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Dear STI Friends and Supporters,

I am writing to bring you up to date with recent changes at Sail Training International.

After four years as Chair of our events company Tall Ships Races International Ltd (TSRIL), Ross MacDonald has decided to step down. Ross has steered the company through an extraordinarily difficult time. The cancellation of all our planned events for 2020 and 2021 led to a critical drop in income and some very painful negotiations with our friends in the host ports, who were themselves struggling to cope with their own health and financial emergencies.

We will always be grateful to Ross and his fellow Directors for their skill and determination in keeping the company – and the Charity – afloat. He remains as a Trustee and Vice-Chair on the main STI Board.

Einar Corwin, another Trustee, will take over as Chair of TSRIL. Einar is well-known in the international sail training family as the Director of the Norwegian Class A Tall Ship Christian Radich from 2004 until 2018. He now concentrates mostly on continuous improvement of sail training, and on safety. He has been a board member of Norwegian Sail Training Association for 10 years.

Previously he worked in technical design, marketing and chartering in the ship and offshore industry. After studying for an MA he concentrated more on business improvements and crisis management in banks. He has 10 years experience as a management consultant, and was Managing Partner at Habberstad, a Norwegian recruitment and consultant company.

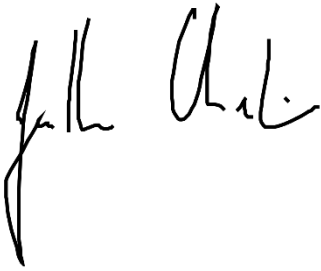
One further change is that Ben Stuart is leaving us after four years as Race Director. In his time with us Ben has developed a number of major initiatives which have helped to move the organisation forward, in particular the new Gateway portal and the Blue Flag scheme supporting environmentally responsible management of sailing vessels. He leaves with our thanks and best wishes for the future.

The core responsibilities for the Race Directorate will be managed by Paul Bishop and Mike Bowles, both of whom will be familiar to our partners through their long experience of running our Races and Regattas. Paul will act as Race Director for the 2022 Tall Ships Races in the North Sea.

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The unprecedented events of the last 18 months mean that we have to keep our operations, structures, and staffing under constant review to ensure the best possible service to all our stakeholders. As we gradually emerge from the crisis we will be refreshing our strategic plans and operational capacity. We will keep you in touch with developments over the next 6-12 months.



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