

# ADVANCE NOTICE

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Information for Captains and Vessel Operators



## THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2025

LE HAVRE	04 - 07 JULY
DUNKIRK	10 - 13 JULY
ABERDEEN	19 - 22 JULY
KRISTIANSAND	30 JULY - 02 AUGUST
ESBJERG	06 - 09 AUGUST



#### OFFICIAL DATES

LE HAVRE	04 - 07 JULY 2025
	RACE ONE
DUNKIRK	10 - 13 JULY 2025
	RACE TWO
ABERDEEN	19 - 22 JULY 2025
	RACE THREE/CRUISE-IN-COMPANY
KRISTIANSAND	30 JULY - 02 AUGUST 2025
	RACE FOUR
ESBJERG	06 - 09 AUGUST 2025

**INTRODUCTION - ADVANCE NOTICE  
SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL  
THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2025  
(04 JULY - 09 AUGUST)**

Thank you for entering The Tall Ships Races 2025. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

This Advance Notice is to provide owners, vessel operators and Masters/Captains with information about the plans made so far for The Tall Ships Races 2025 and associated events. It will be updated from time to time and each version is dated at time of publication. Please ensure you have the latest version. Further information is available at <https://sailtraininginternational.org/sailtraining/races-regattas/>.

The 2025 edition of the **Racing Rules and Special Regulations** will be available to download from the Captains Page on our website here <https://sailtraininginternational.org/sailtraining/captains-page/> soon. Owners and Captains/Masters' **MUST** read this document to help them prepare for this year's Races.

In the Spring, Sail Training International will issue the **Arrival Arrangements** document, which will be posted on the website and emailed to the fleet.

Each Host Port will also produce a detailed **Captains' Manual**, which will be available on the Captains' Page of the website here <https://sailtraininginternational.org/sailtraining/captains-page/>

The Sail Training International **Gateway** will allow you to manage your participation in our events online. With this in mind there are some important changes to the way in which you submit your **Crew Lists, Crew Party Numbers, Vessel Safety Equipment Information, Captains Contact Information, and Crew T-Shirt and Wristband Numbers**. Unlike previous events all of these details now need to be submitted online before your arrival in port.

If you have not already set up your user account on Gateway please click the following link and complete the registration steps [Register -Sail Training International \(tallshipsraces.com\)](https://tallshipsraces.com/register)

If you require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact us. If this is your first Tall Ships Race and you wish to have more detailed advice, we would be happy to put you in contact with an experienced vessel operator from your country, who would be willing to talk things through with you.

## **GENERAL INQUIRIES**

If you have any queries, or need further information, please contact: -

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E-mail: [office@sailtraininginternational.org](mailto:office@sailtraininginternational.org)

## RACING RULES & SPECIAL REGULATIONS

The 2025 edition of the **Racing Rules and Special Regulations** will be available to download from the Captains Page on our website here <https://sailtraininginternational.org/sailtraining/captains-page/> soon.

**Race 1 and Race 4 are designated as Category 2. Race 2 and Race 3 are designated as Category 1 in accordance with Rule 2.02 of the Racing Rules.**

**Participants are urged to make sure they study and use the 2025 Racing Rules and Special Regulations. The 2025 Racing Rules will be published in February.**

Full Sailing and Communications Instructions will be published before the Race Start.

## SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL RULE OF RATING AND RACE PRIZES

Each registered vessel will be issued with a Rating Certificate which will be calculated by Sail Training International's unique Rule of Rating which ensures that all vessels will be able to race equally on corrected time. All new vessels to The Tall Ships Races will be provided with a Measurement Form which will need to be completed in advance.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places per class on corrected time, and for first on elapsed time (line honours) and overall, on corrected time for each race leg. There will be many other special prizes for competing vessels, including for the best crew in the crew parade. Vessels from all classes competing in all race legs will be eligible for the overall race series prizes.

The principal award will be The Tall Ships Races 2025 Friendship Trophy which will be awarded to the vessel which, in the opinion of the competing captains and crews, has contributed the most to international understanding and friendship.

