



Sail Training International

Summer 2022



Summer News



It feels like a very long time since we were last able to hold a Tall Ships Race Series, but we are now brushing the spiders out of our oilskins and ready to go with The Tall Ships Races 2022 starting in Esbjerg, Denmark next month.

The journey we have been on since The Tall Ships Races 2019 has been a long and challenging one. As we look to set sail once again I would like to extend a special thanks to our volunteers, whose hard work and support has helped ensure we have been able to continue our vital work.

Vessel operators have had a very lean time through the Covid restrictions, as has Sail Training International itself, and it is very cheering to see the healthy entry list for the event. We are very saddened by the enforced absence of Russian ships, especially in view of The Tall Ships Races' long history of bridging international divides. We hope fervently for an early end to the hostilities in Ukraine.

One very noticeable effect of the isolation imposed by the pandemic has been a sharp increase in the number of young people reporting mental health problems, which is hardly surprising in view of two years of restrictions in their formative years on their education and social lives.

There is a growing body of evidence that adventurous outdoor activity such as sail training can make a significant and positive contribution to improving young people's mental and emotional wellbeing. We have a library of research projects demonstrating the benefits, and would welcome any additional thoughts and/or evidence on mental health outcomes from sail trainers reading this.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about some exciting developments in our activities in Latin America and about our plans to expand and improve the Blue Flag Scheme. Sail training has so much potential to heal the damage to individual lives from Covid, to repair the international divisions caused by conflicts around the world, and to promote the urgent need to care for the oceans and the planet.

If not now, when? If not us, then who?

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

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Wolfgang Shulze is appointed STI Ambassador to Latin America



April saw us continue to raise awareness of Sail Training and our partnership with Blue Flag as we announced the appointment of Wolfgang Schulze as our Ambassador in Latin America.

As an ambassador of Sail Training International, Wolfgang will support our work raising awareness of the benefits of Sail Training and the positive environmental impact Tall Ships can have through our Blue Flag Scheme.

His efforts have already seen a positive impact as he met with Rear Admiral Fernando Cabrera and presented the Chilean Class A Naval Tall Ship, Esmeralda, with a Blue Flag award recently in recognition of their environmental efforts on board (pictured above).

We look forward to working with Wolfgang to continue raising awareness of Sail Training and the Blue Flag Scheme across Latin America in the coming years.



What is the Blue Flag Scheme?

The Scheme was first introduced by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) 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). Since launching, the Scheme has gone from strength to strength, and we are thrilled to welcome more members from Latin America.

Fleet engagement and event participation

As well as raising awareness of the Blue Flag Scheme throughout the Latin American Tall Ships fleet, Wolfgang will also engage with ships looking to take part in our events.

We are also excited to have such a champion on the ground to engage with the Latin American fleet and encourage their increased participation in our events.

Youth Development Fund & Canada Legacy Fund 2022 winners announced



Every year we are proud to be able to provide a range of funds that support the continued delivery and development of Sail Training around the world. This has been the case more so than ever during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite the cancellation of all of our events in 2020 and 2021, we were still able to fund a number of amazing projects around the world thanks to the Canada Legacy Fund and the Youth Development Fund.

This has continued in 2022 and we have been able to support some life-changing programmes and projects for young people.

As always, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Rendez-Vous Naval de Quebec for their support setting up the Canada Legacy Fund, and the Royal Navy of Oman whose kind generosity made the Youth Development Fund 2022 possible.

The winners are...



CatZero have received £6,000 funding for their "Youth Development 2022" programme.



Tall Ships Youth Trust received £3,000 for their "Sea Beyond Your Horizon" programme.



Sailing Tectona have received £5,000 funding for their "Youth Mental Health Bristol Voyage" project.



Seas Your Future received £5,000 for their "Cumbria Voyages Summer 2022" project.



Bytown Brigantine received \$15,000 (CAN) funding for their "Sailing for Life" project.



