



Sail Training International

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SPRING NEWS



Spring has arrived, the sail training world is getting ready for the summer season and I am delighted to bring you an update on our recent activities.

We're excited to share news of our initiatives to support research into sail training as well as an update on the exciting work being done by the Sail Training International Youth Council.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting and packed summer, beginning with Endorsed Event L'Armada Rouen 2023 in June, followed by The Tall Ships Race 2023 and The Tall Ships Races Magellan-Elcano.

We are also happy to confirm the dates of this year's annual conference, which will take place in Dunkirk, France, and provide updates on the Host Port Seminar 2023, which will be taking place in Fredrikstad during The Tall Ships Races 2023.

Elsewhere, we are delighted to confirm the return of the Youth Development and Canada Legacy Funds. New for 2023, we'll be accepting expressions of interest from organisations that would like to apply for these, but may not yet have a planned project in place.

Following the open and frank discussions we were able to have during our Conference in Gran Canaria in November last year, we are focused on implementing and developing the initiatives which came out of the feedback we received and we look forward to sharing the progress we are making with you over the coming months.

I hope you enjoy the updates in this newsletter and look forward to seeing many of you during our Events this summer.

Wishing you all fair winds and following seas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan James', written in a cursive style.

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SAIL TRAINING NEWS...

SAIL TRAINING RESEARCH

During our recent conference in Las Palmas, one of the areas of focus was supporting research into the benefits of sail training for all stakeholders in the worldwide community.

In order to explore future support for research programmes, a Research Working Group was established in January. The remit of the Working Group is to explore how Sail Training International can support, disseminate and encourage research into Sail Training for the benefit of its members.

The Working Group, led by Murray Henstock of the board of trustees, has developed a number of recommendations to support ongoing research.

The first of these is the development of an online library of existing sail training research, which we are pleased to announce has already been launched and can be found under the Resources menu on the Sail Training International website.

The library includes over 30 articles, with a combination of free-to-access papers and a directory of articles that are held across a range of academic institutions.

The aim of the library is to provide a comprehensive point of reference for members of the sail training community to utilise as they carry out their own research, and support organisations looking to demonstrate the importance of sail training to youth development.



Alongside the online library, work is also underway to provide support for members in how they can assess and make use of existing research to support their aims and objectives. This will include guidance on different models to use when conducting research and providing templates for use when conducting and evaluating research.

In addition to these areas the group will also be looking at different avenues to provide funding for research projects, both through direct funding and the development of a communal funding model.

We are delighted to see the progress already made in this area and look forward to providing further updates in the coming months.

RESEARCH LIBRARY



If you are currently conducting research into sail training and would like to get involved, or would like to find out more about using existing research to support your sail training activities, please get in touch and we'll be happy to help.

SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL

2022 was an exciting year for the Youth Council as they too moved away from online events and returned to in-person activities.

With representatives from over 20 countries, they delivered a number of projects and initiatives that brought young people from a truly international audience together to discover sail training for the first time, develop ongoing participation and promote best practice at sea.

In 2023, we're delighted to see them continue this important work with even more projects designed to further sail training around the world.

In addition to delivering these projects, the Youth Council have been taking a lead role in our review of The Tall Ships Races brand. With the aim of ensuring we continue to make our events an exciting option for young people, the review is currently underway and we look forward to announcing its outcomes in the coming months.

With the development of young people - regardless of nationality, religion, gender or social background - the central focus of everything we do, we are continually thankful for the crucial role the Youth Council play within the Sail Training family.



UPCOMING PROJECTS



After the success of their first International Voyage project in 2022 that brought 8 trainees together in European waters, the Youth Council have decided to repeat this voyage on a larger scale in 2023.

This voyage will see 16 trainees take part in voyage with a focus on providing real sail training experiences, encouraging continued involvement in sail training and promoting international friendship and understanding.



To further support inclusion across the world of sail training, the Youth Council have begun work developing an expanded information and certification scheme for ships.

Traditionally, ships share information related to the size, rigging and crew composition of their vessels, and this project will encourage the expansion of the information available to include dietary catering, LGBTQ+ inclusion and accessibility, ensuring the world of sail training is open to all backgrounds.



Continuing their successful work in 2022, the Youth Council's Promotional Materials group will continue to look at ways to improve the online presence of sail training for young people.

A working group led by Head of Youth Council Media and Communications, Eline Kristiansen, will be expanding their social media activities and delivering more online workshops and seminars throughout the year.

STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL WINS BOSTON TEAPOT TROPHY



The Norwegian Class A ship, Statsraad Lehmkuhl, has been awarded the Boston Teapot Trophy for their voyage from Newport, Rhode Island, and Horta, Azores Islands.

