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To whom it may concern

My name is Rod Pancoust. I am a teacher at King's College and I am in charge of the schools adventure centre where we run month long Adventure Challenge courses for all of our year 10 students. We have been using the New Zealand Sailing Trust as a vital part of our 9 programmes a year for the last five years. We are fortunate enough to be able to take our students on Steinlager 2 or Lion New Zealand for six days at a time.

I am writing this letter of support for the New Zealand Sailing Trust acknowledging the outstanding work that they do in assisting us in reaching the positive life changing outcomes for our students.

The goals and ethos of the trust are totally in line with the aims and objectives we have for our students at a pivotal time in their lives.

The time on the yachts enhances areas such as teamwork, not only in sailing but also in living together where cooperation, support and empathy are crucial. The very nature of the experience builds resilience and perseverance, at times in very challenging circumstances. The boys learn real life lessons whilst being on board

The iconic yachts not only offer a fabulous experience and opportunity to learn to sail, one which has been taken up afterwards by many of our students. They also give our students a link to New Zealand's incredible sailing history and very real link to Sir Peter Blake and his legendary leadership abilities. Students are able to learn and practice real life leadership lessons on a yacht with leadership history and in an environment where it really does matter, it's not just theory.

This is extended to developing more awareness of conservation, our environment and wildlife whilst using and visiting the wonders of the Hauraki Gulf.

The skippers and crew of NZST are very experienced and skilled. They present their courses in a very safe professional manner enabling all on board to get the most from the experience.

I cannot speak highly enough of the experiences and lessons the New Zealand Sailing Trust enable our students to have. It is always the highlight of our student's month long courses.

I can only hope that the trust can survive these very difficult times so that our students in the very near future can enjoy all of the experiences and life changing benefits they can offer.

I am more than happy to discuss this in further depth if required

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