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Setting Sail



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My final month on the Shipshape traineeship has been a busy one. The whole team has been working hard to get Pioneer ready for what will hopefully be a busy season. Her decks have been pitched and painted and the hatches and deck box have been painted. A beautiful sailing dinghy called Breeze was donated to the Pioneer Sailing

Trust this month for the staff to use. After a few paint touch ups, she was launched. Now we are treated to regular after work sails. Breeze sails like a dream.



I spent a few weekends on the barge Blue Mermaid this month. It was my first experience of barge sailing and I absolutely loved it. She is unlike any other boat I have sailed and I learned so much onboard.

I also spent some time on Jolie Brise. It was a dream to be sailing on a pilot cutter like Jolie Brise. I enjoyed every minute of it.





I also bought my own boat this month, a lovely little folk boat called Wily One. She was built at Fox's Yard in Ipswich. I can't wait to have her out sailing this season. I am sure she'll teach me many new skills.

While I had a brilliant time on the Shipshape programme, I am excited to discover what the future holds. Plenty of traditional sailing, I hope.