## CREW CHANGES

Vessel operators and Captains/Masters are reminded that the social programmes in each of the five ports are designed to a similar pattern [see "Draft Port Programmes"]. The main crew activities - sports, prize-giving, and crew party – **are usually held on the second day** of the official port dates.

In order to allow a vessel's trainee crew to gain maximum benefit from the social programme and, in particular, to take part in the prize-giving and crew party which follows it, **it is strongly recommended that crew changes are conducted on the third day of the official port dates.**

Many vessels do this already and crew changes often take place in the early hours of day three. Our experience is that trainees who have to leave their vessel before the prize-giving and crew party feel they are being deprived of an important part of the whole "experience" and would much prefer to have the chance to stay for those events, even if it means having to travel late at night or early in the morning. For 2025 the recommended crew change dates are:

**LE HAVRE - Sunday 6 July;  
ABERDEEN - Monday 21 July;  
ESBJERG - Friday 8 August**

**DUNKIRK - Saturday 12 July  
KRISTIANSAND - Friday 1 August**

## **DRAFT RACE COURSES**

All courses will be published during the Captains Briefing before the Race start. Race start and Race finish areas will be given in spring.

### **RACE THREE/CRUISE-IN-COMPANY: Aberdeen, UK to Kristiansand, Norway.**

The Cruise-in-Company is planned to follow on from the end of Race Three to Kristiansand, Norway giving ships the chance to visit some guest harbours on route to port four. These guest harbours are busy working to welcome the fleet with the best they have to offer. The Cruise-in-Company brochure will be found on the Captains' Page here: [www.sailtraininginternational.org/vessels/captains-page](http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/vessels/captains-page) in spring. The Cruise-in-Company ports are Sirevåg, Båly, Arendal and Farsund.

## **SAFETY EQUIPMENT VERIFICATION**

All vessels will be required to conform to the Sail Training International Special Regulations in the Racing Rules and Special Regulations, 2025 Edition. The Gateway Safety Equipment section must be completed by 0000hrs on the arrival day in port. Sail Training International will endeavour to inspect all vessels before the Race start.

## **VISAS**

### **Visa Requirements for France, UK, Norway and Denmark.**

Individual race entrants are responsible for ascertaining what visas or other documents will be required by their ship's company when arriving in France, UK, Norway and Denmark and to obtain such visas themselves. Captains/Masters should note that ships or crew originating from any EU and Schengen countries<sup>Note1</sup> do not need visas to visit any of this year's ports. However, they are advised to check that individual crew members conform to this requirement. Lists of countries whose citizens do require visas can be obtained from any of the host ports.

Please be aware that non-Schengen registered ships will have to contact the relevant countries' consulates since they will need visas for entering the Schengen area.

### **TRAVEL TO THE UK – NEW ETA**

By April 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa will need an electronic travel authorisation (ETA) to travel to the UK. For further information please visit: - <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-to-expand-digital-travel-to-more-visitors>

### **TRAVEL TO EUROPE – ETIAS**

The rules of travel to most European countries have changed. Starting in the first half of 2025, some 1.4 billion people from over 60 [visa-exempt countries](#) are required to have a travel authorisation to enter 30 European countries for a short stay.

At time of producing this document ETIAS is not in operation and no applications are collected at this point. For further information please visit: - [https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias/what-etias\\_en](https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias/what-etias_en)

## **DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE – Government and Military Vessels**

Both, government, and military vessels taking part in the Races will need diplomatic clearance to enter foreign territorial waters. A diplomatic clearance is to be sent via diplomatic channels. Captains/Masters, of government and military vessels are reminded to make sure that the period of time they have applied for takes into account the possibility of their vessel finishing the Race early and arriving in port outside the published official port dates. They are also advised to ensure that they have clearance for the Cruise-in-Company area of sailing and intended visit ports.

