



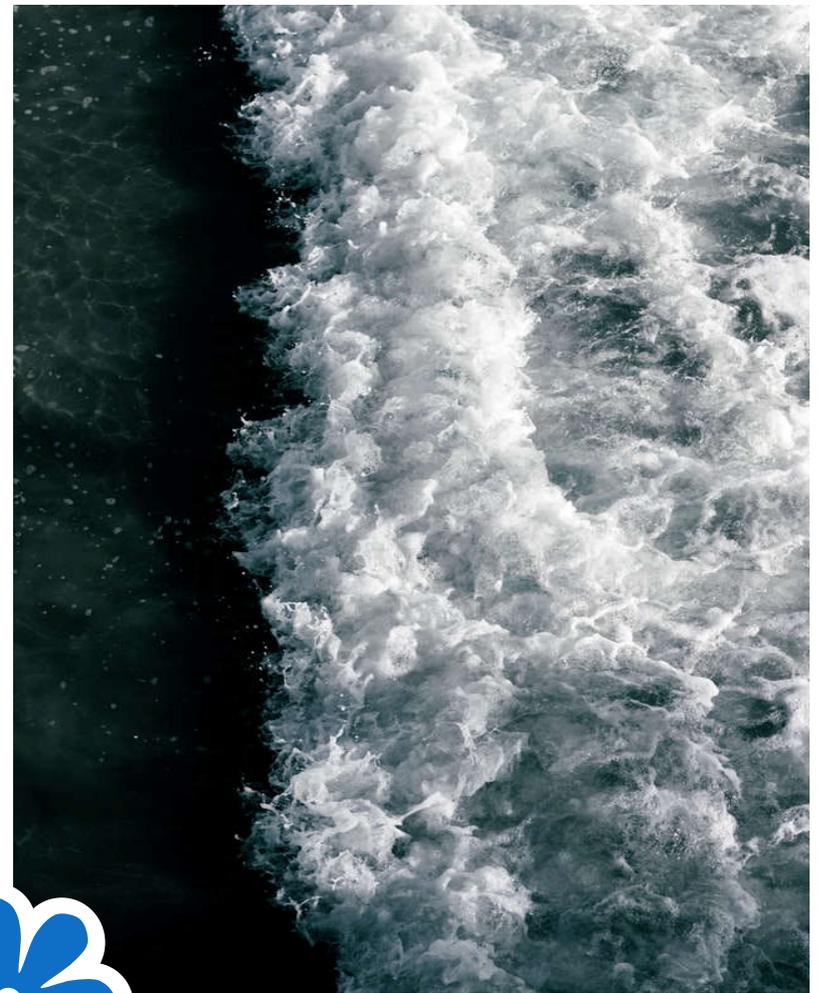
**Taymara boat trips for children with chronic illness**

## Help! I've never been on a boat before

Okay, so you've been offered a trip on one of our boats because you've been ill for a time. You're understandably a bit fed up with that and your medical treatment. We know this. That's why we want to give you a whole new experience which teaches you a bit and is exciting without being unsafe. Above all it is FUN!

You will be taken onboard by crew members who will put you at your ease and show you what to do so as to keep safe on the boat. You will also be fitted with a lifejacket, which is quite normal for children at sea.

We then leave harbour – you will be asked to sit down for this - and the boat goes to areas where you can see sights of interest such as seabirds, castles, ships, bridges, the Port of Dundee and hopefully dolphins. The crew will tell you interesting facts about the river and what is in and around it. You will get a chance to tour the boat, have a go at steering it and viewing all the navigation aids.



*"I must go down to the sea again"*

*—John Masefield*



## Cool! I'm beginning to enjoy myself

Feel the spray and – hopefully - the sun on your face as you experience a whole new world of travelling on the water.

Any worries you might have had quickly disappear as the Firth of Tay reveals itself in all its splendour.



## The coast of Dundee, Angus and Fife

The boat usually sets sail for the Horseshoe Buoy (see top right), which is about one mile from Broughty Ferry. On the way you can see the castle to your left, and the forest of Tentsmuir is a dark green stripe to your right. Broughty Ferry beach gives way to the sandhills of Buddon Ness with its two lighthouses, whilst Tentsmuir Point subsides into the shallow Abertay Sands where seals bask at low tide and a wealth of seabirds such as cormorants gather.

You will usually see Bottlenose Dolphins when the boat approaches the buoy, although this is not guaranteed as we haven't got them fully trained yet! You will probably see a seal and numerous birds such as Eider Duck.

You return to harbour happy, refreshed and exhilarated.

