



Sail Training International

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Autumn News



At last! Real people in real ships visiting real ports. It felt so good to be at this year's Tall Ships Races after two and a half years of talking to a screen about various financial and diplomatic crises. To see hundreds of young people from all round the world mixing with each other, visiting other ships and soaking up different cultures was truly moving.

Equally impressive was the hard work and skill of our host ports, recovering like us from a very difficult two years, in laying on such successful and smooth-running events. Later in this newsletter you can find an account of our Host Port Seminar in Harlingen, where ports were able to share their expertise and help us to develop even better TSRs in future.

You can also read about the support we can offer young people through the generosity of our donors such as the Royal Navy of Oman, Rendez-Vous Naval de Quebec, and the Burnett family. Although the Races are our biggest activity, there is much that we can do outside the events to help disadvantaged young people enjoy a life-changing experience away from their normal environment.

Looking ahead, next month in Gran Canaria we have our first live conference since 2019, and next year two big events, the 2023 Tall Ships Race Series around the North Sea and the Magellan-Elcano Races from Falmouth UK south to the Iberian peninsula. We hope to see you there.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jon Cheshire".

The Tall Ships Races 2022

A stunning return for The Tall Ships Races



July saw the return of The Tall Ships Races following a break of over 1,000 days as The Tall Ships Races 2022 began in Esbjerg. The series took the Tall Ships fleet from Esbjerg, to Harlingen, Antwerp and Aalborg as we enjoyed an emotional reunion with old friends and welcomed new to the majestic spectacle.

Across the series, over 3,500 crew and trainees sailed over 1,000 nautical miles between the Host Ports and nearly two million visitors came to enjoy the celebrations and welcome the Tall Ships to their shores.

On the water, the fleet enjoyed two races that saw exciting battles between the ships and against the weather conditions. Race One, from Esbjerg to Harlingen, saw a magnificent effort from the crew of the BM Sloop Spaniel (Latvia) overcome fuel tank issues and a late start to claim line honours.

Race Two saw weather conditions come to the fore as light winds forced a change in the course from Antwerp to Aalborg. A slow start across the start line evolved into an exciting race as positions changed regularly along the route. Ultimately, it was the Class A Tall Ship Shabab Oman II (Oman) who finished first on the water to claim line honours.

Once in Aalborg, the final Prize Giving ceremony saw Gaff Ketch, Christiania (Norway), awarded first place for the series on corrected time and Shabab Oman II awarded the prestigious Friendship Trophy. Awarded to the vessel which has contributed the most to promote international friendship and understanding throughout the series, the award reflected the way in which the crew embraced the spirit of the series.

You can find all our reports and photos from across the series and relive the races with YB Tracking over at the Sail Training International website.

The Tall Ships Races 2022 in numbers



Over 3,500 crew



From 6 continents



On board 42 Ships



From 12 nations



Sailing over 1,000 NM



Racing over 500 NM



72 trophies awarded



Nearly 2 million visitors

The Tall Ships Races & Regattas Host Port Seminar welcomes over 70 delegates in Harlingen



Another welcome return for us this summer was The Tall Ships Races and Regattas Host Port Seminar, which was held during The Tall Ships Races in Harlingen.

We were delighted to welcome over 70 delegates to the seminar, a record attendance since we first began holding the event.

The seminar was an excellent resource for Host Ports and Endorsed Events and offered 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 also provided delegates with the opportunity to network with the participating fleet as they saw the excitement and spectacle of the Harlingen event first-hand.

With a series of exciting upcoming events already confirmed, it was a fantastic opportunity to look at ways to help Host Ports deliver successful events and continue improving The Tall Ships Races model for trainees, ships, Host Ports and visitors.

The Programme Included



A comprehensive Tall Ships Races 2023 project review from the Harlingen Host Port Team



How the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected trainee recruitment and new ways to attract trainees



Understanding the Needs of Naval Ships during a Tall Ships Races event



The Sail Training International Endorsed Event Model and its benefits to Ports and the Tall Ships fleet



A review of Harlingen's Frisian Tall Ships Club and ongoing Youth Programme, Sail Insight



Identifying ways for Sail Training International to work more closely with Host Ports during events



It's been great to get back and meet with the Tall Ships Races community, the Host Ports, Ships and Sail Training International. It's always great to be able to exchange ideas and experiences when we look to the future and how to make this the best event possible.