Nova Scotia Sea School received \$10,000 (CAN) funding for their "Back to Sea Project"



From Leeuwin Ocean Adventure's perspective, this grant provided an excellent opportunity for us to highlight its membership of national and international organisations committed to youth development through sail training..

Previous Youth Development Fund recipients, STS Leeuwin II

Event News & Updates

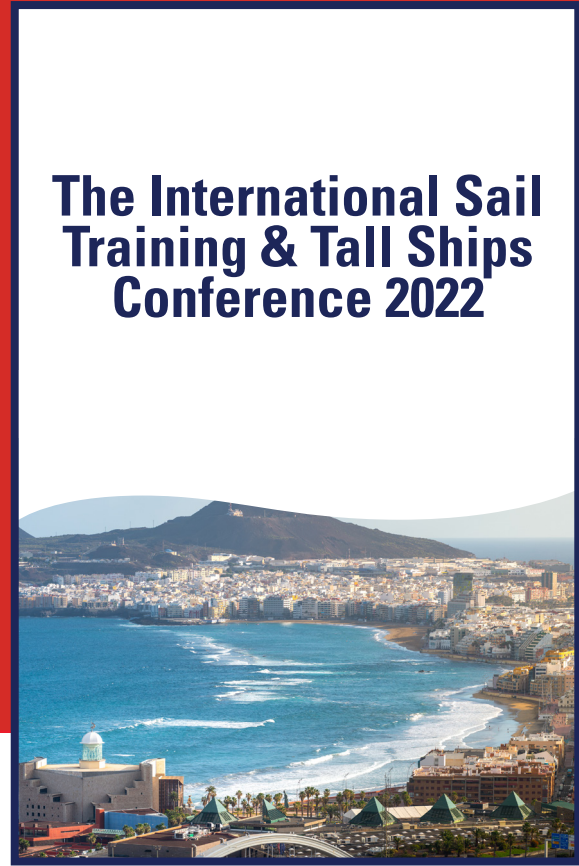


Alan James becomes Chief Executive Officer of TSRIL

As we look forwards to the return of our in-port events, we are continuing to review our operations and structures, and are delighted to announce that Alan James has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Tall Ships Races International Ltd.

After joining us in 2019 as Financial Controller, Alan took on a wider responsibility in our events company as Chief Operating Officer following the retirement of our previous CEO, Gwyn Brown. The Trustees are thrilled that he has agreed to take on the role.

We are all now looking forward to an exciting programme of events with Alan and developing new initiatives to support The Tall Ships Races and Regattas around the world.



Conference confirmed for 18th & 19th November in Gran Canaria

Looking further ahead on the horizon, we will be returning to our in-person conference with The International Sail Training and Tall Ships Conference 2022 in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, from Friday 18th to Saturday 19th November.

After missing our annual in-person conference for two years running, we are truly delighted to be able to return with the stunning backdrop of one of Spain's most famous islands.

The conference will open for bookings soon. In the meantime please Save the Date to ensure that you don't miss out on what promises to be a fantastic conference in a beautiful setting.

The Tall Ships Races & Regattas Host Port Seminar 2022 Harlingen



Host Port Seminar returns to Harlingen in 2022

Another welcome return for us this summer is The Tall Ships Races and Regattas Host Port Seminar, which will be held during The Tall Ships Races in Harlingen, Netherlands on Friday 15 July 2022.

The seminar is an excellent resource for Host Ports and Endorsed Events and will offer a rich and informative programme for those interested in hosting a future event, hosting an endorsed event or already contracted to host a Sail Training International event.

The seminar will also provide delegates with the opportunity to network with the participating fleet as they see the excitement of the Harlingen event first-hand.



Endorsed by Sail Training International



Sail Training International is delighted to endorse DelfSail 2024

Looking further onto the horizon, we are excited to announce DelfSail 2024 will be a Sail Training International endorsed event.

Normally taking place every five years, 2024 will mark the seventh time that DelfSail has been held in the northern municipality of Delfzijl. Since the first edition of the event back in 1986, DelfSail has enjoyed a warm relationship with Sail Training and The Tall Ships Races, thanks in part to the contributions of Sail Training Association Netherlands.

