



FRIDTJOF NANSEN FAQs

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Why do you need a second ship?

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We can't meet the demand for our voyages with Pelican alone, so, in 2021, we decided that we needed a second ship. Since 2021/22 we could have sailed the winter voyage with two ships, and our growing reputation in the UK and Ireland means that we can fill a second ship in the Spring and Summer. The Fridtjof Nansen will take up to 40 young people plus professional crew on our 7, 10 and 14-day voyages in the Spring and Summer, and up to 45 on the 6-month winter voyage with our partner Ocean College.



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What are the benefits of your work with young people?

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We take between 500 and 600 young people on Pelican every year, and having the second ship will more than double this number. All the feedback we receive from the young people who sail with us confirms that sail training is a life-forming experience, which often leads youngsters to further education and a career pathway that they may not have previously considered.

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Why did you buy
Fridtjof Nansen?

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The tall ship Fridtjof Nansen has been used for youth development and sail training like Pelican, but for much longer, over 30 years. The previous owners were keen to see it owned in the future by a not-for-profit youth development provider, and because of this the purchase cost to Seas Your Future was significantly discounted.

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Why is it costing over
£1.5Million?

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The Fridtjof Nansen hull was built in 1919 and so it is over 100 years old, but more significantly it was converted into a youth development tall ship in 1992, so after 31 years it needs a substantial redesign to bring it up to today's expected standards. So we are taking this opportunity to identify every piece of repair and improvement work that, once completed, will effectively give us a purpose-built vessel – and a significant investment asset owned by the charity – to operate for at least the next 20 years with minimal annual maintenance.



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Where has the first £803K come from?

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It has come mainly from grants, foundations, donations and social investment.

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Where do you see the rest coming from?

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It will be a mix of further foundation grants, philanthropic donations large and small, and some sponsorship from commercial organisations whose values align with our own.

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When will the ship be ready to sail?

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This depends largely on how quickly we raise the remaining funding. If we raise it quickly the ship could be ready to sail towards the end of 2023. But realistically we are planning for it to be available in the Spring of 2024.



How can I help?



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You can help in any of the following ways:

- Make a one-off personal donation, and under Gift Aid enable us to reclaim an extra 25%.
- Make a regular monthly, quarterly or annual donation.
- Introduce us to other potential personal donors.
- Introduce us to potential commercial sponsors.
- Introduce us to trusts and foundations who may wish to support our work.
- Consider leaving a bequest to Seas Your Future in your will.