



ATLANTIC CHALLENGE GB

Maritime Training Trust

We are looking for young men and women with a spirit of adventure who want to join our crew to experience a new and unique challenge and represent their country at the International Contest of Seamanship to be held in St. Petersburg, Russia, in July 2020.

You will meet up with teams from other AC countries, all competing in traditional gigs—replicas of an 18th century Captains' Gig. The rig is simple and there is work for each of the 13 crew. The two largest sails (dipping lug sails) must be lowered and raised again on the other side of the masts each time the gig is turned on the wind, requiring a team of five on each mast. The third sail (mizzen) is used to aid turning and requires another crew member. The gig is rowed by 10 oars, the longest oar being over 18ft.



With the gig's long waterline length of 38 feet, astonishing speeds can be gained both under sail or oar. Under full sail she has achieved over 10 knots! Atlantic Challenge gigs cast a spell over all who sail in them.

Contest events will include rowing, sailing, ropework and navigation. Previous experience of sailing or rowing is useful but not essential as training will be given prior to the Contest. Atlantic Challenge is open to all over 16 years of age.

You will of course want to learn how to handle the gig and have an interest in the traditions of seamanship that are such an important part of our heritage. It is important that you are prepared to work hard as a team.

Atlantic Challenge GB is committed to raising funds to help defray costs, such as the transport of the gig, but crewmembers will also be expected to raise funds towards their costs.



Please look at our website to see a DVD,
Crew Information Pack and application form

www.atlanticchallengegb.org

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***CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:
15 March 2019***

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