## **FRONTIERS CONTROL**

### **Please note the following: -**

- In addition to individual visa requirements, Captains/Masters must send a complete crew list to the port authorities before departing the previous port.
- The Crew list must identify crew members embarking after the vessel entered the Schengen Area and also those expected to disembark at the next port.
- Non-EU crew must have verifiable evidence of a flight or other travel plans to leave the EU to be allowed to disembark the vessel.
- Ships leaving the Schengen area must inform authorities about their next destination before departing the previous port.
- Minors must travel with written parental authorization. Please note; airline companies can refuse the embarking of a minor without such documentation.
- Whilst citizens from Schengen countries can travel carrying national ID cards, but it is strongly recommended to travel with a passport.

Specific guidelines about frontiers control will be included in the Arrival Arrangements, and any guidelines would be in accordance with EU and national requirements.

**Please remember that it is the responsibility of each vessel operator to ensure that the correct Visas, Diplomatic Clearance, and immigration requirements are in order before joining The Tall Ships Races 2025.**

## DRAFT PORT PROGRAMMES (LOCAL TIMES)

### LE HAVRE

Fri 4 July – Mon 7 July

**PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Friday 4 July and take part in the Tall Ships Parade on Monday 7 July.**

#### Friday 4 July

TBC	The last ships arrive in the morning
1000	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
<b>1000</b>	Event Area open
1000 - 2200	<b>Deadline for participating vessels to be in port</b>
All Day	Tall ships open for visitors
All day	Entertainment programme
1000 TBC	Stage programme
<b>1930</b>	Opening ceremony
	<b>Captains' Dinner</b>

#### Saturday 5 July

All day	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
1000	Event Area open
1000 - 2200	Tall ships open for visitors
All day	Entertainment programme
All day	Stage programme
<b>1600 TBC</b>	<b>Crew Parade</b>
<b>1730 TBC</b>	<b>Prize Giving Ceremony</b>
<b>1930 - 0000</b>	<b>Crew Party</b>

#### Sunday 6 July

1000	Event Area open
1000 - 2200	Tall ships open for visitors
<b>1100</b>	<b>Captains' Briefing</b>
1700	Ships located in Eure basin move to tide risen berthings
All day	Entertainment programme
All day	Stage programme

#### Monday 7 July

0700	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
0730 - 1300	Tall Ships Parade
TBC	<b>Start of Race 1 from LE HAVRE to DUNKIRK</b>

## DRAFT PORT PROGRAMMES IN FRENCH

PROGRAMME OFFICIEL PRÉVISIONNEL					LES GRANDES VOILES DU HAVRE 2025	
Jeudi 3 juillet	Vendredi 4 juillet	Samedi 5 juillet	Dimanche 6 juillet	Lundi 7 juillet		
 Arrivée des bateaux (après-midi)	 Inauguration Grandes Voiles du Havre	 Activités sportives, culturelles, touristiques pour les équipages	 Fin des visites des navires	 Parade de sortie de la flotte des Grandes Voiles du Havre à partir de 7h 30		
 Warm - up de l'événement à partir de 18h00	 Ouverture des navires à la visite	 Parade des équipages	 Fin des hospitalités à bord			
 Ouverture des hospitalités à bord	 Dîner des capitaines à l'Hôtel de Ville	 Remise des prix	 Sortie scénarisée des grandes unités	 Départ de l'étape 1 Le Havre Dunkerque		
		 Soirée des équipages	 Stationnement d'attente (bassins marnants)			
		 Spectacle nocturne				
	 Animations du village	 Sorties en mer et dans les bassins				

### LE HAVRE ARRIVAL PROCESS

The arrival process starts 2 hours before the passage of the doors.

The ships shall enter the basins through the locks 'Quinette' and then berth in the basins Eure, Paul Vatine and Vauban.

You may find attached the open-door periods of the locks 'Quinette'.

Between each open-door period up to and including Thursday 3 July, locking in can be organized.

After the passage of 'Quinette' locks, Class C and Class D shall have to enter in the basin Vauban that needs the Bridge of Eure's opening at 0930 and 1900.

