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Chance to sail the Medway in a tallship

A HUGE square-rigged tallship under full sail is a thrilling sight but even more exciting is actually being on the ship and maybe helping to set the sails.

Chances for the public to sail on these glorious vessels are limited but the Dutch tallship Artemis will be in the UK in September and a Medway Messenger reader could win a trip around the Medway estuary.

Artemis was launched in 1926 in Norway and was one of the country's most successful whalers. She was turned into a cargo ship in the 1950s but her relatively small size meant commercial operation was uneconomic so she was converted back to an imposing three-masted sailing barque. The competition to win a trip on Artemis is part of the Medway Messenger's Making the Most of the Medway campaign, in conjunction with European Maritime Events.

■ Don't miss the competition in Friday's Medway Messenger.

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Firms rally round to help Louise

A RALLY driver has raised more than £2,000 in sponsorship from businesses on Medway City Estate.

Louise Cook is the only female driver in this season's British Rally Championship having left her part-time administrative jobs with the National Health Service and Kent County Council to tackle her racing career.

The 23-year-old has been continuing to seek sponsors on the estate in order to continue her campaign in the championship.

She needs about £25,000 in sponsorship for a whole season.

In her last race, on the Isle of Man, she finished fourth overall but had been in third place on the first day before her Fiesta's driveshaft sheered half a mile from the finish.

The race had been particularly emotional as it was held on the second anniversary of her father's death.

She said: "I was heartbroken; I never imagined I would have been spraying champagne at such a demanding event and on my first visit there. It was such a meaningful day too, I was gutted, but I wiped the tears and took a deep breath to remember what I was there for, to learn."

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After the event Louise, who lives in Maidstone, began looking for sponsorship on the Strood estate, raising just over £2,300, including £1,000 from Medway Metals, in about a week and a half.

She was also planning to spend another week travelling round the estate asking for £50 sponsorship in return for a spot on her website, a logo on her car and to be entered into a free prize draw to win prime spots on the car.

■ Find out more about Louise at www.cutecookie.co.uk



Rally driver Louise Cook, right, and friend Laura try to drum up sponsorship

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Chance to show off your artwork at the Dockyard

ARTISTS and photographers are being given the chance to exhibit their work in the new No 1 Smithery Gallery at Chatham's Historic Dockyard.

People who live, work or study in Kent can enter the Art In The Dockyard competition, which aims to find inspirational artists to capture the spirit and extraordinary character of the Dockyard.

To enter, artists need to register by August 21, and submit their work by January 10, 2011.

Those selected will go on display to the public from February 14 to March 31, 2011.

An independent panel of judges will be awarding prizes in seven categories and presenting the overall Artist of The Dockyard 2011 title and prize.

Registration costs £15, which will provide the artist with unlimited access to the Dockyard for three months so they can gather research and ideas.

■ Visit www.thedockyard.co.uk or call 01634 823843. Entrants must be over the age of 18.

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