



BRIGS

OPEN WATERS - OPEN DOORS



Our Mission

To bring together youth from diverse backgrounds and experiences and, through sail training, foster personal growth, the development of practical skills, the adoption of environmentally sustainable practices and an appreciation for the rich marine history of the Great Lakes.

WHAT WE DO

- Summer Programming
- Short Term and Overnight Sail Training Opportunities
- Shore Side Programs
- TV and Movie Shoots
- Port Appearances

WHO WE WORK WITH

- School Groups
- Yacht Clubs
- Corporate Agencies
- Charitable Organizations
- Scout and Cadet Groups
- Private Groups



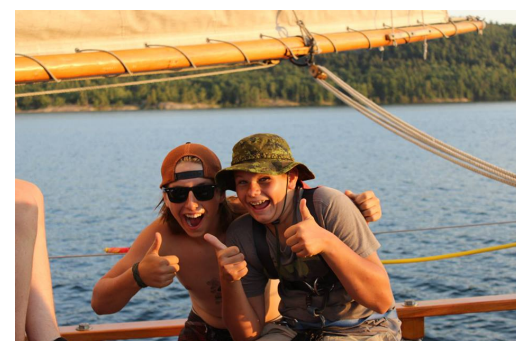
ABOUT US

Brigs Youth Sail Training is a Canadian registered charity that provides youth 13-18 years of age with leadership and life skills development programs through sail training on board our ship, the TS Playfair.

For the past 58 years, Brigs has offered over 20,000 youth with an unparalleled platform for adventure based programming and is recognized as an internationally acclaimed pioneer and innovator in the field of youth sail training.

Over the course of the summer season, Brigs' summer program operates throughout the Great Lakes, offering youth the experience of a lifetime.

In the spring and fall shoulder seasons, Brigs offers school, corporate and group sail training opportunities out of Hamilton and Toronto Harbour.

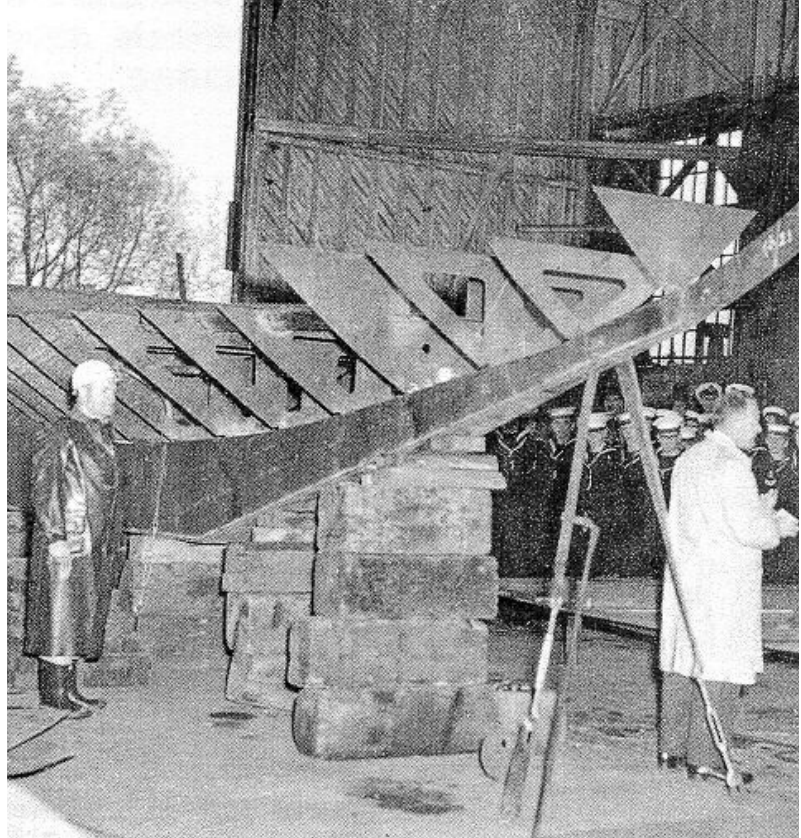


BRIGS YOUTH SAIL TRAINING

HISTORY

Brigs began in 1962. Our founding tenets were the development of leadership, discipline, and citizenship in a maritime environment. The men and women who founded Brigs believed that exposure to the challenge of sea-going lifestyle could benefit young people. Our original vessel, Pathfinder, was commissioned in 1964 and Playfair joined the organization in 1973. Since our inception, "building character through adventure" has been the primary objective of Brigs.

By working together, sailing & managing our square-rigged ship, young people discover important life lessons and more importantly, they've discovered themselves. Our purpose is the provision of an environment, aboard ship and in the Winter Program that fosters and rewards self-confidence, teamwork, responsibility, custodianship and leadership in youth.



THE SHIP

The TS Playfair is the second training ship built for Brigs. Playfair's naming ceremony was conducted in Kingston on Wednesday, June 27th, 1973 during the Royal visit. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip attended the ceremony, with Her Majesty making Playfair the first Canadian vessel ever to be named by a reigning monarch. Her basic specifications are as follows:

Year Built	1973
Designer	Francis A. MacLachlan
Location Built	Kingston, ON, Canada
Builder	Canada Dredge & Dock Co.
Construction	Welded steel, 1/4" hull plating, 1/2" keel plating, frames every 2'
Length	22 m (72' sparred)
Beam	4.5 m (15')
Draft	2.5 m (8')
Tonnage	32.98 tons
Cruising Speed	4-8 knots (7.5-14.9 km/hr)
Engine	Volvo D5A TA
Fuel	Diesel
Complement	28

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YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