Arrival is recommended during the diurnal open-door periods as follows:

- Monday 30 June from 1320 to 1520
- Tuesday 1 July from 1402 to 1602
- Wednesday 2 July from 1448 to 1648
- Thursday 3 July from 1537 to 1737

#### Class C and D

Arrival time recommended at basin Vauban: Thursday 3 July at 0930

Arrival time at latest at basin Vauban: Thursday 3 July at 1900



# LE HAVRE BERTHING AREA



## DUNKIRK

Thurs 10 July – Sun 13 July

**PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Thursday 10 July and take part in the Tall Ships Parade on Sunday 13 July.**

### Thursday 10 July

	The last ships arrive in the morning
1400	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
1000	Event Area open
<b>1200</b>	<b>Deadline for participating vessels to be in port</b>
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
1200 - 2100	Entertainment program
TBC	Stage programme
1400	Opening ceremony
<b>1900</b>	<b>Captains' Dinner</b>

### Friday 11 July

1000	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
1000	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
1100 - 2100	Entertainment programme
1100 - 2100	Stage programme
<b>1500</b>	<b>Crew Parade</b>
<b>1600</b>	<b>Prize Giving Ceremony</b>
<b>1900</b>	<b>Crew Party</b>

### Saturday 12 July

1000 - 1600	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
1000	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
<b>1600</b>	Captains' Briefing
1100 - 2100	Entertainment programme
1100 - 2100	Stage programme

### Sunday 13 July

1000	Event Area open
1200	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
1500	Tall Ships Parade only for fleet B – C - D
<b>TBC</b>	<b>Start of Race 2 from DUNKIRK to ABERDEEN</b>

DUNKIRK BERTHING AREA

**COMING SOON**

## ABERDEEN

Sat 19 July – Tues 22 July

**PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Saturday 19 July and take part in the Tall Ships Parade on Tuesday 22 July.**

### Saturday 19 July

	The last ships arrive in the morning
0900	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
0900	Event Area open
<b>1200</b>	<b>Deadline for participating vessels to be in port</b>
0900 - 2300	Tall ships open for visitors
0900 - 2300	Entertainment programme
0900 - 2300	Stage programme
1200	Opening ceremony
<b>1900</b>	<b>Captains' Dinner</b>

### Sunday 20 July

0900 - 2300	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
0900 - 2300	Event Area open
0900 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
0900 - 2300	Entertainment programme
0900 - 2300	Stage programme
<b>1530 - 1730</b>	<b>Crew Parade</b>
<b>1730 - 1830</b>	<b>Prize Giving Ceremony</b>
<b>1900 - 2300</b>	<b>Crew Party</b>

### Monday 21 July

0900 - 2300	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
0900 - 2300	Event Area open
0900 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
<b>1600 - 1700</b>	<b>Captains' Briefing</b>
0900 - 2300	Entertainment programme
0900 - 2300	Stage programme

### Tuesday 22 July

0900 - 1500	Event Area open
1000	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
1300	Tall Ships Parade
<b>1600</b>	<b>Start of Race 3/Cruise-in-Company ABERDEEN to KRISTIANSAND</b>

## ABERDEEN BERTHING AREA



**NORTH HARBOUR, PORT OF ABERDEEN - Location: Latitude 57° 09'N - Longitude 02° 04'W**

### **CRUISE IN COMPANY**

Following on from RACE THREE, A Cruise-in-Company will take place from the North Sea to Kristiansand, between TBC July and 30 July. Further details will be announced on the Captains' Page of the website in Spring.



