

The Adam Goodwin Mariner/Mentor Scholarship

The Adam Goodwin Mariner/Mentor Scholarship was created in 2010 in memory of the late Adam Goodwin (1988-2010), a qualified Deck Officer aboard STV SPIRIT OF BERMUDA, a registered Bermuda Flag vessel.

So exemplary was Adam's character, competence, focus and industry that the Bermuda Sloop Foundation wish to build these qualities into their programmes and culture. Therefore, in conjunction with the Goodwin family and the generosity of many companies and individuals, the Foundation has created an active memorial to Adam in the form of the 'Adam Goodwin Mariner/Mentor Scholarship'.

- (i) The Scholarship will be offered annually and awarded on the clear emergence of an individual or individuals who can clearly demonstrate a love for the sea, a desire to give back to their community and an educational and development plan to achieve the synergy of the two. The Trustees are not bound to award the scholarship.
- (ii) The scholarship funds may be used for tuition, living expenses, travel expense in conjunction with accumulating sea time, and can be applied towards any aspect of the marine industry-seamanship, boatbuilding, engineering, technology or anything in between.
- (iii) The maximum amount of scholarship(s) is BMD\$5,000.00 per year. While the scholarship trustees would prefer the applicant to obtain a specific qualification, the award may go to someone seeking financial assistance to gain invaluable experience in the field, if that person plans to use the experience to enhance his/her professional maritime career.
- (iv) The applicant must be a Bermudian.
- (v) Please provide written references that demonstrate your personal qualities that make you a candidate for this scholarship.
- (vi) Please provide copies of certificates, transcripts, written references, proof of Bermudian citizenship and medical certificate.
- (vii) Passport size photograph

Completed application forms are to be submitted to the Attention of the Adam Goodwin Scholarship Committee by either post, hand, or email as follows:

Post: Bermuda Sloop Foundation
Box 1151
48 Par-la-Ville Road
Hamilton HM 11
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By Hand: Bermuda Sloop Foundation
'Victoria Place'
31 Victoria Street
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Email: info@bermudasloop.org



Personal Information

Last Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

First Name: _____ Middle Name(s): _____

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY): _____ Age: _____ Gender: M F

If under 18 years of age, Parent / Guardian Name(s) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Personal Mobile: _____

Country of Residence: _____

School/Employer: _____

Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Work Mobile: _____

Primary Email: _____

Alternate Email: _____

Spirit Relationship: Please give a summary of your history with STV SPIRIT OF BERMUDA



Current Education/ Experience

What is your current educational status: (e.g. in high school, recently graduated, GED, college etc.)

List Schools attended satisfactorily and dates of completion:

What current qualifications, if any, do you have and where did you obtain them?

How did you use your time during the last two summers?

Personal Attributes

Cite life experiences that demonstrate your personal qualities that would qualify you for the scholarship?

Personal Goals

What aspects of the marine industry interest you?

If different, what aspects are you interested in pursuing as a career?

Where do you see yourself in 5 years in terms of your career?

Do you have any experience in the marine field outside of your experience on *Spirit*?

When and what School, Institution, or Organization do you plan to attend?

Why have you chosen this school/ programme?

Please give a brief description of the course you are planning to pursue, qualifications you are planning to obtain, or the experience you are planning to gain:

If you were awarded the scholarship, cite how you would you use the money for/ towards (e.g. tuition, living expenses, travel for qualifying sea time)?



Adam was a professional mariner. He started his interest in the marine industry by fishing off the rocks, a hobby which quickly turned into off-shore fishing here in Bermuda. He later decided to spend his last year of high school on the *S/V Concordia*, where he not only took classes, but learned about sailing, seamanship and the world. The ship traveled both the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, while the students attended classes.

