

## A Report on Use of the 2018 Grant to London Area Sea Cadets

Generous sponsorship from the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants for Sea Cadets in London Area continued in 2018 thanks to two separate grants of £1,500 and £8,500 made during the year.

### **£1,500 Adventurous Activity Grant**

A long-standing and gratefully received £1,500 donation is used each year to provide adventurous activity to our cadets, and this support allows us to offer experiences to our cadets outside of the more usual activity that cadets would enjoy. For 2018, the grant was used to provide an outdoor, real-life rock climbing experience for thirty of our cadets. Named “Summer Rock”, the week-long camp consisted of several activities with a distinctly challenging, adventurous flavour, the pinnacle of which was a day of rock climbing in a surprisingly sunny North Wales. The day was all about meeting challenges and fears head-on and overcoming them, something that every cadet managed without fail. Some may have needed a little more encouragement and support than others, but the photos show nothing else but smiling faces!



SUMMER ROCK 2018

### **£8,500 Grant**

With the agreement of the Management Consultants, this amount was allocated as follows:

£4,000 toward activity on London Area Sea Cadets' Annual Summer Camp

£1,500 to replace and replenish our five-year-old sports kit, issued to cadets who represent us at our various national competitions

£1,500 to provide a celebration dinner for those adults and cadets in our area who were recipients of SCC national awards in 2017.

£1,500 toward the provision of computer equipment (laptops and ancillaries) for use by cadets and instructors at our training centre in Crowborough Camp

### Annual Summer Camp

With ever decreasing resources and adult talent pool, it is a challenge each year to provide 200 young cadets with activities on a summer camp that aren't considered "run of the mill" or which simply repeat activity that cadets can enjoy at their units. Doing so invariably means relying on external providers of the type of activity we can't offer in house, and this always involves a cost! Thanks to the £4,000 grant, we were able to enhance our summer camp for 2018 by offering activities which had a simple aim – huge amounts of fun doing something that the cadets may not have experienced before.

Knee-boarding is an increasingly popular water activity, akin to water skiing but much quicker to become proficient in. 200 sea cadets were able to enjoy this exciting challenge, and generally did far better than any of their adult instructors who were brave enough to try.

The venue also boasted an inflatable water fun park, which was simply too good to resist! The result was two sessions at the park during the week for each group of cadets, knee boarding followed later in the week by a fun session on the inflatables lake. Sea cadets is all about putting young people on the water – these two sessions proved that they like being in it as much as they like being on it. Great fun, and not possible without this grant.



SUMMER CAMP 2018

### Sports Kit

2012 saw us obtain funds to buy much needed sports kit for our cadets, to wear when representing London Area at various national SCC competitions, such as our national regattas, national five-side football and the National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships. In just five years of use, the original 80 complete sets of kit (shirt, shorts, socks plus tracksuit) were reduced to just 55 useable sets, through damage, wear and tear and loss. £1,500 enabled us to replenish our stock of useable kit, so that every cadet at every competition is able to proudly wear our colours.



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### Awards Celebration Dinner

The Sea Cadet Corps nationally has over 20 national awards, given to individual cadets, adults and units, decided by a panel of judges at MSSC HQ and announced each year in December. London Area has, traditionally, done fairly well each year and, to celebrate our award winners every year, we invite them and their guests to dinner in the wardroom at HMS President, where the details of their various awards are read out and celebrated by all present. Of course, the dinner is free of charge to those invited, and £1,500 from the Management Consultants ensured we could afford to continue this tradition in 2018 for our 2017 winners.



AWARDS DINNER 2018

### Laptops and Ancillaries

Although we have traditionally asked our volunteers to use their own equipment when delivering training, data protection has always been a problem requiring management – the likelihood that volunteers' personal laptops and 'phones might contain lists of cadet names and details, photographs and other sensitive data has always been a risk that has required managing. To reduce the risk, particularly in the light of recent GDPR regulation, we've considered providing a bank of IT equipment at our volunteers which would be stored at our training centres and issued for use, returned after use and "sanitised" prior to further use. Thanks to £1,500 from the Management Consultants, we've managed to make a start on this project, with a small supply of laptops now held at our Crowborough training centre.



The continued generous sponsorship of the Worshipful Company ensures that cadets and adults from in and around London continue to enjoy a range of opportunities, experiences and training that might otherwise be beyond our means to provide, using kit and equipment that is modern, new and fit for purpose. On behalf of all of the cadets and young adults who have benefitted over the last 12 months, thank you once again to the Worshipful Company of Management Consultants for your continued support.