## KRISTIANSAND

Wed 30 July – Sat 2 Aug

**PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Wednesday 30 July and take part in the Tall Ships Parade on Saturday 2 August.**

### Wednesday 30 July

	The last ships arrive in the morning
TBC	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
1200 - TBC	Event Area open
<b>1200</b>	<b>Deadline for participating vessels to be in port</b>
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
1600	Opening ceremony
<b>1900</b>	<b>Captains' Dinner</b>

### Thursday 31 July

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
1100 - TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme
<b>1500</b>	<b>Crew Parade</b>
<b>1600</b>	<b>Prize Giving Ceremony</b>
<b>1900 - 2300</b>	<b>Crew Party</b>

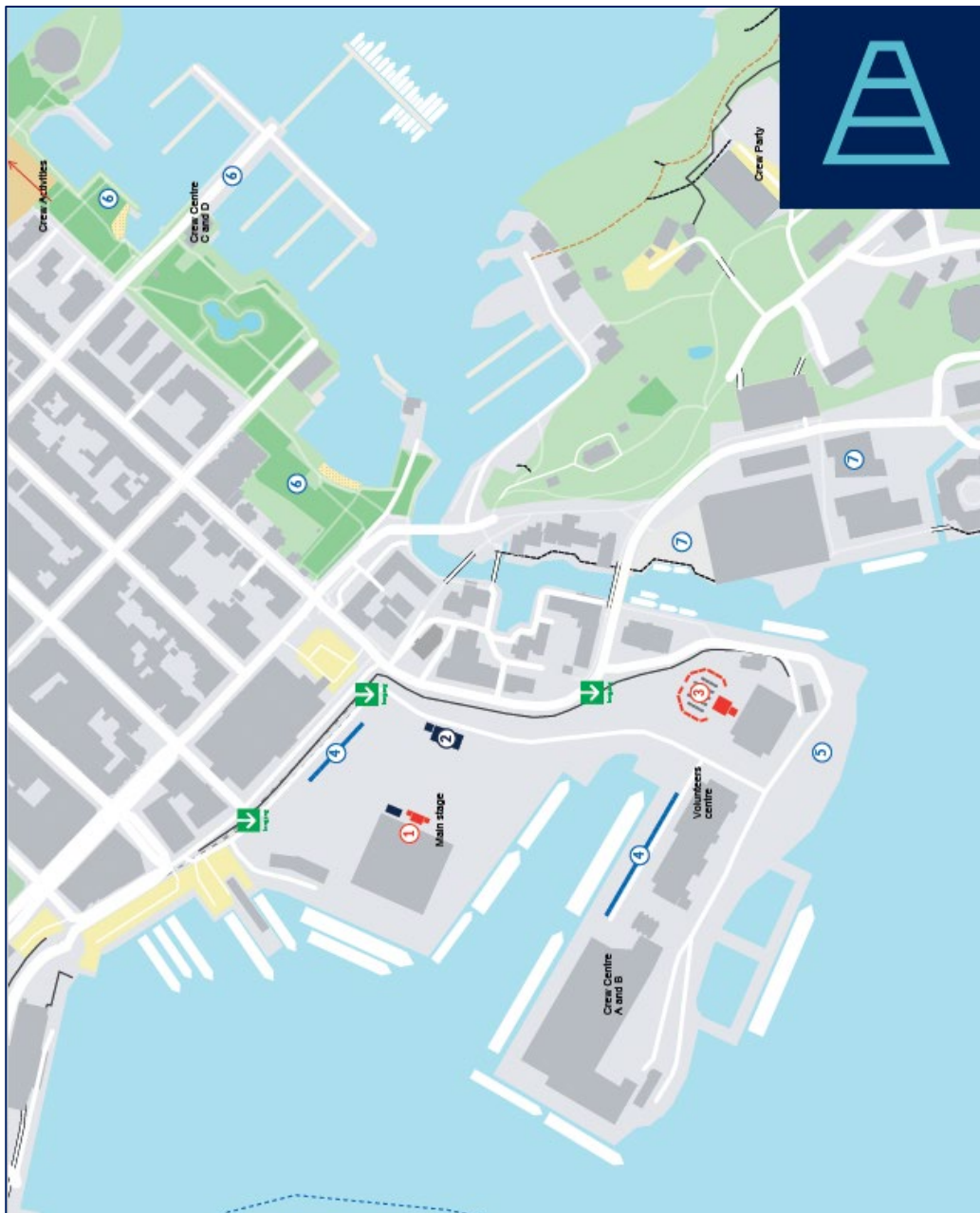
### Friday 1 August

TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
1100 - TBC	Event Area open
1000 - 2100	Tall ships open for visitors
<b>1600</b>	<b>Captains' Briefing</b>
TBC	Entertainment programme
TBC	Stage programme

