



YWAM NEXT WAVE

Re-Registry and Re-Fit

The Next Wave is still in Liverpool and for the past few months the crew has been working to re-register the ship as a commercial vessel under the Maltese flag. Once the extensive list of work is complete and the registration finalized we will be able to sail from Liverpool to Falmouth. Our planned departure date is September 2nd.

Once in Falmouth we will be rigging our long awaited new sails! It has been years of fundraising and praying for these sails; we are so thankful for God's provision. There have been countless donations from so many supporters that have made this purchase possible. We will be in Falmouth for a little over a week and along with the excitement of the new sails we will be starting DTS 2013-14!



Max and Seth begin the dismantling process



Tim and Lasse use the rigging to lift a large bit of Generator

The original plan for Next Wave's summer did not include an extended season of maintenance and paper work while staying in Canning Dock, Liverpool. However, it has turned into a blessing in disguise.



The Aftermath

As it happens we needed to replace both of our generators onboard-much needed and used pieces of equipment! The process for replacing generators is not a quick one. Not only does the ordering and delivery of the new ones take weeks, but dismantling the old ones is no easy task. However our location in Liverpool is very accommodating and we have great relationships ashore. This has made our task easier than had we been in a more remote location in the Mediterranean.

Becoming Maltese



Changing the registration of a ship is not quite as simple as painting a new name on the stern, although that has happened too. Every country of registration can have slightly different rules about things, so we have been trying to adjust and adhere to those rules. This can include simple things such as putting a new sign on a door, to more complicated issues such as putting new doors places with special alarms, installing new Sewage Treatment Plant and adjusting the electrical of the ship.

1st mate ,Thomas Ward making holes in the ship



It has been a lot of hard physical work and the crew have jumped into the challenge with great attitudes. We are also so thankful for the friends ashore who have shown their support to come help us out. We have had a team led by Captain Jeremy McWilliams come and put in some elbow grease as well as numerous short term volunteers. We have also been blessed by members of the local community who have given of their free time to help with some of the jobs on board.



Getting ready for our new home port

Since arriving in Liverpool last November there has been no lack of ministry opportunities and no end of surprise blessings from our friends here. As a crew we celebrate all that God has done with us in Liverpool and look forward to all He will do in Malta



Crew looking at the charts for Malta and Valetta harbour

In the midst of this, the staff for this year's DTS are busy preparing for the arrival of our trainees on September 6th. Arranging speakers to come to the different ports we are sailing to, competent crew courses, weekly schedules, training for new staff and deep cleaning well used cabins is all part of the preparations. There is still space open in the school and if you know anyone interested you can contact us directly at bluewaterdts@marinereach.com

Meet Tim



Tim Wheeler joined Next Wave in 2007 as one of the pioneering crew members. He stayed with Next Wave for about a year before pursuing other things along with his wife, Heike. Through the years Tim has gone back and forth from Next Wave, often helping with much needed technical maintenance projects.

One of the most extensive projects involved with re-registering as a commercial vessel has been the installation of our new Sewage Treatment Plant. This has involved nearly reconstructing one of the toilet rooms on board in order to install the new treatment plant as seen with Tim in the photo to the left. Tim has had the skill and know how needed to take on the project. We are grateful to have him here.

The Details

From Malta the DTS will leave on outreach and the crew will be sailing in the general direction of Cyprus. To see a more detailed version of the sailing schedule please visit our website www.ywamnextwave.org



In March we are very excited to have our very first Discipleship Bible School run on board Next Wave. Our friends at YWAM The King's Lodge will be running the school and if you would like more information please visit the King's Lodge website at www.thekingslodge.com

Pray

We ask for continued prayer for support for the following:

- Increase in crew numbers.
- Good weather for DTS sailing
- More trainees for the DTS and DBS
- Continued good relationships with the Maltese government.
- Replacement skipper for after Discipleship Bible School in August 2014

We leave Liverpool on the 2nd of September for Falmouth. There we will rig our new sails and begin the DTS. This marks the beginning of a long and much anticipated sailing season. From September to December we will be visiting France, Spain, Portugal Italy and Malta. We will spend Christmas in our new home port of Valetta, Malta.



Marta looking after the petty cash onboard

During this season of unexpected and very large expenses we have again seen God's provision in huge ways. We have already raised the 60,000GBP needed to pay for our new sails and the Sewage Treatment Plant. It is a huge relief to have these things paid for. However, with replacing the generators and the many added costs of re-registration we are still in need of continued funding.

Our costs for the re-fit are running the range of 30,000GBP. This can seem like a huge number to contribute to and make a difference. However, every little bit counts. Our engineers are often needing to order supplies that in and of themselves are not a huge cost. If you are interested in donating and helping Next Wave continue it's ministry as it travels through the Mediterranean please visit our website www.ywamnextwave.org. Click on the "support" tab and it will take you to the donation information.

This is also where you will find information about short term and long term crew opportunities. We are always taking applications We are very grateful for your continued support.

NEXT WAVE

