



Sail Training International

SUMMER 2023



SUMMER NEWS



August already, the first of our two major events completed, and time for another newsletter. We've just returned from The Tall Ships Races 2023 and are about to decamp to Falmouth for the start of the Magellan-Elcano series.

Below, you can find a full report on The Tall Ships Races 2023, which amongst other things included some very demanding weather conditions, a first-time involvement from a new host port in Arendal, and a visit from HRH The Princess Royal.

Elsewhere, we have a report from this year's Host Port Seminar, an update from our International Youth Council and the appointment of a new Trustee to represent it, news of future events, including the announcement of our 2026 host ports, and information about our different funding opportunities.

Looking to the future, we have a request for people interested in getting more involved with the organisation. We are always looking for fresh faces to sit on our various Board and advisory bodies.

Over the next 12-18 months we are looking to recruit volunteers to join the Board of Trustees of Sail Training International, the Board of Directors of our events company, Tall Ships Races International Ltd, and the International Ships Council.

In particular, we need candidates with skills and experience in the following areas:

- Command experience on large sailing ships, preferably with a record of taking part in Sail Training International events
- Marketing, sales, fundraising
- Event management
- IT and use of electronic media

The time commitment can be the equivalent of 5-10 days per year depending on the exact role, and we need people who share our aims of youth development, international friendship and understanding, and care for the oceans and planet. As a global organisation we need a wide range of people and applications are encouraged from all candidates regardless of ethnicity, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, and gender identity.

If you would like more detail, please let us know of your interest via email at office@sailtraininginternational.org and attach an outline CV.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Conference in November.

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

Jonathan Cheshire OBE
Chairman, Sail Training International

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2023



We've just returned from another amazing edition of The Tall Ships Races, having enjoyed some exhilarating sailing as we visited Den Helder, Hartlepool, Fredrikstad, Lerwick and Arendal.

Across the races, we welcomed 56 ships from 17 different countries around the world to take part in over 1,000 nautical miles of sailing. Between them, the fleet brought the exciting experience of The Tall Ships Races to over 3,500 trainees and crew.

On the water the Tall Ships took part in 3 races that saw them face a number of varied and challenging sailing conditions. Once all was said and done, the ultimate prizes went to Dar Młodzieży (Poland), who came first overall on elapsed time, Fryderyk Chopin (Poland), who finished first overall in Class A, and Tara (Denmark), who topped the table overall in Class D.

The main prize of the series, the coveted Friendship Trophy, was awarded to Capitan Miranda (Uruguay), who took the core theme of international friendship to their hearts throughout the series.

The trophy is awarded to the vessel – on the votes of all Captains and crew – which has contributed the most to promote international friendship and understanding within the fleet throughout the whole of The Tall Ships Races.

Taking part in their first races since 2009 the whole crew embraced the spirit of the event and showed fellow crews and visitors a warm welcome in every port, showcasing the very best of Uruguayan culture along the way.

We would like to extend congratulations to the crew of Capitan Miranda for this wonderful achievement and being a true champion of the Races' core values of youth development and the fostering of international friendship and understanding.

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2023 IN NUMBERS

- Over 3,500 crew
- From 6 continents
- On board 56 Ships
- From 17 nations
- Sailing over 1,000 NM
- Racing over 500 NM
- 105 trophies awarded



A ROYAL VISIT TO LERWICK

Lerwick was privileged to welcome royalty to the in-port celebrations on days Two and Three as HRH Princess Anne made a special visit to The Tall Ships Races 2023.

The Princess Royal arrived on Thursday 27th, joining the Captains' Dinner that evening, and took part in a tour of the event on Friday 28th July. During the visit she was able to meet the captains of the fleet and tour several ships, meeting crews and young trainees.

Joining the traditional Captains' dinner, Princess Anne was able to meet captains of the Tall Ships fleet and hear about their experiences during this year's race series.

The dinner saw speeches from Convener of Shetland Islands, Andrea Manson, and Captain of Statsraad Lehmkuhl, Marcus Siedl, who led a rousing rendition of the traditional sea shanty, South Australia.

During her visit of the event site and fleet, Princess Anne was able to tour several ships, including Christian Radich, Roald Amundsen, Zenobe Gramme, Alba Explorer, Atene, Tenacious, Swan and Ocean Spirit of Moray.

