



# THE LIBERTY TALL SHIPS REGATTA 2019: FACTS AND FIGURES

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The Liberty Tall Ships Regatta 2019 will see the international fleet of Tall Ships race from Rouen, France, to Scheveningen/The Hague, The Netherlands. The fleet will then take part in a feeder race that will take the ships to a number of start of the Tall Ships Races 2019 in Aalborg, Denmark.

The Regatta will join L'Armada Rouen – running from 6-16 June – to help celebrate its 30th anniversary, creating a truly fantastic experience for the famous Tall Ships fleet and spectators alike. Coinciding with the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and the liberation of occupied territory in Northwestern Europe, the Liberty Tall Ships Regatta 2019 will echo the theme of international friendship and understanding that is central to each and every Sail Training International Tall Ships event.

Ships from 10 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
<u>Rouen, France</u>	Thurs 13 to Sun 16 June
<u>Race One</u>	Mon 17 to Thurs 20 June
<u>The Hague, Netherlands</u>	Thurs 20 to Sun 23 June
<u>North Sea Feeder Race</u>	Tues 25 to Thurs 27 June

## About the Vessels

20 vessels are registered to take part in The Liberty Tall Ships Regatta 2019 in total.

- 18 Regatta vessels will be present in Rouen.
- 19 Regatta vessels will be present in Scheveningen/The Hague.

## Military Vessels

There are seven military vessels taking part in The Liberty Tall Ships Regatta 2019. These are:

- *Cisne Branco* (Brazil)
- *Cuauhtemoc* (Mexico)
- *Shabab Oman II* (Oman)
- *USCG Eagle* (USA)
- *Urania* (The Netherlands)
- *Mircea* (Romania)
- *Etoile* (France)

## Blue Flag Vessels

There are 6 Blue Flag vessels that will be taking part in the Regatta. 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 Liberty Tall Ships Regatta 2019, are all registered to the Blue Flag Scheme:

- *Atyla* (Vanuatu)
- *Europa* (The Netherlands)
- *Gulden Leeuw* (The Netherlands)
- *Morgenster* (Netherlands)
- *Oosterschelde* (The Netherlands)
- *Tenacious* (UK)

## Nationalities

10 different nationalities of vessel are taking part in the regatta. These are:

Country	Number of Vessels
Netherlands	8
France	2
Russia	2
UK	1
Brazil	1
México	1
Oman	1
Romania	1
USA	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	15
B	3
D	1

## Additional Information

- The length of participating vessels from end to end is over 1100m. This is over three times the height of the Eiffel Tower, 10 times the length of the Amsterdam Arena and longer than the Erasmusbrug bridge.
- Largest vessel: *Mir* (Russia) 108.8m
- Smallest vessel: *Urania* (Netherlands) 26.30m
- *Tenacious* (UK) is one of only two ships in the world designed to be sailed by both able-bodied and physically disabled people side-by-side.

## Ages and birthdays

- The oldest vessel is *Belem* (France): Class A. Year launched 1896, 123 years old
- The youngest vessel is *Shabab Oman II* (Oman): Class D. Year launched 2014, five years old.
- Age difference: 118 years
- *Morgenster* (Netherlands): 100 years old
- *Mircea* (Romania): 80 years old
- *Cisne Branco* (Brazil): 20 years old
- *Shtandart* (Russia): 20 years old

Detailed information about each vessel can be found on The Liberty Tall Ships Regatta 2019 event page: <https://sailtraininginternational.org/event/liberty-tall-ships-regatta-2019/>

## About the Crew

- Vessel with the largest expected crew: *USCG Eagle* (USA): 239
- Vessel with the smallest expected crew: *Urania* (Netherlands): 15

## About the Races

- Total distance of the event: 850 nautical miles (shortest navigable route)
- Race : Rouen, France to The Hague, The Netherlands 113 nautical miles
- North Sea Feeder Race: The Hague, The Netherlands to Aalborg, Denmark 290 nautical miles

## About the Ports

### Rouen, France (13-16 June):

Rouen, France, will be the first port of the Liberty Tall Ships Regatta 2019. The event, which will take place across four days, is in collaboration with L'Armada, a 10 day maritime festival in Rouen, which celebrates its 30th anniversary in 2019.

During the regatta, the Tall Ships fleet will make an impressive entrance as they make their way along the 120km of the River Seine to the city of Rouen, where they will spend four days welcoming visitors on board and taking part in the festivities.

### The Hague, The Netherlands (20-23 June):

The port of Scheveningen in The Hague will be welcoming the Tall Ships fleet for the first time when it hosts The Liberty Tall Ships Regatta 2019. The Hague has a rich cultural and artistic history and is home to Vermeer's famous painting, "Girl with a Pearl Earring" and to the world's largest collection of paintings by Piet Mondrian.

Scheveningen, which means 'haven' in Dutch, is located on the west coast of the Netherlands, just outside the city of The Hague, around 27km north of Rotterdam and 66km from Amsterdam.

## 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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