

TALL SHIP TENACIOUS VISITS GEELONG

Tenacious was built in the UK over a period of five years by the Jubilee Sailing Trust and her maiden voyage was on September 1st 2000. Much of the construction was done by volunteers. Tenacious is a unique vessel – catering for sailors of all abilities. She is the world's largest operating timber hulled vessel and voyaged over 18,000 nautical miles to Australia to provide day sails, charitable partnership work, corporate days – and to be the official start vessel for the 2017 Festival of Sails Passage Race.

Tenacious includes features not seen on other vessels such as six wheelchair lifts between the decks, raised deck ribs and a speaking compass for the vision impaired, and vibrating alarm pads under the bunks for the hearing impaired. You can helm her with the traditional wheel or if you have limited mobility use a joystick. There is even a system to lift a wheelchair user onto the platforms up the mast!

After participating in the Festival of Sails, Tenacious returned to Geelong to be involved

with the Hansa Asia Pacific Championships held at Royal Geelong Yacht Club over Easter.

Several RGYC Members were privileged to enjoy voyages on Tenacious and be a part of the crew, experiencing firsthand the great work that the Jubilee Sailing Trust are doing in making sailing accessible for all people. Visit the Jubilee Sailing Trust at jst.org.uk to see how you can join Tenacious for a cruise adventure.



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