

Friends of Tectona and Olga

Tectona Trust Ltd & Sailing Tectona CIC

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Welcome to a Bold New Venture!

Welcome.

The purpose of this Brochure is to introduce you to a new group called the **Friends of Tectona and Olga (FOTO)**.

Both 'Tectona' and 'Olga' are traditional ships, placed on the *National Register of Historic Vessels*.

The **Friends of Tectona and Olga** is aimed at persons interested in the work of the two ships, both of which are based in the port of Plymouth.

As a **Friend of Tectona and Olga** you would be supporting the continuing work of these two historic ships.

The work includes providing new opportunities to people of all ages, some who have had to meet serious challenges in life.



'Tectona' and 'Olga', in company.

Your support would give such people the opportunity to go to sea and experience life under sail, an experience which encourages teamwork, individual responsibility and self-confidence.

Friends of Tectona and Olga will be given regular updates on the activities of both ships, an insight into how the ships are maintained and an

opportunity to link up with other 'Friends'.

It is hoped that **Friends of Tectona and Olga** will become fully involved in supporting the activities and work of the two ships from 'fundraising' to 'on board' maintenance.

It would be great to have you on board.

Paul Wright

Chairman Tectona Trust

'providing new opportunities to people of all ages'

Did You Know?

Allan Villiers, writer and 'tall ship sailor' wrote a piece in 1961 for the 'National Geographic' on a passage he made on 'Tectona' titled 'Cowes to Cornwall - A Cruise Down the English Channel'

'Tectona' with Phoenix Futures undertook a 3 month, 1,500 mile 'Round Britain Voyage of Recovery' in 2012, to show that recovery is possible. 87 persons in treatment for addiction were involved.

In 2019 the Tectona Trust supported eight Recovery voyages engaging with the Gwenneli Trust, the Kairos Community Trust, Phoenix Futures, the Jatis Recovery Project, Hamoaze Recovery Centre and Shekinah.

TECTONA TRUST LTD

**‘to help people
in Recovery’**

The Tectona Trust Ltd

Using the ‘Tectona’ as a traditional ship to help people in Recovery from mental health and addiction problems was the vision of Dr Roger Crabtree.

In 2009 he founded the Tectona Trust a charity to help raise money to support the operation. First members of the charity included Captain Tim Charlesworth and Christopher Rowsell who

had sailed on the ship as Merchant Navy cadets. Today eight trustees and two advisors with wide experience guide the development of the Trust.

Initially the ‘Tectona’ was chartered to the Island Trust with an agreement for limited use by the Tectona Trust for its work with Recovery clients.

In 2018 it was decided to bring the operation of the ‘Tectona’ in house. Sailing

Tectona was founded to operate and manage the day to day activities of ‘Tectona’.

Sadly at the end of 2018 Dr Roger Crabtree ‘crossed the bar’. The Tectona Trust decided to continue the work he had started.

In 2019 the ‘Tectona’ was generously bequeathed to the Tectona Trust, which is now its registered owner.



**‘Your Voyage
Your Journey’**

Sailing Tectona CIC

Sailing Tectona is a Community Interest Company. Like the Tectona Trust it has its own board of Directors. They are involved in the day to day management and operation of the ‘Tectona’ and other ships in their charge.

The ‘Tectona’ was bareboat chartered to Sailing Tectona in 2019. As in the previous arrangement ‘Tectona’ is

used to undertake up to eight recovery voyages during a sailing season. Other voyages concern sail training activities.

In early 2019 Sailing Tectona was approached by Swansea Maritime Museum to operate the Bristol Channel Sailing Cutter ‘Olga’. Having ‘Olga’ in the fleet allows greater flexibility and a wider setting to the sailing activities. For part of the

year ‘Olga’ is contracted to Mount Kelly School, Tavistock as the ‘school boat’ – fitting for a school founded on naval tradition.

The directors of Sailing Tectona are young, enthusiastic and proficient. They participate not only in sailing the ships but also in their maintenance. Sailing Tectona supports the aims of the Tectona Trust and the aspirations of TORC members.

TORC

Tectona Ocean Recovery Club

**‘providing follow
on activities’**

TORC

TORC is an anagram of the Tectona Ocean Recovery Club.

It was recognised in 2017 that whilst sail training is of high value to persons, ‘follow on’ activities should be provided for those who have experienced a voyage. This would help continue Recovery and further develop their interest and

skills relating to traditional ships. During the 2019/20 refit members of TORC helped create an entirely new mizzen mast for ‘Tectona’ from a 15 metre baulk of Douglas Fir.