As well as seeing the majestic ships up close, she was also able to speak with a number of trainees about the life-changing experiences and adventures they've enjoyed during the races.

Having made a number of visits to Lerwick over the years and having a keen interest in the benefits of sail training experiences, the visit was the perfect demonstration of the positive impact of The Tall Ships Races visit on the young people taking part and the Shetland community.



THE TALL SHIPS RACES & REGATTAS HOST PORT SEMINAR FREDRIKSTAD

One of the important events behind the scenes at The Tall Ships Races every year is our Host Port Seminar. This year, we were delighted to once again welcome over 70 delegates to Fredrikstad to take part in a series of sessions and workshops.

The seminar was an excellent resource for attendees and offered a rich and informative programme. With an increased focus on participation and encouraging the Tall Ships family to share their collective knowledge and experience, we would like to extend a special thanks to all for their contributions during the day.

Alongside the programme, the seminar also provided delegates with the unique opportunity to network with the participating fleet as they saw the excitement and spectacle of the Fredrikstad event first-hand.

With a packed calendar of upcoming events already confirmed, it was a valuable experience that looked at ways to help Host Ports deliver successful events and continue improving The Tall Ships Races model for young people, ships, Host Ports and visitors.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED

-  A review of The Tall Ships Races 2023 from the Fredrikstad Host Port Team
-  The opportunity to remind delegates what Sail Training is and why the Tall Ships Races are organised
-  Marketing The Tall Ships Races to a greater audience of Young People
-  The Tall Ships Races and engagement with the Wider Community
-  The Value of The Tall Ships Races Brand and Creating a Host Port Visual Identity
-  Reflections on the Outcomes of the Las Palmas Conference 2022 on Supporting Ships to Generate Income whilst in Port



SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL



The Youth Council have continued their important work in 2023 as they look to promote sail training around the world. Our last update provided details on their planned projects for this year, and we were delighted to see the progress they had been making.

With expansion of their digital promotional activities, delivery of sail training experiences, and development of improved inclusivity on board, they continue to make an invaluable contribution to our work.



JACK DIGNAN JOINS SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In more exciting news, we were pleased to welcome the Chair of the Youth Council, Jack Dignan, to the Sail Training International Board of Trustees.

Jack's first sail training voyage was in 2014 with Ocean Youth Trust South. Since then he has sailed as a volunteer on a number of sail training vessels and been involved in promoting and getting more people sailing at numerous festivals and events since.

Having Chaired the Youth Council for several years and helping expand their activities during the challenging period of the pandemic, Jack will be able to bring a wealth of experience to the Board.

PROJECT UPDATES



Following up our previous update, the Youth Council have made great progress on their planned European Voyage in September 2023. All places on board the voyage have now been filled and will see 16 young people join Baltic Beauty (Poland) on the trip.

The voyage will bring young people with previous sailing experience together to provide a platform for building friendships, exchanging skills, and sharing stories.



The Youth Council's promotional activities have gone from strength to strength in 2023, with them expanding their social media activities and delivery of online workshops and webinars.

Having grown their online following and increasing engagement with new digital content, we're excited to see what the rest of the year holds as they continue their efforts to promote the wonderful world of sail training.



To further support inclusion across the world of sail training, the Youth Council began work developing an expanded information and certification scheme for ships following our Las Palmas Conference.

Following several workshops, the project will soon enter its next phase of surveying previous sail training participants for their feedback on the information required to make well-informed decisions when choosing ships to sail on.

FIVE HOST PORTS OF THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2026 ANNOUNCED

In more exciting news for our events, we were delighted to announce our return to Northern Europe with five Host Ports confirmed for The Tall Ships Races 2026, Aarhus, Harlingen, Antwerp, Stavanger and Aalborg.

The series will begin on Wednesday 24 June and continue through to Sunday 2 August, offering three exciting and challenging race legs and a scenic Cruise-in-Company. With each Host Port having held several magnificent events during previous editions of The Tall Ships Races, there is sure to be a stunning reception for the fleet at every stop.

As with every edition of the world-famous race series, The Tall Ships Races 2026 will offer the perfect opportunity to experience the adventure of a lifetime as it brings together young people from around the world to embark on a voyage of challenge and self-discovery.