Their winning voyage saw them sail 1,125 nautical miles with an average speed of 9.1 knots in January 2022, sailing through wintery gales and snowstorms during the passage. **The award marks the 9th time Statsraad Lehmkuhl has won the trophy since its inception in 1964.**

Everyone at Sail Training International would like to warmly congratulate Statsraad Lehmkuhl and her sailing crew for an amazing award winning voyage and on their ongoing excellent work delivering sail training experiences.

If you would like to enter a voyage for consideration for The Boston Teapot Trophy you can apply with your voyage details on the Captains' Page of the Sail Training International website.

Don't forget, you can enter more than one entry for the trophy per year. Visit sailtraininginternational.org to find out more.



WHAT IS THE BOSTON TEAPOT TROPHY?

The Boston Teapot Trophy was created in 1964 when two Tall Ships were voyaging back from the US to Europe after the first transatlantic Tall Ships Races, to create competition for their young sail training crews on their journey. Since then, it has been contested annually ever since between some of the best sailed Tall Ships in the world.

To recognise the award, Brooke Bond Tea obtained permission from the Boston Fine Arts Museum to copy a silver teapot which was in use in Boston at the time of "The Tea Party".

This prestigious trophy has been awarded annually ever since to the vessel that sailed **the greatest distance within 124 hours with a sail training crew aboard.**

The extended time of the voyage helping to counteract any short-term effects of gusty winds and other factors that might provide short peaks of speed.



BURSARY & FUNDING NEWS

As we move into a new year, we are once again delighted to be able to provide a number of bursaries and funds to support the delivery of sail training across the world. With the return of the Oman Bursary Scheme, the Youth Development Fund and the Canada Legacy Fund, there is over £60,000 in funds available.

If you know a young person who would benefit from the Oman Bursary Scheme, or are part of an organisation delivering sail training projects, we warmly welcome all applications and encourage you to get in touch!

THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & CANADA LEGACY FUNDS LAUNCH APRIL 10

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 and provides £25,000 to support these.

Launched in 2019, it has helped over 20 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

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, providing \$25,000 (CAN) in funding each year.

The 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

LOOKING FOR SOME PROJECT INSPIRATION?

Here's just a few of the successful applicants' projects for the Youth Development Fund and Canada Legacy Fund in 2022...



Morvagh Sailing Project were awarded £5,000 for their ASPIRE 360 Round Britain Challenge, taking disadvantaged young people on a 1945 NM circumnavigation of the UK.



West Indies Sail Heritage Foundation were awarded £7,500 for their Go to Sea programme that helped young people improve their educational and employment opportunities.



OYT Scotland were awarded £4,000 for their Young Ambassadors Programme, a 10-day challenge voyage aimed at encouraging continued involvement in sail training for disadvantaged young people.



Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust were awarded £3,500 for their First Time Trip Summer Programme that will provide sail training voyages to young people living through and beyond cancer.

BURSARY & FUNDING NEWS

Interested in applying, but don't have a project yet?

New for 2023, we will be offering organisations the opportunity to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) initial application for the Youth Development and Canada Legacy Funds.

To complete an EOI, all you need to do is submit a quick, concise overview of your planned project before completing a full application. The Funding Committee will advise if the project meets the funding criteria and provide support where needed when completing your full application.

FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY



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OMAN BURSARY SCHEME OPENS FOR 2023

Oman Bursary Scheme 2023 is now open for applications for individuals, which can be submitted on the Sail Training International website.

The scheme is aimed at disadvantaged people aged between 15-25 years old – regardless of sailing experience, physical ability or nationality. It offers the chance for those who may not normally be able to embark on a sail training voyage, or take part in a Tall Ships event, to do so.

To help encourage people from all over the world to have the opportunity to sail, the bursary is limited to those who haven't taken part in a Race or Regatta before and each successful applicant will be awarded a maximum of £500.

We would like to once again extend our thanks to the Royal Navy of Oman whose generosity has made the Oman Bursary Fund and Youth Development Fund 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.

Event News & Updates...

Bidding Closes for The Tall Ships Races 2026



Looking further forward, we recently launched the bidding process for The Tall Ships Races 2026, which will take place in the North West Europe sea area.

With a number of bids from experienced Host Ports of The Tall Ships Races, we look forward to announcing the successful bidding cities and race route in the coming months.

The North West Europe sea area has always provided some amazing sailing routes and experiences, perfectly complemented by some fantastic stops across Europe.

America 250 Celebrations in 2026



Also coming up in 2026 are the celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of American independence.