Nathalie Beloso, Port of Antwerp-Bruges

Youth Development and Canada Legacy Funds Launched for 2023

Each year, we are pleased to be able to provide a range of funds and bursaries that support the continued delivery and development of Sail Training around the world. For 2023, we're delighted to announce the Youth Development Fund and Canada Legacy Fund will again be available for organisations to deliver sail training programmes that will reach young people from a mixture of backgrounds around the world.



The Youth Development Fund

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

It was launched in 2019, and since then it has helped 16 organisations deliver some amazing Sail Training projects. The fund supports organisations that deliver Sail Training programmes reaching young people from diverse backgrounds, particularly those from a disadvantaged background and offers one or more of the following areas of development:

- Improve trainees' personal, social, or educational development
- Enhance international friendship and understanding
- Demonstrate replicable models of innovation and good practice in Sail Training

We would like to extend our thanks to the Royal Navy of Oman whose generosity has made the Youth Development Fund 2023 possible.

Having supported young people to have a Sail Training adventure through the Oman Bursary scheme since 2011, their continued support means we are able to bring the transformative experience of Sail Training to young people around the world.

The Canada Legacy Fund

Following the success of the Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta, the Canada Legacy Fund was set up with generous support from Rendez-Vous Naval de Quebec.

The Canadian Legacy Fund is under the management of the Sail Training International Board of Trustees, and is administered by the designated Legacy Fund Committee, providing a total fund of \$25,000(CAN) to be awarded in grants each year.

The Canada Legacy Fund supports organisations from around the world that provide sail training programmes focused on helping disadvantaged young Canadians aged between 14-25 years. 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

Since being launched, we have received some amazing applications and awarded the funds to inspirational projects from different organisations.

Magda Makowska appointed Race Director of The Tall Ships Races



In September, we were delighted to announce the appointment of Magda Makowska as Race Director.

As Race Director for The Tall Ships Races, Magda will be responsible for advising on technical aspects of sail training within Sail Training International and liaising with Host Ports on the infrastructure, in-port facilities and port programme for the Tall Ships Races.

In 2023, Magda will be the Race Director of The Tall Ships Races 2023 and Paul Bishop will be the Race Director of The Tall Ships Races Magellan-Elcano.

Magda has competed in the Tall Ships Races many times both as a crew member and as a skipper. As a skipper, she led her crew to winning the prestigious Friendship Trophy in 2009 and was awarded Young Sail Trainer of the Year in 2010.

Since then, Magda has continued to play a vital role in the organisation of The Tall Ships Races and sail training. In 2018, she was welcomed to the board of directors of TSRIL and acted as Chair of Race Two of The Tall Ships Races 2022.

The International Sail Training & Tall Ships Conference 2022



Looking further ahead, there is not long until 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 is now open for bookings and you can register to attend by heading over to the Conference page of the Sail Training International website.

The conference is shaping up to be an exciting event, with informative and thought-provoking sessions across a range of subjects that are crucial to effective sail training, Tall Ship event management and navigating the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and an ever changing landscape of world politics.

Attendees include vessel operators, sail training providers, bidding cities and host ports for future events, and representatives from our endorsed events – and we look forward to welcoming you too!

Developing Sail Training with the John E. Burnett Bursary & Oman Bursary Scheme

During The Tall Ships Races 2022, we were privileged to provide a unique opportunity for a group of Belgian trainees thanks to the support of the John E. Burnett Bursary and Oman Bursary Scheme.

With inclusivity as a central theme to Antwerp's preparations for The Tall Ships Races 2022, we were delighted to support a project that took five young Disabled people who are members of the Belgian Unified Sailing team on board the Class A Tall Ship, Thalassa, as it sailed from the Netherlands to Belgium on a scenic cruise along the North Sea coast.

The aim of the voyage was to welcome the trainees as full members of the crew, taking part in all aspects of sailing the majestic ship. During our stop in Harlingen, Sail Training International Chair, Jonathan Cheshire, met the young trainees as they joined Thalassa for the start of their life-changing adventure.



The voyage was made possible with support from the John E. Burnett Bursary, which was launched by Sail Training International in 2021 in memory of John Burnett.

The bursary was aimed at supporting Disabled people of any age to take part in a sail training voyage during our races, providing truly unique opportunities for self-development.