TORC meets regularly at shore and ‘on-board’ locations. Despite the COVID pandemic when physical meeting

have not been possible members have kept in touch through activities using e-technology.

The skills of TORC members are also used to help raise the £120,000 required each year to finance the ‘Tectona’. In 2019 a successful bid through the Peoples Project raised £50,000.

Brief History of T S 'Tectona'

TECTONA is a gaff ketch of solid teak construction with a Volvo Penta diesel engine. She can carry 2,000 square foot of canvass. She was built, with the help of elephants at the Calicut Shipyard in India in 1928, as a private yacht.

During the Second World War the 'Tectona' was involved in Admiralty work. In 1958 the 'Tectona' was recommissioned by

Captain Tom Blackwell during which time it was chartered by Alan Villiers.

Between 1964 and 1980, the 'Tectona' was owned by the 'Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of Plymouth'. During this period she served as the training ship of the Plymouth School of Navigation.

In 1980 she was sold to a French owner, and later to a Swiss Charity for sail

training based in Barcelona.

In 2007 'Tectona' was purchased by Dr Roger Crabtree and sailed back to Plymouth to be used for to help persons in Recovery and for sail training and. The 'Tectona' was operated by the Island Trust until 2018. Today she is owned by the Tectona Trust and chartered to Sailing Tectona CIC.



TECTONA

Built 1928
Calicut India
L 85' B 18.5' D 10.9'
Tonnage 35 Gross
Guest berths 12

Brief History of 'Olga'

OLGA was built by John Bowden of Porthleven, Cornwall, in 1909, and served as a pilot cutter out of Barry until 1917. She was equipped with Appledore roller reefing gear which enabled the crew of two to reduce sail quickly and easily.

Her first owner was Henry Edmunds, of Newport, who named her after his daughter, Olga Lilly Edmunds. Henry Edmunds was a double-

licence pilot for Barry and Newport, and the boat was numbered 23. In 1917 OLGA was sold to a Swansea owner and registered as a fishing vessel for a year in 1918. She was then sold to become a private yacht, remaining so under a variety of owners until 1984. She was owned by Lt Col Patrick Phibbs, of the Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth between 1947 and 1975.

In 1984 OLGA was purchased by Swansea City Council for display at the Swansea Maritime Museum.

As of July 2019, OLGA is under an innovative five-year partnership agreement that sees the historic vessel loaned to Sailing Tectona CIC.

Olga is listed on the UK's National Historic Fleet.

Ref: *National Historic Fleet 'Olga'*
www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk



OLGA

Built 1909
Porthleven
L 56' B 13.6' D 8.6'
Tonnage 35 Gross
Guest berths 8

The 'Tectona' Mission

'To help people of all ages to develop and become mature and responsible individuals through experience of sail training activities in traditional sailing craft, including maintaining and conserving the craft. Such people to include the socially disadvantaged and those suffering from mental health and addiction problems.'

Our Purpose

'To help people through ... sail training.'

How You Can Help.

Please join us! Friends of Tectona and Olga has been established as a support and membership organization. There are three grades of membership*

Ocean membership for all who have a connection and interest in the two ships.

Life Membership for those wishing to maintain a lifelong interest in the project.

Corporate membership for companies supporting Tectona Trust & Sailing Tectona.



Enjoying the excitement of sailing on the 'Tectona'

As a Friend of Tectona and Olga you will:

- be supporting the Tectona Trust which through Sailing Tectona operates and maintains two historic ships.
- help provide sea-training opportunities for young people. Of 600,000 children born in the UK each year only 10,000 receive such an opportunity.
- give support to individuals who have had serious challenges in their lives, such as addiction and mental health problems helping them re-integrate with society through the comradeship associated with sailing traditional ships.
- receive regular updates about the activities of the 'Tectona' and 'Olga'.
- be able to meet other likeminded FOTO members, share seagoing and related experiences and provide ideas regarding the work of the 'Tectona' and 'Olga'
- have opportunities for day sails with other FOTO members at reasonable cost on board either 'Tectona' or 'Olga'.
- Have access to all social media posts and videos about 'Tectona' and 'Olga'.

*You can join as a Friend by completing the form inserted, or found on the Friends of Tectona page on the *Tectona Trust web site*. Ocean membership is available at £60 per annum, Life membership from a one-off donation of £500. Bespoke corporate membership is available from only £500. Donations can be paid through *JustGiving* or by *Bank transfer* to the *Tectona Trust Ltd*.

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