



# THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2019: BERGEN FACTS AND FIGURES

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The Tall Ships Races 2019 will be the 59<sup>th</sup> edition of the world famous international race series. The races take place at various ports across the world during the summer each year.

This year, Europe's largest, free, family festival will visit north-west Europe during the summer, with a fleet of international Tall and Small Ships visiting four ports in 32 days.

The three-leg event will see vessels racing from Aalborg, Denmark to Fredrikstad, Norway. Following this the Tall Ships fleet will take part in a stunning Cruise-in-Company along the coast of Norway to Bergen, visiting waypoints in the Skagerrak and the North Sea. The event will then conclude with a nail-biting race back to Aarhus, Denmark.

The event is open to young people aged 15-25, giving them an opportunity to get involved in a competitive event whilst also gaining skills in sailing, communication and building confidence.

Ships from 20 different nations will come together, engage with unique cultures and learn more about them throughout the whole race series.

## The Event

Ports and Races	Dates
Aalborg, Denmark	Wed 3 to Sat 6 July
Race One	Sat 6 to Thurs 11 July
Fredrikstad, Norway	Thurs 11 to Sun 14 July
Cruise-In-Company	Sun 14 to Sun 21 July
Bergen, Norway	Sun 21 to Weds 24 July
Race Two	Weds 24 July to Thurs 1 August
Aarhus, Denmark	Thurs 1 to Sun 4 August

## About the Vessels

76 vessels are registered to take part in the Tall Ships Races 2019 in total.

- 69 vessels will be present in Aalborg.
- 73 vessels will be present in Fredrikstad.
- 63 vessels will be present in Bergen.
- 52 vessels will be present in Aarhus.

# Vessels present in Bergen

## Military Vessels

There are four military vessels taking part in the Tall Ships Races 2019 that will be present in Fredrikstad. These are:

- *Cisne Branco* (Brazil)
- *Cuauhtemoc* (Mexico)
- *Shabab Oman II* (Oman)
- *Urania* (The Netherlands)

## Blue Flag Vessels

There are 23 Blue Flag vessels that will be taking part in Bergen in 2019. The Blue Flag Scheme was introduced by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) to promote clean beaches and marinas.

In 2011, Sail Training International worked with the FEE to extend the scheme to include sail training vessels. For sail training vessels, the Blue Flag shows everyone that they have pledged to protect the seas they sail on.

The following vessels, taking part in the Tall Ships Races 2019, are all registered to the Blue Flag Scheme:

- *Atyla* (Vanuatu)
- *Alexander Von Humboldt II* (Germany)
- *Blue Clipper* (UK)
- *Challenge Wales* (UK)
- *Dar Mlodziezy* (Poland)
- *Eendracht* (The Netherlands)
- *Esprit* (Germany)
- *Europa* (The Netherlands)
- *Georg Stage* (Denmark) (Not Racing)
- *Grossherzogin Elisabeth* (Germany)
- *Gulden Leeuw* (The Netherlands)
- *Jolie Brise* (UK)
- *Loa* (Denmark)
- *Lord Nelson* (UK)
- *Maybe* (UK)

- *Morgenster* (Netherlands)
- *Morning Star of Revelation* (UK)
- *Oosterschelde* (The Netherlands)
- *Pogoria* (Poland)
- *Rupel* (Belgium)
- *Sorlandet* (Norway)
- *Statsraad Lehmkuhl* (Norway)
- *Thalassa* (The Netherlands)

## Nationalities

19 different nationalities of vessel are taking part in Bergen. The following nationalities will be present in port:

Country	Number of Vessels
UK	11
Poland	11
Germany	6
The Netherlands	6
Denmark	6
Norway	6
Sweden	3
Russia	3
Austria	1
Belgium	1
Brazil	1
Estonia	1
Latvia	1
Malta	1
Mexico	1
Oman	1
Slovenia	1
Spain	1
Vanuatu	1

## Number of Vessels by Class

There are four different classes of vessels: Class A, B, C, and D. Class As and Bs are often classed as Tall Ships. Below is the overall number of vessels (by class) taking part in the races.