### Saturday 2 August

TBC	Event Area open
TBC	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
TBC	Tall Ships Parade
<b>TBC</b>	<b>Start of Race 4 KRISTIANSAND to ESBJERG</b>

## KRISTIANSAND BERTHING AREA



# Arena

- ① Scene
- ② Mulig område for matsservering
- ③ Foodcourt, inkl. telt med liten so
- ④ Boder/salgstelt
- ⑤ Kyst og kultur/utstillinger
- ⑥ Barn/ungdoms aktivitetsområde
- ⑦ Mulig aktivitetsområde

## ESBJERG      Wed 6 Aug – Sat 9 Aug

**PLEASE NOTE: All vessels must arrive by the deadline of 1200 on Wednesday 6 August and take part in the Tall Ships Parade on Saturday 9 August.**

### Wednesday 6 August

	The last ships arrive in the morning
1200	Crew activities for early arrivals: sports and cultural activities
1000	Event Area open
<b>1200</b>	<b>Deadline for participating vessels to be in port</b>
1000 - 2000	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
1400	Stage programme
1500	Opening ceremony
<b>1900</b>	<b>Captains' Dinner</b>

### Thursday 7 August

1000	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
1000	Event Area open
1000 - 2000	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Entertainment programme
1400	Stage programme
<b>1500</b>	<b>Crew Parade</b>
<b>1600</b>	<b>Prize Giving Ceremony</b>
<b>1900</b>	<b>Crew Party</b>

### Friday 8 August

1000	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
1000	Event Area open
1000 - 2000	Tall ships open for visitors
<b>1600</b>	<b>Captains' Briefing</b>
TBC	Entertainment programme
1400	Stage programme

### Saturday 9 August

1000	Event Area open
TBC	Official Start of Fleet Undocking
TBC	Tall Ships Parade



# ESBJERG BERTHING AREA



## SHIPS' MAIL

The addresses below are the official addresses for any mail being sent during the Races either to a vessel or an individual crew member on board. When addressing mail to anyone in the fleet it is imperative that the **NAME OF THE VESSEL** is clearly stated.

### LE HAVRE

Fleet's last full day in port: Sunday 6 July

Name of Individual

**Name of Vessel**

The Tall Ships Races **LE HAVRE 2025**

GIP UN ETE AU HAVRE

Centre Havrais de Commerce International

182, quai Georges V

F-76600 LE HAVRE

FRANCE

### DUNKIRK

Fleet's last full day in port: Saturday 12 July

Name of individual

**Name of vessel**

The Tall Ships Races **DUNKIRK 2025**

A Bâtiment ex-Marina

Quai de Goole

59140 Dunkerque

FRANCE

### ABERDEEN *(ADDRESS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)*

Fleet's last full day in port: Monday 21 July

Name of individual

**Name of vessel**

The Tall Ships Races **ABERDEEN 2025**

Port of Aberdeen

16 Regent Quay

Aberdeen

AB11 5SS

UK

### KRISTIANSAND

Fleet's last full day in port: Friday 1 August

Name of individual

**Name of vessel**

The Tall Ships Races **KRISTIANSAND 2025**

P.O. Box 4

N-4685 Nodeland

NORWAY

### ESBJERG

Fleet's last full day in port: Friday 8 August

Name of individual

**Name of vessel**

The Tall Ships Races **ESBJERG 2025**

Esbjerg Kommune, Rådhuset

Torvegade 74

6700 Esbjerg

DENMARK

## CREW TRAVEL

### LE HAVRE Arrival/Transfer Information

The event will be held in the berths located downtown (Bassin de l'Eure, bassin Vatine, bassin Vauban), right next to the City station (5 minutes by foot) and has fully access by public transportation (bus and tramway).