“Between them, the ports of Aarhus, Harlingen, Antwerp, Stavanger and Aalborg have hosted over 20 editions of The Tall Ships Races. With this rich and storied legacy, we are confident they will all once again welcome the Tall Ships fleet with a spirit of adventure, and a commitment to our core values of youth development, and international friendship and understanding.”

“We are confident that The Tall Ships Races 2026 will provide another attractive route for vessel operators and offer some exciting and adventurous experiences for the thousands of young trainees we look forward to welcoming.”

Chief Executive Officer, Tall Ships Races International Ltd
Alan James

The bidding process will soon be opening for The Tall Ships Races 2027, which will be sailed in the Western Europe and Iberian peninsula sea area.

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 by contacting Vanessa Mori at Vanessa.Mori@sailtraininginternational.org



Aarhus:
24 - 27 June



Harlingen:
3 - 6 July



Antwerp:
11 - 14 July



Stavanger:
22 - 25 July



Aalborg:
**30 July -
2 August**

COMING UP ON THE HORIZON...

Looking forward to the remainder of 2023 and beyond, we have three fantastic editions of The Tall Ships Races to look forward to with The Tall Ships Races Magellan-Elcano, The Tall Ships Races 2024 and The Tall Ships Races 2025.

These events will take trainees and the fleet across Europe as they visit the English Channel and Iberian Peninsula, the Baltic Sea and the North Sea, offering a wealth of opportunities to deliver life-changing experiences at sea.



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 - 3 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.



THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2024

The Tall Ships Races 2024 will start on Thursday 27 June and continue through until Monday 5 August. The event sees us return to the Baltic, visiting Klaipeda, Helsinki, Tallinn, Turku, Mariehamn and Szczecin.

- Klaipeda (Lithuania): 27 June - 30 June
- RACE ONE
- Helsinki (Finland): 4 July - 7 July
- CRUISE-IN-COMPANY
- Tallinn (Estonia): 11 July - 14 July
- RACE TWO
- Turku (Finland): 18 July - 21 July
- CRUISE-IN-COMPANY
- Mariehamn (Åland Islands): 24 July - 27 July
- RACE THREE
- Szczecin (Poland): 2 August - 5 August

The event will take the majestic Tall Ships fleet back to the Baltic Sea for the first time since 2017 and will take in all the Baltic region has to offer.

During our last visit, over four million visitors came to see the Tall Ships, and we're sure that 2024 will be just as spectacular for trainees and the Tall Ships fleet.



THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2025

The Tall Ships Races 2025 will take the majestic Tall Ships fleet through the English Channel and North Sea to Le Havre, Dunkirk, Aberdeen, Kristiansand and Esbjerg.

- Le Havre (France): 4 July - 7 July
- RACE ONE
- Dunkerque (France): 10 July - 13 July
- RACE TWO
- Aberdeen (Scotland): 19 July - 22 July
- RACE THREE/CRUISE-IN-COMPANY
- Kristiansand (Norway): 30 July - 2 August
- RACE FOUR
- Esbjerg (Denmark): 6 August - 9 August

With Host Ports from four countries – France, UK, Norway and Denmark – The Tall Ships Races 2025 will provide the perfect opportunity to take part in some great sailing and embark on the adventure of a lifetime across the North Sea area.

Since our last update, we are delighted to welcome back Esbjerg to The Tall Ships Races as the final Host Port of the event. The Danish city will host the fleet for the sixth time having last welcomed the Tall Ships fleet in 2022.



BURSARY & FUNDING NEWS

As we continue through the year, we are once again delighted to provide a number of bursaries and funds to support the delivery of sail training across the world. With the Youth Development Fund and the Canada Legacy Fund, there is £40,000 in funds available.

If you know of, or are part of, an organisation delivering sail training projects or know of one that would benefit from these funds, we warmly welcome all applications and encourage you to get in touch!

THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & CANADA LEGACY FUNDS

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.

FUTURE RACES, FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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 -
9 August 2025

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2026



24 June -
2 August 2026

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If you would like to discuss applying to host the Tall Ships Races in 2027 or beyond please contact Vanessa Mori at:
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