A	22
B	21
C	13
D	7

## Additional Information

- The length of participating vessels from end to end is over 2 km. This is over 1 ½ times the length of The Hardanger Bridge.
- Largest vessel: *Dar Młodzieży* (Poland) 108.81m.
- Smallest vessel: *Zryw* (Poland) 10.57m.

## Ages and birthdays

- The oldest vessel is *Loyal* (Norway): Class B. Year launched 1877, 142 years old.
- The youngest vessels are *Silesia.PI* (Poland) and *Tuulelind* (Estonia): Class D. Year launched 2016, three years old.
- Age difference: 116 years.
- *Morgenster* (Netherlands): 100 years old.
- *Dar Szczecina* (Poland): 50 years old.
- *Grossherzogin Elisabeth* (Germany) and *Gratitude* (Sweden) will all celebrate their 110<sup>th</sup> birthdays this year.

Detailed information about each vessel can be found at: <https://sailtraininginternational.org/event/tall-ships-races-2019/> on the Tall Ships Races 2019 event page.

## About the Crew

- Estimated total number of crew visiting Bergen: Over 2000
- Estimated total number of trainees for the event in Bergen: Over 1300
- Vessel with the largest expected crew: *Cuauhtemoc* (Mexico): 237
- Vessel with the smallest expected crew: *Vestavind* (Norway): 8

## About the Races

- Total distance of the event: Over 900 nautical miles
- Race One: Aalborg, Denmark to Bergen, Norway: 271 nautical miles
- Cruise in Company: over 300 nautical miles
- Race Two: Fredrikstad, Norway to Aarhus, Denmark: 357 nautical miles

## About the Ports

### **Aalborg, Denmark (3-6 July):**

Aalborg is situated in the North of Jutland, Denmark, and is the country's fourth-largest city. It's undergone an extensive period of rejuvenation over the last few years – the updated waterfront areas are now the focal point of the city.

Aalborg successfully hosted Tall Ships events in 1999, 2004, 2010 and 2015. Over these four years, the city saw more than 3.2 million people taking part in the festivities.

### **Fredrikstad, Norway (11-14 July):**

Fredrikstad is proud to host the Tall Ships Races for the third time in 2019 – following highly successful events in 2005 and 2014. As Norway's sixth-largest city, it has a long and proud tradition of shipping and maritime activities, which dates back to the 13th century.

Away from the shoreline, Fredrikstad is home to one of Scandinavia's best-preserved fortress towns. It was once an important trading centre between Europe and Scandinavia, and it provides visitors with strong historical architectural surroundings to enjoy.

### **Bergen, Norway (21-24 July):**

Bergen is widely known as a festival city, and it has gained a well-deserved reputation as an excellent host port. It successfully welcomed the international fleet in 1993, 2001, 2008, and 2014 – and it's proud to take part in the Tall Ships Races 2019.

Bergen is often known as the "gateway to the fjords" of Norway. It's a UNESCO World Heritage City and a European City of Culture. Its picturesque location makes it strikingly attractive – it's surrounded by seven mountains.

### **Aarhus, Denmark (1-4 August):**

Aarhus can trace its maritime history back to the days of the Vikings. This interesting, historic city is no stranger to the Tall Ships Races. It hosted events in 2007 and 2013... and the international fleet will return for the Tall Ships Races 2019.

Aarhus is Denmark's second-largest city, and its unique bay boasts new urban harbour areas. It'll provide a wonderful setting for the large contingent of Tall Ships, along with the huge crowds of local people and visitors. It also has a number of museums, restaurants and historical architecture.

## Follow the fleet live with YB Tracking

Sail Training International and YB Tracking will once again be teaming up during the Liberty Tall Ships Regatta 2019 to bring you live satellite tracking and real time updates from the fleet as they take part in both Race One and the North Sea Feeder Race.

You will be able to see a wide range of race information including; route mapping, real time vessel positions and their historic tracking, vessel details, replay of vessel tracks over time, leaderboards per division/group and current weather conditions.

As well as using the YB App (downloadable from both [iTunes](#) and [Android](#)) you will also be able to follow real time updates from the fleet throughout the races. This new addition to the fleet in 2019 will provide a unique insight to what it takes for each crew to compete in these amazing events with first hand stories from sea and exciting insights in the races.

More information about YB Tracking and how it works, visit Sail Training International's dedicated [YB Tracking page](#).

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