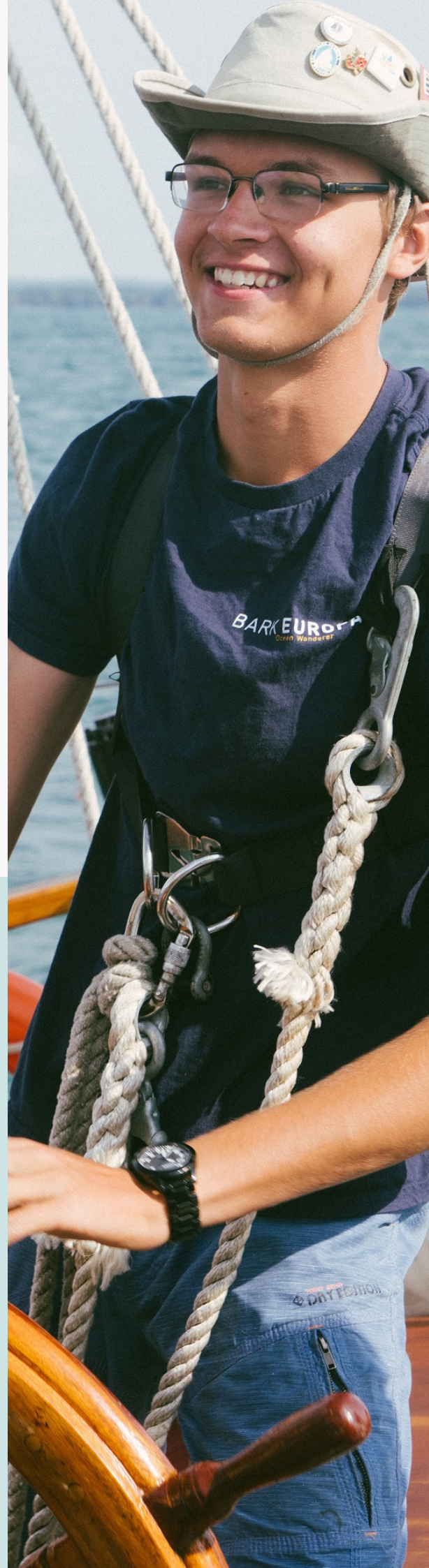
Our summer program runs from June to September. Youth join the ship for 3-14 day training courses and learn the basics of seamanship, sail handling, teamwork and leadership from our crew members. Expect a fun challenge and a memorable experience of sailing as a part of our crew. Our summer program is available for youth 13-18 years old, no experience necessary.

GROUP BOOKINGS

Brigs also offers sail training opportunities for corporate, private and school groups during May, June and September. Our program is an excellent platform for team building and a fun and unique option for school or group outings. Groups may choose a short condensed afternoon program or a longer overnight program. Our group bookings are customizable to the needs of the the group, and level of experience. For bookings, please contact our office.

ADULT SAILING PROGRAM

Missed out on sailing the TS Playfair as a teenager? No problem! On an Adult Sail you will be an active member of the crew and live, eat and sleep on board the TS Playfair. By the end of a voyage you will know the fundamentals of how to sail a Tall Ship and be certified as a Brigs 'Lead Hand'. Our adult courses are a great opportunity to challenge yourself and meet new people!



Summer 2021

GET TO THE POINT

July 2 - July 9
Hamilton - Port Colbourne
\$875 + HST

GEORGIAN BAY JOURNEY

July 18 - July 27
Goderich - Parry Sound
\$1440 + HST

THE 30,000 ISLAND TOUR

July 29 - Aug 5
Perry Sound - Collingwood
\$1120 + HST

GEORGAIN BAY EXPRESS (3 DAY SHORT FORMAT)

Aug 9-12, 12-14, 15-17
Collingwood - Collingwood
\$320 + HST

BACK OVER THE BRUCE

Aug 19 - Aug 27
Collingwood - Kincardine
\$1280 + HST

LEAVING LAKE HURON

Aug 29 - Sept 3
Kincardine - Sarnia
\$800 + HST

BLUE WATER SAILING

July 10 - July 16
Sarnia - Goderich
\$960 + HST

ADULT SAILS

June 25- June 30
Hamilton - Port Colbourne
\$875 + HST

Sept 5 - Sept 12
Sarnia - Hamilton
\$1225 + HST

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is a global framework for non-formal education and learning, which challenges young people to discover their potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world. It is a highly respected personal development award recognised by employers, colleges, and universities around the world.

Brigs is a Trained Activity Provider for the Award in Ontario. Our sail training voyages can qualify as either Adventurous Journeys or Gold Projects. Participants can join our scheduled summer courses, or our ship can be booked for an entire Award or school group to complete their Journey together. Participants can also achieve the Skills and Voluntary Service sections of the Award through participation in our shore-based Winter Program in Hamilton. Brigs is also an Award Centre so youth registering for our voyages can sign up to do the entire Award with us.

PATHFINDER ACCESS FUND

Brigs is committed to ensuring equitable access to our sail training programs. The Pathfinder Access Fund offsets the costs for youth trainees requiring financial assistance for their summer journey. We aim for 50% of our trainee berths onboard to be fully or partially funded. For more information on bursary and financial assistance, please contact our office or check the box during your course booking process.

TESTIMONIALS

“ *This program has been instrumental in shaping who I am as a person. It inspired curiosity, independence, teamwork, creative and critical thinking skills... really the list goes on forever. It was such an amazing experience.* ”

“ *No better way to spend your summer than sailing here!* ”

“ *Brigs was a life-changing experience for me as a young man, and has formed me into the adult I have become! I couldn't recommend it more for young people to try it out.* ”





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