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EXERCISE – TRANSGLOBE 2009-2010

Background information

1. A Joint Service round-the-world sailing expedition is taking place from July 2009 to July 2010. Each of the three services, the Navy, Army and Royal Air Force, will crew one of three 67' yachts which will sail around the globe, in company, in a series of legs to complete the 12 month expedition.

2. The Air Cadet Organisation has been offered the opportunity for two cadets over the age of 18 years from the ATC and/or CCF (RAF Section) to sail on each of seven of the legs as part of the RAF crew. This represents a rare and exciting opportunity to take part in a high profile and prestigious activity which will allow for a high degree of personal development, team building and achievement. Voyages offered to The ACO are as follows:

Leg	From/To	Dates	Duration
1	Gosport – Canary Isles	11 Jul 09 – 01 Aug 09	3 weeks
2	Canary Isles – Rio de Janeiro	01 Aug 09 – 29 Aug 09	4 weeks
3	Rio de Janeiro – Cape Town	29 Aug 09 – 26 Sep 09	4 weeks
7	Hobart – Auckland	09 Jan 10 – 23 Jan 10	2 weeks
11	Antigua – Charleston	01 May 10 – 15 May 10	2 weeks
12	Charleston – Boston	15 May 10 – 05 Jun 10	3 weeks
13	Boston – Gosport	05 Jun 10 – 03 Jul 10	4 weeks

3. No previous sailing experience is required and cadets who meet the eligibility criteria set out below are encouraged to apply for place. However, it must be stressed that the voyages will be extremely challenging and demanding. Conditions will be very cramped with limited privacy; mixed gender crews will share the same sleeping areas. Sailing will potentially take place continuously over several days with the crew working around the clock in shifts or 'watches'. 'Off-watch' time can often be interrupted by the need to change sails or perform other necessary tasks and participants can expect to be cold, tired and wet for long periods of time. Otherwise the voyages will be great fun and hugely rewarding!



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Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a place on the voyage candidates **must** fulfil the following criteria:

- a. Be 18 years of age or over at the start of their allocated leg of the voyage and be under 20 years of age on the date of return from their allocated leg of the voyage.
- b. Be fully enrolled and participating members of the ACO at the time of application **and** at the time of the voyage.
- c. Have the support of their Commanding Officer throughout selection, preparation and participation.
- d. Be physically, medically and emotionally fit and capable of carrying out strenuous physical tasks in arduous conditions for a continuous period of time.
- e. Be mature, motivated and determined with the ability to work within a team of adult service personnel for a sustained period of time away from home.
- f. Hold the Air Cadets Basic Swimming Competence Certificate.
- g. Obtain/hold a passport valid at the time of travel (including visa if required).
- h. Be prepared to attend a selection interview on 6 Dec 08 at RAF Cranwell.

Applications

Applications should be submitted on the attached form via Wing Headquarters to reach Headquarters Air Cadets (Phys Ed Admin) by 3 Nov 08. Applications must include a narrative statement from applicant (max 500 words), evidence of physical fitness (max 250 words) and statement of support from Squadron Commander (max 250 words). To reiterate; no previous sailing experience is required. A strong spirit of adventure, determination and a good sense of humour may be all it takes to be part of this unique and thrilling experience!

Selection

Cadets will be short-listed from those nominated by Sqn Cdrs/Wings to attend a selection process which will be held at RAF Cranwell on Saturday 6 December 2008. Selection will involve an interview, a short presentation and fitness tests. At the end of this process cadet places on voyage legs taking place up to and including January 2010 will be allocated and reserves selected. At this time a pool of potential participants will be established for the legs taking place between April and July 2010. Depending on the response and outcomes of the initial selection process, a second selection interview process will be held in October 2009. The reason for this two-stage approach is, given the extended period of time over which the expedition takes place, to allow time for younger cadets to prove their worth in respect of maturity and experience whilst at the same time not denying anyone the chance to compete for a place on any leg of the voyage.

Cost/Personal Contributions

Due to the support being received from the RAF the maximum personal contribution per leg will not exceed £450. This includes all travel from home to the point of embarkation, air fares, food, voyage fees and return travel. Despite this already being excellent value for money it is anticipated that further support will be sought by HQAC on behalf of all ACO participants and shared accordingly. Participants will also be encouraged to seek additional support and sponsorship from their own units and local communities.

Cadets selected on 6 Dec 08 will be required to pay £150 deposit following the offer of a place. Details of payment schedules etc will then be issued to all concerned.

Participants will need the usual personal spending money for their time ashore.

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Enclosure: Application form

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To: HQ Air Cadets (Phys Ed Admin) via Wing HQs

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

APPLICATION FOR TRANSGLOBE EXPEDITION JULY 2009/JULY 2110

(See accompanying details letter for eligibility)

1. Cadet Details:

Rank: _____ Surname: _____ Forenames _____

Sqn No: _____ Wing: _____ Region: _____

Address (For Correspondence): _____

Postcode: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Mobile Phone _____

E-mail _____

You must supply reliable e-mail addresses as correspondence will be sent by this means

Sqn contact E-mail _____

2. Next-of-Kin

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Daytime or Mobile Tel No. _____ Home Tel No. _____

3. Explain why you are applying for this expedition and why you should be selected (Attach separate sheet Max 500 words):

4. Describe your level of physical fitness and involvement in any sports/physical activities (Attach separate sheet Max 250 words):

5. Indicate voyage/legs for which you would like to be considered:

6. I confirm that the above information is correct and that I wish to apply for a place on the Transglobe Expedition as indicated above.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Countersigned by Parent/Guardian (Cadets Under 18 years at time of application only):

_____ Date: _____

7. Application Supported _____ OC Sqn Date: _____

Please provide statement of support (Max 250 Words; attach separate sheet where necessary):

8. Application supported: _____ Wg AdO Date: _____

Comments from Wg AdO: