



Sail Training International

ANNUAL REVIEW 2021



FOREWORD

Since our last Review in 2019, the Covid pandemic has dominated our activities. We have been unable to hold any Tall Ship Races or Regattas and the resultant loss of income has damaged our finances*.

In that Review I mentioned our ambitious new strategy to enhance and expand our charitable mission. We were barely a year into this when Covid forced us into a major restructuring and retrenchment from which we are only just emerging.

We have however been able to achieve some useful progress. Although our general funds have been greatly reduced, we have been able to use our restricted funds to help a number of young people and support projects proposed by operators around the world.

All told, nearly 250 young people were helped to gain a sail training experience and a number of innovative projects funded in this way.

Working with our Ships Council and host ports, we have developed detailed protocols on operating with Covid, and updated guidance on safeguarding young people and vulnerable adults.

The Blue Flag scheme to encourage environmentally responsible operation of sailing vessels has now been able to make progress and 11 vessels will be receiving their flags in the next month or so. We are working with the FEE, which validates the scheme, to develop a new code better suited to sail training vessels and hope to agree a final version towards the end of next year.

The STI Youth Council has been very active and held an outstandingly successful online conference in February. Nearly 500 people registered for the event, and 430 participated live on the day, from a total of 33 countries.

The loss of income from events has underlined the need to find additional sources of funding. Since the last Review, we have received much-appreciated philanthropic donations from the Beaulieu Beaufort Foundation, the Royal Navy of Oman, Rendezvous Naval de Quebec, and the family of John E. Burnett, and we are very keen to hear from others willing to support young people, or commercial sponsors able to take advantage of the unique opportunity to put themselves in front of the millions of visitors who come to our events.

Do please get in touch with me direct if you think you can help.

Although our reserves are much reduced, we have survived thanks to extraordinary efforts from staff, Board members, other volunteers, generous support from one or two philanthropic funders, and an understanding attitude from our host ports over event postponements and cancellations. I do not have words to adequately thank them for all they have done.

There are still difficulties ahead, but to have survived thus far is a tribute to our common passion for Sail Training and all it can achieve for good in the world.

***You can request a copy of our annual accounts by emailing office@sailtraininginternational.org**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Cheshire'.

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VIRTUAL CONFERENCES

With our traditional in-person activities halted by the pandemic, we were pleased to be able to move online in 2020 and 2021 to present our International Sail Training & Tall Ships Conference 2020 and the first Sail Training International Youth Council conference.

October 2020

With a focus on Sail Training best practice, the challenges facing Tall Ships operating around the world during the Covid-19 pandemic our upcoming events and online networking opportunities, we were delighted to welcome over 250 virtual delegates to the virtual International Sail Training & Tall Ships Conference 2020.

November 2021

Following on from our first online conference in 2020, we were also able to deliver a further digital seminar and online networking facility, Looking Forwards to The Tall Ships Races & Regattas in 2022, in November.

Although they would not be a complete replacement for our in-person conference, our first moves into the online space have been able to bring the work of Sail Training to a worldwide audience.

Sail Training International Youth Conference

Following our first online conference, the Sail Training International Youth Council were able to present their first dedicated conference in February 2021. The main aim of the conference was to help spread the word of the ongoing work the Youth Council and wider Sail Training International community undertake.

Sessions focused on a range of topics, including starting a career in sailing, environmental awareness at sea, emotional safety for crew and updates from activities around the world. The event proved even more successful than our first conference and welcomed over 480 delegates from 33 countries, across all continents.

The success of these online activities, and the positive impact being able to welcome more delegates in the online space, has been such that we are focused on delivering more online conferences and seminars and look forward to presenting these in 2022 and beyond.

THROUGH OUR VIRTUAL CONFERENCES WE WERE
ABLE TO REACH DELEGATES FROM 7 CONTINENTS

Registrations:
736

Countries:
33

Sessions Delivered:
18

Hours of content:
Over 16 hrs





PROJECT FUNDS & BURSARIES

Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 Pademic, and a temporary halt to almost all Sail Training voyages in 2020, we have been able to continue funding places for young people on board with a number of bursaries and funds.

These funds and bursaries have helped provide young people from all backgrounds the chance to take part in a Sail Training experience – particularly those who wouldn't otherwise be able to participate in this transformative experience.

Alongside our annual €50,000 Oman Bursary, \$25,000 (CAN) Canada Legacy Fund and £25,000 Youth Development Fund, we were able to launch the £10,000 John E. Burnett Bursary thanks to the kind support of the John E. Burnett estate.

THE OMAN BURSARY

The Oman Bursary Scheme is open to applicants who have never taken part in a Tall Ships Race or Regatta and possible thanks to the kind support of the Royal Navy of Oman.

We welcome financially or physically disadvantaged people between 15 and 25 years old, regardless of nationality, background, physical ability, or previous sailing experience.

Following the decision to cancel The Tall Ships Races 2021, we extended the criteria for the Oman Bursary Fund. Instead of only being used during a Tall Ships Race or Regatta, young people were able to apply for a bursary for any Sail Training voyage in 2021 that lasted for five days or more on board a vessel.

With these wider entry criteria, we were delighted to be able to fund voyages for over 60 young people from 13 different countries.

"I loved climbing the mast. Looking out on the sea and seeing the land in the distance was stunning."

The best moment for me was the night we were harbored in Latvia. We all just sat on the deck, talked to each other, and played guitar for maybe 5 hours, it was a lovely time. I am less afraid of heights than I thought I was, and I can sleep almost anywhere."

Noah, 16, USA

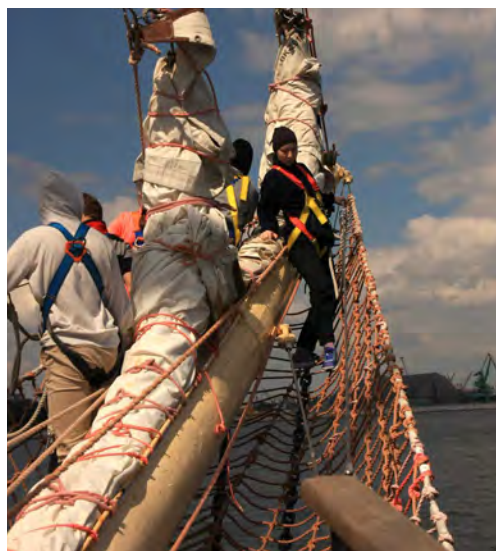


"The atmosphere on board was like no other. The crew and mentors were so passionate about what they did and would do anything to help. The trainees were excited to learn new things and together we all worked well."

My magic moment was after our engine failed in the middle of the night, we made some cups of tea and began to sing sea shanties. And together we laughed and sang waiting to figure out what to do next!

I have learned so much about myself on this voyage. I was able to come out of my shell and truly see myself while meeting new friends."

Caoimhe, 17, Ireland



Total Oman & John E. Burnett Bursary Recipients

87



Total number of Female Recipients

46



Total number of Male Recipients

41



Total number of Countries Represented

13



"I would say it's a voyage that allows you to admire the beauty of nature and learn to respect it. You also find out a lot about yourself and test yourself. Taste the magic of sailing and Tall Ships..."

Agata, 16, from Poland



THE JOHN E. BURNETT BURSARY

We were pleased to announce the launch of the John E. Burnett Bursary, a new Sail Training fund in 2021.

The bursary was founded to honour the memory of John E. Burnett. With similar goals to our other bursaries, the scheme is aimed at disabled people of any age. Similar to our Oman Bursary, the purpose of the fund is to encourage self-development by actively participating in a Sail Training voyage.

Thanks to the kind support of the John E. Burnett estate, the £10,000 bursary has already helped 14 young people enjoy a Sail Training experience. We look forward to continuing to provide more experiences through the bursary in 2022.

THE CANADA LEGACY FUND

The Canada Legacy Fund was set up in the wake of the Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta with generous support from Rendez-Vous Naval de Quebec, to help deliver youth sail training programmes to young Canadians.

These programmes will offer one or more of the following:

- Improve trainees personal, social and/or educational development
- Enhance international friendship and understanding
- Demonstrate replicable models of innovation and good practice in sail training

This year, we were able to support three fantastic projects run by Brigs Youth Sail Training (\$5,000CAN), EcoMaris (\$10,000CAN) and Adventure Under Sail (\$5,000CAN).



John's family were inspired to launch the bursary after seeing the Class A Tall Ship Tenacious (UK).

THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Youth Development Fund was launched in 2019 and is aimed at the development of more effective Sail Training programmes for young people from disadvantaged social backgrounds.

It supports organisations to deliver Sail Training programmes reaching young people from diverse backgrounds, particularly those from a disadvantaged background.

This year, we were able to support five great projects run by Aporvela (£5,000), CatZero (£6,000) Offshore (£8,000) Ocean Youth Trust South (£4,000) and Vela Tradizionale (£2,000).

PROJECT FUNDING BY NUMBERS

Total number of funded projects



8

Total Trainee places delivered by funded projects



204

Total amount of project funding



£40,000

ABOUT THE FUNDED PROJECTS

Every Sail Training project supported through our funds provides a truly life changing experience for those taking part. Here's just a little information about some of the projects we've funded this year.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the Royal Navy of Oman, whose kind generosity made the Youth Development Fund 2021 possible. In addition to helping young people to have a Sail Training adventure through the annual €50,000 Oman Bursary scheme since 2011, their support has meant we have been able to bring the transformative experience of Sail Training to young people around the world.

CATZERO'S YOUTH FUTURES PROJECT

CatZero's Youth Futures project focused on supporting young people identified as, or at risk of becoming, NEET (not in employment, education or training).

The programme took participants through a programme of land-based activities before a nine day voyage on the challenge class yacht, CatZero.

The project was completed across three sailing voyages, between July and October 2021. In total, 27 young people from the region were able to benefit from the fund support.



ECOMARIS' COSMIC PLANKTON EXPEDITION

The programme combined aspects of Sail Training with environmental education. A team of scientists and young people embarked on a voyage to navigate the Gulf of St. Lawrence and explore the mysteries of the universe and the seabed.

The voyage brought together 24 vulnerable young people on a seven day internship with the aim of helping them to develop leadership and life skills.

Following the experience, 94% of the participants improved their life quality by going back to school, finding employment and acquiring the tools to recognise their weaknesses and improve upon them.



OCEAN YOUTH TRUST SOUTH'S MACS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

Ocean Youth Trust South organise the 'OYT South/MACS Partnership' project. The partnership aims to promote the development of visually impaired young people who have been particularly affected by the impact of COVID-19 lockdowns.

Throughout the voyage, participants were sailing as active crew members involved with sail handling, steering, watch-keeping, navigation and galley duties, with support from Ocean Youth Trust South staff and volunteers.





PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

The Blue Flag scheme was first introduced by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) several years ago to promote clean beaches and marinas. In 2011, we began working with the FEE to extend the scheme to include Sail Training vessels.

The award focuses on three areas; behaviour (of the organisation and vessel), education (of the captain, crew and trainees) and communication (with third parties and the general public).

In 2019 we signed a new partnership agreement with FEE and together are developing a new set of criteria for the scheme.

The Blue Flag application process is still under this review with the FEE. The goal is to have a bespoke tall ship application process available by the final quarter of 2022, allowing FEE to award the Blue Flag to successful vessel operators in 2023.

As we await the launch of the new criteria for the scheme, we are pleased to have been able to present 11 Tall Ships and Small Ships with a Blue Flag in recognition of their efforts to protect the environment.

The vessels that have received a Blue Flag are...

Alex Von Humboldt II
Atyla
R. Tucker Thompson
Stad Amsterdam
Blue Clipper
Challenge Wales

Espirit
STS Leeuwin II
Irving Johnson LAMI
Maybe
Esmeralda

SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Can you help to support our mission?

We need your help to continue creating opportunities for young people to experience Sail Training.

Your donation will help a young person grow in self-confidence, develop effective communication skills, learn new life skills and change their lives.

By donating, you can help to keep a priceless experiential learning opportunity available to help young people improve teamwork and communication skills, develop self-confidence and other vital life skills.

Giving is easy, just scan the QR code or visit:
sailtraininginternational.org/support to donate!



FUTURE RACES, FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

The Tall Ships Races 2022



Esbjerg, Denmark
Harlingen, The Netherlands
Antwerp, Belgium
Aalborg, Denmark

7 to 10 July
14 to 17 July
22 to 25 July
4 to 7 August

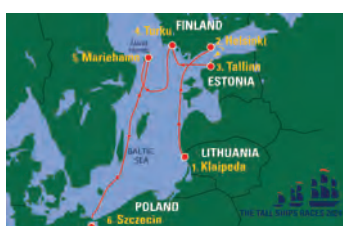
The Tall Ships Races 2023



Den Helder, The Netherlands
Hartlepool, UK
Fredrikstad, Norway
Lerwick, Shetland Islands
Arendal, Norway

29 June to 2 July
6 to 9 July
15 to 18 Jul
26 to 29 July
3 to 6 August

The Tall Ships Races 2024



Klaipeda, Lithuania
Helsinki, Finland
Tallinn, Estonia
Turku, Finland
Mariehamn, Aland Islands
Szczecin, Poland

27 to 30 June
4 to 7 July
11 to 14 July
18 to 21 July
24 to 27 July
2 to 5 August

SCF 'White Sails of Peace' Tall Ships Regatta



Yeosu, Korea
Naha, Japan
Vladivostok, Russia

Dates TBC
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The Tall Ships Races Magellan-Elcano Series



A Coruna, Spain
Lisbon, Portugal
Cadiz, Spain

Dates TBC
Dates TBC
Dates TBC

The Tall Ships Races 2025



The Tall Ships Races 2025 will take place
in the North Sea.
Ports and dates will be announced in
2022.



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