

How you can help

The Boleh Trust is grateful for the assistance already given and welcomes further contributions to the Trust.



£15,000

Will restore Boleh's teak deck



£200

Covers one coat of paint to Boleh's hull

Donations to the Boleh Trust usually attract Gift Aid. Please download the Gift Aid form from www.bolehproject.com and send with your donation to the address below.

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"Helping young people now and in the future"

The Boleh Trust

- Enables young people and apprentices to gain practical experience in conservation and shipwright skills
- Allows young people to discover the best in themselves through skills training and sail training
- Is currently restoring the historic junk-yacht Boleh in Portsmouth workshops for use as a sail training vessel





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Boleh means 'can do' in Malay - and it's this attitude that drives the work of the Boleh Trust helping young people through an ambitious two-phase project:

- *restoring* the unique historic junk-yacht Boleh
- providing the restored Boleh for *sail training*



Restoration and conservation

Under the tutorship of shipwright Richard Uttley, local apprentices have painstakingly stripped Boleh down to her frames and are now rebuilding her.

By taking part in Boleh's restoration young people have access to the conservation skills needed to preserve Britain's maritime heritage.

Sail Training

When completed, the restoration will see Boleh return to her role as a sail training vessel. If funds allow, we hope to have her fully operational in 2012.

The Trust will offer the experience of traditional sailing to young people. This is a proven way of changing attitudes and improving young lives - it develops teamwork, physical effort and personal commitment.



History

Boleh was designed and built in Singapore of Malayan hardwoods by Royal Navy war hero Robin Kilroy. He sailed her 12,500 miles to England in 1950, where she was later used for sail training.

Robin's design was inspired by the dhows and junks of the East and incorporated several innovative features, including an unstayed quadraped mast and an early version of inboard/outboard propulsion.

Having already undergone one restoration by her new owner, Roger Angel, in the 1970s, Boleh is now embarking on her third life. Her unique design, traditional rig, and spacious accommodation make her perfectly suited to the work of the Trust.



Apprentice case study

Jason has worked as an apprentice on Boleh from the beginning of the project. He's currently in his final year of the City & Guilds technical certificate 2451 level 3.

Jason already has his key skills completed, thanks to his work with Boleh Trust shipwright Richard Uttley.



"Restoring Boleh has given me hands-on experience of traditional shipwright skills I couldn't have got any other way. I can't wait to see her afloat."