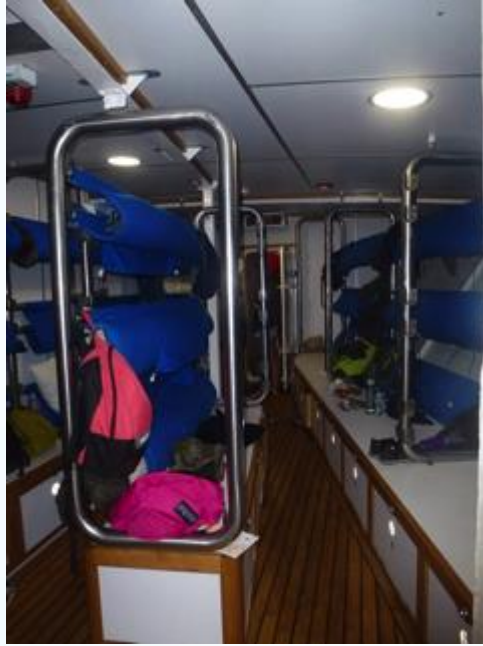


We met in Auckland City and went by bus to Opua where we departed from.



- Nervous
- Quiet
- Excited

The Boat





Daily Routine:

6:30am – swim
7:30am – breakfast
8:00am – colours
8:30am – clean boat
10:30am – morning tea
12:30pm – lunch

Anything from:

- Setting sail
- Rafting to shore
- Group activities
- Beach Clean up



3:30pm – Afternoon tea
6:30pm – dinner
7:30pm – dessert
8:00pm – night activities
9:50pm – story time
10:00pm – lights out



Watch Group

- 4 watch groups
- Participate in activities together and daily chores
- Watch Assistant – Debbie
- Port A! Port B, Starboard A, Starboard B



First night, we slept in the dock, then motored to Roberton Island in the morning, rafted to shore and watched the sunrise.



We then swam back to the boat from shore, our first official morning swim!



Bay of Islands

- Caving
- Beach Games
- Rafting





We hiked up Bream Head by Whangarei, we started at Smugglers Bay and finished at Peach Cove, climbed over 1000 stairs.



This was my biggest achievement, haven't been hiking for over two years since my injury. I was very nervous for this activity but coped well!





Poor Knights



Climbing the Mast – 33 meters up!



Night Watch

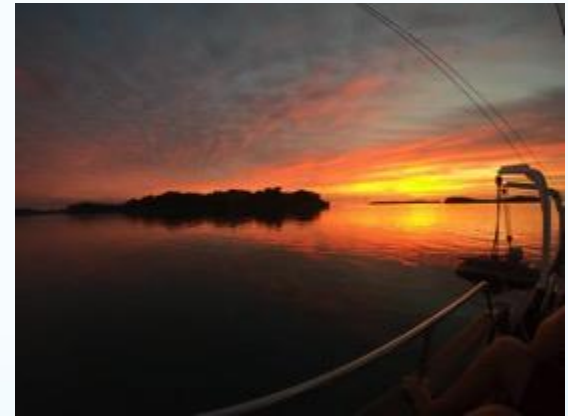
- Twice throughout the voyage, each of us had to do night watch.
- Partnered with someone from your watch group.
- Every 20 minutes – walk around the ship, check the light on the main mast is on, look into the engine room, record the position of the ship and depth of the water, ensure we don't move into a certain range, take a barometer reading, listen to the radio for mayday or pan pan calls.
- Shift lasts for 2 hours – wake up the next person.
- Eating the baking and treats.

Trainee Day

- The last full day, we take over the ship.
- Appoint Captain, 1st and 2nd Mates, navigators, engineers, cooks, watch assistants.
- Watch Assistant of Mizzen.
- We sailed from Kawau Island into Auckland Harbor, under the Harbor Bridge towards the Chelsea sugar factory.
- Anchored for the night.
- 5am start the next day to clean the ship, motor into the dock and be off the ship by 7:30am.

Highlights

- Making friends for life!!
- Meeting people from all walks of life.
- Beach Clean up
- Sailing on Lady Pippa Boats
- BBQ at Mansion House Bay
- Riff Off!
- Seeing dolphins
- Morning Swims
- Sunrises/sunsets
- Hike at Bream Head
- Team bonding over daily chores
- Trainee Day – being leader of mizzen



Take Away

- Gained self confidence
- Overcame my fear of heights
- Further developed my social and leadership skills
- Wider perspective
- Close friendships
- Friends from all over New Zealand!
- A passion that I didn't know I had



Return to the Spirit

- Volunteer as a leading hand.
- Act as a mentor/ friend for the trainees.
- Help them learn the ropes/ daily routine



Duke of Edinburgh

- My voyage on the Spirit counted towards my Residential Project for my Gold Duke of Edinburgh.
- The Residential project is a minimum 4 night 5 day trip away from home with people you have never met before.
- The Spirit was 10 nights and 11 days!
- The Residential Project aims to take you out of your comfort zone and give you a fulfilling experience that leaves you with a sense of achievement – I can happily say I felt this way about my trip!



So far for the Duke of Edinburgh award I have completed:

- Bronze and Silver
- The 12 months of my Gold Skill, I participated in the school Kapa Haka group. I am still currently a member as I love being part of our Maori culture and the sense of unity felt when performing the waiata and haka.
- 12 months of Gold physical education - running training and teaching a yoga type class at the Lloyd Elsimore gym and a local Yoga studio.
- My Residential project – The Spirit of Adventure trip.
- I have 4 months to go of my service
- Originally I was volunteering at the Bucklands Beach Rest
- Now I volunteer at the Bucklands Beach Intermediate Aspiring Leadership programme. I work with the younger students in a mentor type role to help them achieve their goals.
- I am also in a school service group called echo, we are starting volunteering this term at Stand School by the Marina, and a few local rest homes doing activities such as arts and crafts and baking.
- I am yet to do my Gold Tramps, but I'm doing these by the end of the school year now that my health is no longer stopping me!

The report from my watch assistant

STUDENT NAME Bailee Ryan

Start Date 9/3/2019 End Date 19/3/2019

Watch Assistant report

Watch Assistant Name Debby Sellars

Supervisor Report

Please comment on the participants improvement/performance commitment

Bailee presented as a friendly & interactive member of her team, demonstrating good leadership skills within her watch. Bailee contributed with enthusiasm to all aspects of the 'Ten Day Youth Development Voyage', from cleaning to catering duties & all aspects of sailing a square rigged ship. Bailee exhibits warmth & consideration and is polite at all times, she has been a pleasure to have in my watch. The penultimate day of the voyage is 'Trainee Day', for which Bailee was elected by her peers as Mizzen's Watch Assistant. Well done Bailee & all the best for your future

I certify that as the Supervisor of this activity that the participant has met the requirements.

Signed Debby Sellars Date 17/3/2019

Thank you!

Thank you for your generous contribution towards the cost, which enabled me to have this life-changing experience.



Questions

