

# The Tall Ships Races 2018 Stavanger

Organised by the City of Stavanger and Port of Stavanger



- Fourth time host port: 1997, 2004 and 2011
- 2011: Approx. 450,000 visitors











## Stavanger, Norway

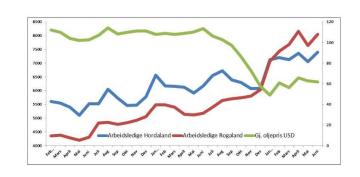
- Coastal city founded in year 1125
- Fourth largest city / third largest city region
- 132,000 inhabitants (region: 330,000)
- 21 % non-Norwegian, 181 nationalities
- Industries: oil & gas, services, agriculture
  & food culture, trade, shipping, tourism
- European Capital of Culture in 2008







### Regional economic slowdown



#### Since 2012:

- Lower business activity due to drop in oil and gas prices
- 50,000 jobs lost
- Worst hit industries:
  - Oil and gas
  - Supplies
  - Maritime
  - Hotels and hospitality
  - Media (parallel crisis)
  - Municipalities
- How to meet our project targets?

27.000 jobber har forsvunnet fra oljebransjen på to år

BP latest to slash oil jobs in Norway

«Blodet renner i gatene i Stavanger nå»

Norway oil sector braces for 40,000 job cuts amid downturn



# Basis for our project

- Motto: Fair Winds to New Horizons
- «Create a meeting point for different cultures projecting and communicating our coastal and maritime heritage to new generations»
- Create a positive event for the regional population
- Strengthen Stavanger's reputation
- Part of our regional strategy for events and international relations





### Trainees at the heart of our communication

#### Core message:

The Tall Ships Races aim to help develop and educate young people aged 15-25 years through sail training, regardless of nationality, culture, religion, gender or social background.

#### Our message:

TSR2018 Stavanger: a two-year regional project aimed at sending young people to sea, concluding in a four-day tall ships festival.

#### Key words:

Regional, young people, two years, sail training, festival





## Our trainee history

2011: 225 trainees

2017: 50 trainees Turku-Klaipeda

2018: 145, 225 or more trainees?

Stavanger also sends trainees in intermediate years.

Cost 2018: NOK 15,000/EUR 1,500

Trainee fee: NOK 3,000/EUR 300

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## Why are trainees important to us?



- Tall Ships Races are about sail training
- Need to get new generations involved
- Allow for social engagement
- Cross-boundary connections
- Receive visiting trainees as guests
- Engaging stories to be told
- Ambassadors for sail training and Tall Ships events
- Attracting sponsors and partners
- 2017 trainees will help recruit for 2018



## Recruitment for 2017





#### Recruitment for 2017

- Target: 50 regional trainees
- Leg: Turku-Klaipeda
- Promotion channels:
  - www.tallships.no
  - Facebook
  - Stavanger City news web
  - Local newspapers (editorial)
  - Local TV channel (editorial)
  - Local municipalities
  - Direct invitations



#### Trainees in 2017

- 50 trainees sent
- Video journalist involved
- Positive feedback
- Media coverage + new images
- Municipalites in 2018
- = Success story for 2018



















#### Opening for:

- County funding
- Municipal funding
- Sponsor funding

2017: funding from7 municipalities,trainees from 13



#### Trainee communication

- Trainee profiles in all communication
- Trainees telling their race stories
  - Before
  - During
  - After
- Involve local media
- Video journalist sailing for TV production (2017)
- Use own media: web, Facebook, Snapchat









# Plans for our 2018 trainee programme



- Involve our region by inviting
  - Municipalities
  - Regional businesses
- Involve our youth
  - Wide, open recruitment
  - Special invitations
  - Tell 2017 stories
- Involve our community
  - Trainee sponsors
  - TV series in spring 2018















