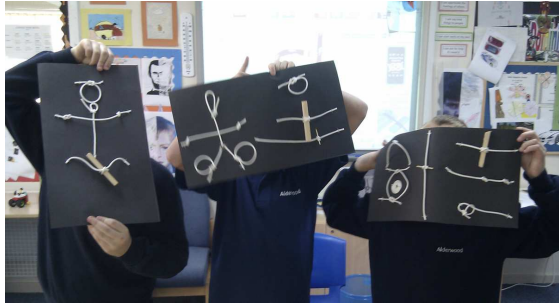


If Sailing is Called Off

The Woolverstone Project works all year round with a small group of pupils from a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) in Ipswich. During the run up to Christmas, sailing at Alton Water was made impossible by the sub-zero temperatures.



Something had to be done. On one occasion the group was visited at their school by a sailing instructor and, following experience from their sailing sessions, they made knot displays in the classroom.

The following week the staff at Shotley Marina, gave the youngsters a tour of the facilities. The boys watched the travel hoist lift a boat out of the water and then operated the lock gates, filling and emptying the lock.

“Sailability works despite all odds,” commented Regional Sailability Organiser, Peter Hibberd. “We kept these disadvantaged youngsters keen by showing them there’s more to sailing than just going out on the water.”

