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If you are asking “Does the Sea Cadet unit provide value for the investment the States are proposing?”, then I would say most certainly. The Sea Cadet Corps Unit, Training Ship JERSEY (TS JERSEY), has been teaching the Naval core values of Commitment, Courage, Discipline, Respect, Integrity, and Loyalty since 1947. This was following a State’s agreement with the MOD to provide a facility for Sea / Naval Cadets and the MOD would, in return provide uniform and training support. The unit moved into Fort Regent in 1971 as a temporary facility, until 50 years later when the facility was deemed unsafe, at which point we moved to Rouge Bouillon. **I would like to highlight and make absolutely clear, this is a facility that we are very thankful for**, and with the assistance of the Fire Service (especially for parade training) we have made it fit for purpose and our home.

On average each year we deliver 250 hours of training at the unit on a Wednesday and Sunday breaking only for Christmas. In addition, we run 6 Boat work weekends, 6 Multi activity weekends and 6 staff training weekends totalling over 600 hours. Our ‘on the water targets’ for the cadets is 30 hours each minimum, safe supervised coaching (5000 on the water hours when multiplied by our numbers). Each year we also run a 5-day Easter camp and a 7-day summer camp a further 240 hours.

TS JERSEY is one of the largest units of the Sea Cadet Corps throughout the UK and British Isles, home to 165 young Jersey people aged 9-18yrs from all parts of our society. The organisation is run by volunteers delivering vocational training (marine engineering, catering, computer & information systems, physical training, pre-hospital care, meteorology and navigation). Alongside the vocational training the unit delivers adventurous training through The Royal Yachting Association, British Canoeing, Mountain leader Training Board and British Rowing, giving cadets access to recognised qualifications for the cost of a log book. Such training would otherwise cost hundreds of pounds, money which many parents simply could not afford. In addition the cadets take part in general training that includes community activities, leadership and team building, core values, peer education, health and safety and much more. Our most important characteristic is that we are a family that has provided fun, pastoral care and direction for thousands of young people over the past 74 years.

Our core aim is to give our young people the best start in adult life through our activities, training and support; however, here in Jersey we have an additional aim, which is to positively promote community service occupations and we support our young people into key careers here on the Island that require our values and a positive focus on service – Maritime Operations, Police, Fire, Ambulance, Health, Prison Service to name a few, but we can only do this if we have a facility that is fit for purpose and the continuing support of the States of Jersey.

So far in 2022, the Sea Cadets have awarded and delivered

12	B-Tec Awards in Team work & Leadership
123	Vocational qualifications
25	Cadets on the offshore (Tall ships) Program
35	Sailing Qualifications
62	SUP / Kayal Qualifications
48	Rowing Qualifications
6	Power boat qualifications
4	Career evenings
1000+	Hours of FUN!

Without a doubt, that ‘fun’ also results in the most valuable ‘outputs’ from TS JERSEY, but they are also the most difficult to quantify and can’t be demonstrated with mere statistics. Officially founded in 1947, literally generations of Sea Cadets from our Unit are now

contributing positively to society in Jersey, with terrific memories of their time with us. Adults, who were once Sea Cadets, can be found in all walks of life in our Island. A very small percentage join the Royal Navy or other Armed Services, with the vast majority of Sea Cadets choosing to stay in Jersey, giving back the care and attention they received growing up as Sea Cadets, with a real understanding of what makes for a healthy, confident community. A new generation of Sea Cadets and Royal Marines Cadets, with their new Patron (The King), is already thriving and on its way to contributing back to our Island community.

1. "Do we need a brand-new purpose-built unit" – **not necessarily this is a nice to have**
2. "Do we need a permanent home / facility that is fit for purpose that will not fall down around us in the next 10yrs" – **Absolutely / Definitely.**

I would be happy to accommodate an interview with myself and the leadership team or a visit to the current facilities to understand more about who we are and what we do.