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## The Trust's TeamWilder are committed to immersing the children of Alderney in the marine environment!

## Students of St Anne's Will Experience an Around the World Racing Yacht This Wildlife Week!

**For this year's Wildlife Week, the Alderney Wildlife Trust (AWT) are not only celebrating our 20th Anniversary and all we have achieved over the past few decades, but are also looking towards the island's future! It is our aim to *champion, study and protect* Alderney's wildlife and an key aspect of this is educating those who will one day inherit it on the importance and beauty of the surrounding environment.**

Working with the Tall Ships Youth Trust the AWT were thrilled to be able to offer the students of St. Anne's School the opportunity to experience the sea on a Challenger 70 round the world racing yacht. This was made possible with the support of the Sue Rouse Charitable Trust, Charles and Badger Asprey and the Youth Commission for Guernsey and Alderney.

This Wildlife Week, on Thursday the 5th of May, twenty students will hop on board Challenger 2, a yacht which has raced around the world twice while going the 'wrong way' (against the winds and current). During their time onboard, the students will be taken around the coast of our incredible island and become actively involved in the sailing of the yacht, including hoisting the sails and helming!

This yacht was originally commissioned to bring a number of previous AWT staff members back to Alderney in a carbon-neutral fashion to help celebrate our 20th Anniversary. Here, our TeamWilder saw an opportunity to follow through with the pledge to ensure every child on Alderney is given the chance to become immersed in the marine environment. The AWT's TeamWilder are committed to helping social change which will benefit the natural world occur. To do so, one in four people need to stand up for nature and what better way to encourage this revolution by showing the younger generation directly what we are protecting.