Following discussions with our various stakeholders, the decision has been made that Sail Training International will not be taking part in these as we have in previous years.

We would like to wish our friends across the Atlantic well in all of their event preparations for this landmark anniversary.

We are always looking for ports and cities interested in hosting our Events so please do get in touch if you would like to discuss applying to host the Tall Ships Races in 2027 or beyond please contact Vanessa Mori at Vanessa.Mori@sailtraininginternational.org

COMING UP IN 2023...

Looking forward to 2023, we have two fantastic editions of The Tall Ships Races with The Tall Ships Races 2023 and The Tall Ships Races Magellan-Elcano and Endorsed Event, Armada Rouen 2023. These events will provide an action-packed summer of maritime events including two exciting racecourses, taking in the North Sea, English Channel and Iberian Peninsula.

There are over 80 ships already registered across the events and we warmly encourage vessel operators to join us for what promises to be another exciting summer of racing.



ENDORSED EVENT: ARMADA ROUEN

L'Armada Rouen 2023 is a spectacular 10-day maritime festival held in Rouen, France. The event is one of the largest maritime festivals in the world and sees a majestic fleet of Tall Ships moor along the river Seine and welcome millions of visitors aboard during the celebrations.

In 2019, L'Armada Rouen celebrated its 30th anniversary and around 4 million spectators attended the event as it partnered with Sail Training International as the start port of The Liberty Tall Ships Regatta.

Visitors can expect plenty of entertainment as part of the celebrations, including some of the most beautiful vessels from around the world, live music, festivities and spectacular fireworks.

The Sail Training International Endorsed Event Scheme is open to any port or city who would like their Tall Ships event to be associated with and supported by Sail Training International.

If you are interested in the Endorsed Event Scheme please contact vanessa.mori@sailtraininginternational.org for further details.



THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2023

The Tall Ships Races 2023 will see the international fleet of Tall Ships and Small Ships return to Den Helder, Hartlepool, Fredrikstad, Lerwick and Arendal from 29 June to 6 August.

- Den Helder (Netherlands): 29 June - 2 July
- RACE ONE
- Hartlepool (UK): 6 July - 9 July
- RACE TWO
- Fredrikstad (Norway): 15 July - 18 July
- CRUISE-IN-COMPANY
- Lerwick (UK): 26 July - 29 July
- RACE THREE
- Arendal (Norway): 3 August - 6 August

With four of the five Host Ports having already hosted the stunning Tall Ships fleet, we are excited to return to old friends and visit new frontiers for some exhilarating sailing, stunning cruises and celebrations across Northwest Europe.

The Tall Ships Races 2023 will offer ships and trainees an opportunity to participate in a variety of Sail Training experiences with an exciting racecourse including thrilling shorter racing, longer more challenging routes and scenic cruises on offer throughout the legs.



THE TALL SHIPS RACES MAGELLAN-ELCANO

Following on from the Tall Ships Races 2023, The Tall Ships Races Magellan-Elcano will visit Falmouth and follow a course to A Coruña, Lisbon and Cadiz from 15 August to 10 September.

- Falmouth (UK): 15 August - 18 August
- RACE ONE
- A Coruña (Spain): 24 August - 27 August
- CRUISE-IN-COMPANY
- Lisbon (Portugal): 31 August - 5 September
- RACE TWO
- Cadiz (Spain): 7 September - 10 September

The Race Committee has looked at options which deliver one short and one longer race leg and a scenic Cruise-in-Company along the Iberian coast. Having postponed our last two planned visits to southern Europe in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic, we're excited to return for the first time since 2016.

The variety of festivities, attractions and crew activities that will be on offer during each of the Host Port stops are sure to make the event a truly unforgettable experience for trainees and participating ships.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS IN 2023

DUNKIRK TO HOST THE INTERNATIONAL SAIL TRAINING & TALL SHIPS CONFERENCE 2023

We are pleased to announce that the International Sail Training & Tall Ships Conference 2023 will take place in Dunkirk, France, from Friday 17th to Saturday 18th November.

After a successful return to our in-person conference last year in Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, we are excited to once again welcome members of the sail training family for two days of discussions, learning and networking.

The International Sail Training and Tall Ships Conference is an annual event, open to everyone involved in sail training and The Tall Ships Races and Regattas – Tall Ship owners and operators, sail training providers, Host Port organisers of future events and representatives from Sail Training International's endorsed events.

The conference provides a truly unique environment for seminars, workshops and networking as delegates are welcomed from around the world. Traditionally welcoming up to 400 delegates, the conference has become an integral part of the sail training calendar.

