



The Great PHB Hidden Talent Art & Photography Competition in support of the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust (EMCT) Round Britain voyage 2017

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Round Britain is a special EMCT “Return To Sail” project for 2017. One hundred young people, who have previously sailed with the Trust in recovery from cancer, are each joining a leg of this national relay challenge to celebrate achievement and potential. Every week during May to September, their 44ft voyage yacht, Moonspray, is docking at a major coastal town or city in an effort to increase national awareness of the Trust’s activities (the #tell9people campaign). Building new skills and forging long-lasting friendships, her crew are also visiting cancer treatment centres where they are meeting people still in recovery and discussing possibilities after treatment.

We are delighted that Jackie Fishleigh, our Library and Information Manager, volunteered to organise a Hidden Talent Art and Photography Competition at the firm in support of the Round Britain voyage. Payne Hicks Beach Partners and staff along with their families and friends, were invited to enter artwork and photographs on the theme of sailing, boats and/or the UK coastline. The standard of some entries was particularly high and the team of youngsters on board the yacht on 26 July (the Harwich to London leg) had the difficult job of judging the entries, a task which they loved doing, and took extremely seriously.

In the adult category, the winners were **James Bacon** for his wonderful watercolour of the Trust’s yacht, “Moonspray”, and **Elaine Mackie** for her beautiful landscape photo of the Scottish Sealife Centre, Barcaldine, which is not far from the Trust’s centre at Largs. In the age 8–16 artwork category, the winner was **Harry Crossley** aged 9 for his very large oil painting “The Lighthouse”, while in the Under 8 Artwork section the winner was his younger brother, 5 year old **Arthur Crossley** for his A4 coloured drawing “Deep Sea Diver”. This is very intricate with green turtles, coral reef, crab and yellow submarine. Jacques Cousteau is there too! The young judges absolutely loved it.

On Thursday 27 July, whilst Moonspray was berthed at St Katharine’s Dock as part of her 2,400 mile journey, a group of around twenty members of PHB visited the yacht at an “Open Boat” evening, where they met several of the volunteers and listened to inspiring stories about the work of the EMCT. After an unexpected downpour of torrential rain, Jackie presented a cheque to Frank Fletcher, [Chief Executive] of the Trust, and to Richard Butcher, [Chair Elect of the trustees] (and retired partner of Payne Hicks Beach). All proceeds will go to the Trust to help fund this large scale sailing trip.

Thank you to all at Payne Hicks Beach for taking part in the competition and supporting the EMCT, a chosen charity of the firm.