Ship ahoy!

IF you have visited the Hobart waterfront, you have probably spotted the Windeward Bound. The 33-metre brigantine has quite a presence when docked at Elizabeth St Pier. Have you ever wondered about its history, and just how old this tall ship is? The truth is the Windeward Bound is not nearly as old as you might imagine. The ship was not actually launched until 1996. But the Windeward Bound is based on the design for a schooner built in Boston, and launched in 1848. Full-size line drawings of this ship were found at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC. It is also important to note that a lot of recycled materials were used to construct the Windeward Bound, so many parts of the ship are quite old and have an interesting history of their own.

For example, masts, yards, sails, anchors, anchor windlass and anchor cables from the New Endeavour became part of the Windeward Bound. But the Windeward Bound has made a big impact in the relatively short time it has been around. The Windeward Bound Trust operates the ship as a Sail Training Vessel (STV) for young people, as well as offering other learning experiences for school groups. Children’s University Tasmania members toured the ship last week, and had a great time raising and lowering sails and learning all about tall ships. Did you know, for example, that all the ropes used on a ship are called lines? Some of course have specific names. The line that runs up the mast is called the halyard.

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Energy, eels and more...

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Learn how the energy stored in a large body of water in Tasmania is transformed by Hydro Tasmania into electrical energy to power homes.

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Presenters Gina Harvey and Gina Loewen will share the story of how an aquatic scientist at Hydro Tasmania has helped short-finned eel overcome a major obstacle.

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