After completing this programme, Adam was sure that he wanted a career at sea. He applied to several maritime colleges around the world. While awaiting acceptance, Adam learned about the *Spirit of Bermuda*, which was still under construction at the time. He willingly volunteered his time to help, and flew up to Maine for the launch of the *Spirit* in August 2006. He stayed on to assist with sea trials, final rigging, and preparation for the maiden voyage to Bermuda. During this time Adam proved himself as an extremely hard and dedicated worker, who had a natural talent for the tasks at hand. Adam was an important part of the maiden voyage, during which his quiet leadership first started to shine.

Once *Spirit* had arrived safely in Bermuda, Adam was asked to remain on as crew, filling the position of Bosun's Mate. During those very early days of *Spirit*, there wasn't much money available, but Adam still gladly took the position. Soon after, he received his acceptance to the Australian Maritime College, his first choice. He was due to start classes in January 2007; as a result, he had approximately 3 months left in Bermuda, time which he spent as Bosun's Mate/Watch Leader on *Spirit*. During these months Adam set the bar for future Bosun's Mates and Watch Leaders.

Although Adam did have a fair amount of experience behind him for someone his age, he never stopped asking questions, and learning new things for himself; he continued growing his knowledge of shipboard life and sail training. While his natural skills as a mariner were impressive, his true greatness was shown in his ability to share those skills with others. Adam was not a loud or boastful person; he was quiet and humble.

As a Watch Leader, he did an amazing job at leading as well as giving his crew enough space to figure out things on their own. He had a way of getting through to almost everyone and he never gave a person a job that they couldn't handle, or one that didn't challenge the individual sufficiently. He had a natural ability for knowing how far to push someone, and exactly when to step in and help. This style of guiding his fellow crew members gained him an enormous amount of respect from both the student crew and *Spirit's* Officers.

Adam then attended Australian Maritime College in Tasmania. His 3-year course entailed both classroom time and sea time: for instance, he would spend three months in the classroom and then nine months at sea. Although he spent time on a few different container ships in different parts of the world, he found Bermuda Container Line's *MV Oleander* to be his favorite because he said he learned the most there. Adam sometimes had logged all of his necessary sea hours before he needed to return back to school, and, on a few occasions during this "time off," he would return to *Spirit* to be a Watch Leader, or assist on a charter.

Adam worked extremely hard while he was at AMC. He was there from the ages of 19 to 22 and was one of the youngest students. Adam graduated from AMC at the age of 22 with an Advanced Diploma of Applied Science (Nautical Science), obtaining his Unlimited Watchkeepers Certificate of Proficiency, as well as numerous STCW certificates; he planned to eventually work towards an Unlimited Masters license.

Adam had made such an impact at AMC that when hearing of his untimely death in 2010, several professors felt compelled to contact the family. One of those instructors said, "Adam had come from one of the smallest dots on the globe - most of my students hadn't even heard of Bermuda - but that dot had produced one of the most exceptional students that I have ever taught." After graduating from AMC, Adam could have taken a position with almost any cruise line or container ship. In fact Malcolm Kirkland of the Bermuda Sloop Foundation said, "Adam could have been the captain of the Queen Elizabeth II if he had wanted to." But Adam chose to return to *Spirit of Bermuda* and take the position of First Officer. He was given the position of Second Officer for his first week on board while he learned about a few changes that had been made to the programme since he had last been on board. Unfortunately, he lived only long enough to complete one week at this position, as he died in a motorcycle accident the weekend following.

Adam had both an amazing love for the sea, and an incredible natural talent for sailing and shipboard life. He was an extremely hard worker, who never stopped trying to challenge himself. Beyond the talented individual was a humble leader who loved to share, help, and encourage others. He always gave his all and asked very little in return. He was an ambassador for Bermuda: he loved to travel but never forgot his home. In his very short life, he accomplished a great deal and touched many people. He loved the *Spirit of Bermuda* and thought the Bermuda Sloop Foundation's mission was important. This scholarship is his legacy to young Bermudians who wish to go to sea.