We look forward to working with the organising team of DelfSail on this fantastic event and one of Europe's most anticipated maritime celebrations.



Esbjerg



Harlingen



Antwerp



Aalborg

As we continued our planning for The Tall Ships Races 2022 and future events, we made our first port planning visits since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Our first visits took us to our 2022 Host Port partners of Esbjerg, Harlingen, Antwerp and Aalborg.

The visits gave the project teams in each Host Port the chance to discuss plans for the event, tour the event site and berthing areas, and ensure the final logistical plans are in place to create an epic welcome for the fleet, trainees and visitors in each city.

We were delighted to see the culmination of three years' intensive work and effort to bring the spectacle of The Tall Ships Races back to the shores of Northern Europe, all against the unprecedented challenges posed by the pandemic.



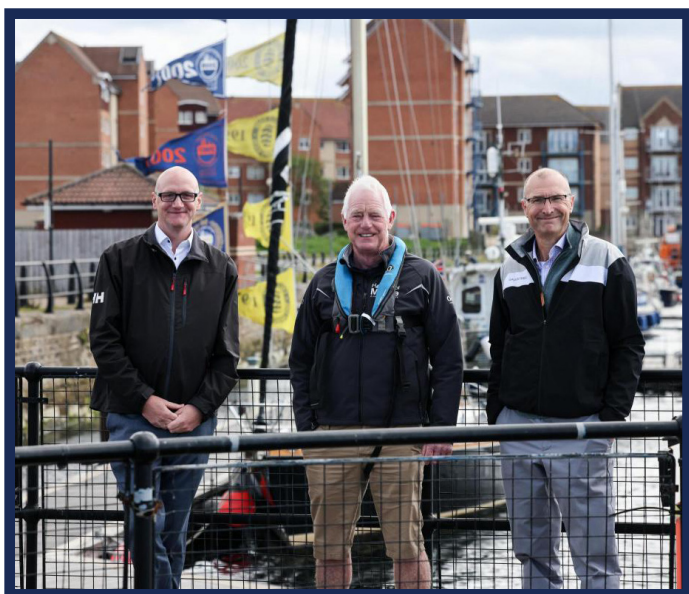
It is often said that the experience of The Tall Ships Races is a lifechanging one, and this was evident in our visit to Esbjerg.

Race Chairman, Robin Snouck-Hurgronje, who Captained Stad Amsterdam during The Tall Ships Races 2001, was welcomed by his Liaison Officer from the race series, Michael R  he, who has returned to support the Tall Ships fleet as Chief Liaison Officer in 2022.

Our recent event planning visits also took us to see friends old and new as we travelled to Arendal and Hartlepool to support their plans for The Tall Ships Races 2023.

Both event teams gave insights into their plans for the race series and we cannot wait to see these come to life and deliver some amazing celebrations next year.

Hartlepool



Sail Training International Chief Executive Officer, Alan James, Commercial Director, Vanessa Mori, and Race Director for The Tall Ships Races 2023, Paul Bishop, enjoyed a fruitful visit to Hartlepool in May.

Meeting with the event organising team and local councillors, we were able to go over plans for the event that include a multimillion-pound improvement project of the marina. Having last held a Tall Ships Races event in 2010, the anticipation is already building as the town plans a spectacular welcome for the fleet.

The northeastern port town laid on a stunning four days of celebrations during our first visit and we can't wait to return.

Arendal



Alongside welcome returns to previous hosts of The Tall Ships Races, it is always a special moment to bring the world famous race series to new cities and towns to further our message of international friendship and understanding.

Arendal will host the Tall Ships for the very first time in 2023, and as a new friend to the series we were excited to see the stunning surroundings they will provide next year. During the visit, the organising teams were able to give insights into their plans for the event and get a better understanding on what is required to create a successful event for the fleet, trainees and visitors.

Arendal will welcome the Tall Ships fleet during a year of celebrations as it marks its 300th anniversary, making the town the perfect backdrop to close out the 2023 series.