The programme of sessions and networking opportunities it provides help to drive the delivery of thousands of sail training opportunities for young people and renowned international maritime events that entertain millions of visitors every year.

The conference will open for bookings soon. In the meantime, we encourage all interested delegates to save the date to ensure that you don't miss out on what promises to be a fantastic conference in a beautiful setting.



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THE TALL SHIPS RACES & REGATTAS HOST PORT SEMINAR COMES TO FREDRIKSTAD

Alongside our annual conference, we're also excited to bring The Tall Ships Races & Regattas Host Port Seminar 2023 to Fredrikstad, Norway, during The Tall Ships Races 2023 on Monday 17 July.

We very much hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be an informative and enjoyable gathering.

In addition to the seminar programme, attendees will have the opportunity to see the organisation of the Fredrikstad event first-hand, while also networking with delegates from other cities.

Attendance at the seminar is FREE OF CHARGE and offers an experiential, informative opportunity for those interested in hosting a future event, hosting and endorsed event or already contracted to host a Sail Training International event.

Importantly, delegates will also be able to network with the participating fleet and their Captains, and discuss their participation in future events.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE:



A Review of The Tall Ships Races 2023
Fredrikstad Host Port Event Organisation



The Value of Sail Training for Young
People and How to Make it Happen



The Tall Ships Races Branding and How to
Create an Effective Host Port Visual Identity



Helping Ships to Earn Income during
Events whilst in Port



How to Market The Tall Ships Races and Sail
Training to a Wider Audience of Young People

As expectation grows for the visit of The Tall Ships Races 2023 to Fredrikstad, there is a large demand for accommodation in the city during the event. With this in mind, we are encouraging delegates to book their stay for the seminar as soon as possible.

COMING UP ON THE HORIZON: THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2024



As we continue our preparations for The Tall Ships Races 2024, we have enjoyed our first in-person planning visits to the Host Ports of the event. We had some great visits to Tallinn, Klaipeda, Helsinki and Turku recently and look forward to seeing our friends in Szczecin and Mariehamn in the coming weeks.

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

“Following the unfortunate cancellation of The Tall Ships Races 2021, which was due to take place in the Baltic Sea, we’re delighted to be able to return after seven years and bring the majestic and unique spectacle of The Tall Ships Races to the region.”

“We are confident these ports will embrace the International Tall Ships fleet, with their maritime legacy, commitment to youth development and adventurous spirit which goes hand in hand with our values of international friendship and understanding.”

The Tall Ships Races Race Director, Magda Makowska



The Tall Ships Races 2024 is now open for entries. If you would like to take part, just complete an entry form found on the Captains' Page of our website and send it to office@sailtraininginternational.org



Klaipeda:
27 - 30 June



Helsinki:
4 - 7 July



Tallinn:
11 - 14 July



Turku:
18 - 21 July



Mariehamn:
24 - 27 July



Szczecin:
2 - 5 August

COMING UP ON THE HORIZON: THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2025



As we continue our planning for The Tall Ships Races 2025, in January we enjoyed a productive Joint Host Port Meeting in London with representatives from each of the Host Ports.

The visit gave the project teams the chance to discuss upcoming plans for the event and get a better understanding of what is required to create a successful event for the fleet, trainees and visitors.

“It was with great pleasure that we recently announced the Host Ports for The Tall Ships Races 2025, welcoming back old friends of the races and new friends to the sail training family.

“Following our meetings in January we are more confident than ever that these ports will embrace the international Tall Ships fleet, with their maritime legacy, commitment to youth development and adventurous spirit which goes hand in hand with our values of international friendship and understanding.”

Tall Ships Races International Commercial Director, Vanessa Mori

Alongside the Joint Host Port Meeting, we were also invited to Dunkirk as the city officially signed their contract for the event. With a number of media outlets covering the announcement, it is heart-warming to see the entire region embracing the races' first visit to Dunkirk.



With four fantastic Host Ports already confirmed, we hope to have more exciting news with the announcement of a 5th Host Port for The Tall Ships Races 2025 soon.



Le Havre: 4 July - 7 July



Dunkirk: 10 July - 13 July



Aberdeen: 19 July - 22 July



Kristiansand: 30 July - 2 Aug

FUTURE RACES, FESTIVALS & EVENTS

ENDORSED EVENT: L'ARMADA ROUEN 2023



8 June -
18 June 2023

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2023



29 June -
6 August 2023

THE TALL SHIPS RACES MAGELLAN-ELCANO



15 August -
10 September 2023

ENDORSED EVENT: DELFSAIL 2024



13 June - 16
June 2024

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2024



27 June -
5 August 2024

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2025



4 July -
2 August 2025

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