#### Useful Websites:

[www.lehavre.fr](http://www.lehavre.fr)

[www.lehavre-etretat-tourisme.com](http://www.lehavre-etretat-tourisme.com)

[www.haropaport.com/fr](http://www.haropaport.com/fr)

[www.lehavreseinemetropole.fr](http://www.lehavreseinemetropole.fr)

[www.uneteauhavre.fr/fr/](http://www.uneteauhavre.fr/fr/)

#### How to get to Le Havre by plane:

Le Havre is located close to five main airports.

Paris – Charles de Gaulle (215kms from Le Havre City Center – 2h25 drive) - <http://www.parisaeroport.fr/>

Paris – Orly (211kms Le Havre City Center – 2h28 drive) - <http://www.parisaeroport.fr/>

Beauvais – Tillé (176kms Le Havre City Center – 2h25 drive) - <http://www.aeroportbeauvais.com/>

Deauville-Normandie (35kms from Le Havre Center – 45 mins drive) - <http://www.deauville.aeroport.fr/>

Le Havre – Octeville (7 kms Le Havre City Center – 20 mins drive) - <http://www.lehavre.aeroport.fr/>

#### How to get to Le Havre by train:

You can easily get to Le Havre by train. There are nearly 15 trains from Paris-Saint Lazare and Rouen every day (2h10). SNCF: <http://www.voyages-sncf.com>

#### How to get to Le Havre by ferry:

Between Le Havre and Portsmouth - regular daytime sailings four times a week (**currently no sailings on Friday, Saturday and Sunday**). More information: [www.brittany-ferries.fr](http://www.brittany-ferries.fr)

#### How to get to Le Havre by bus/coach:

You can join us from Paris by coach thanks to several lines managed by:

[www.ouibus.com](http://www.ouibus.com)

[www.flixbus.com](http://www.flixbus.com)

[www.blablacar.fr](http://www.blablacar.fr)

[www.sncf-connect.com/bus/trajet/le-havre/paris](http://www.sncf-connect.com/bus/trajet/le-havre/paris)

#### How to get to Le Havre by road:

Le Havre can be reached easily by car and is well served by several motorways

From Paris (A13 – A131) by the Tancarville Bridge

From Rouen (A29 - A150)

From Calais (A16 - A28 – A29)

From Caen (A13 – A29) by the Normandy Bridge

More information: <https://fr.mappy.com>

## **DUNKIRK Arrival/Transfer Information**

The event site is conveniently located near the city center, providing easy access to a variety of amenities. The beautiful beach, lined with vibrant bars and restaurants, is just a short walk away, offering the perfect spot to relax and enjoy local cuisine.

The mooring areas are Port of the Bassin de Commerce, the bassin de la Marine and most important mooring space for A and B ships quai Frécinet 1 and 2, 250 mètres from the city center and railway station.

### **Useful Website:**

[www.voilesdelegende.fr](http://www.voilesdelegende.fr)

### **How to get to Dunkirk by plane:**

[www.lille.aeroport.fr](http://www.lille.aeroport.fr)

There are direct flights to Lille airport. From the airport you take an airport bus to the station Lille Flandre where you have direct trains to Dunkirk

### **How to get to Dunkirk by train:**

[www.ter.sncf.com](http://www.ter.sncf.com)

There are direct lines from Lille Flandre to Dunkirk  
Address : Place de la Gare – 59 379 Dunkerque

### **How to get to Dunkirk by ferry:**

[www.dfds.com](http://www.dfds.com)

There is a direct line Dover – Dunkirk from the DFDS Seaways. 9 departures daily

### **How to get to Dunkirk by bus/coach:**

There are direct lines from Belgium (De Panne), Lille, Paris  
[www.dkbus.com](http://www.dkbus.com)

All buses in Dunkirk are 100 % free for all users

### **How to get to Dunkirk by road:**

- Motorway A16 from Calais
- Motorway E40 – A16 from Brussels
- Motorway A25 from Lille

## **ABERDEEN Arrival/Transfer Information**

Welcome to Scotland!

A warm Scottish welcome awaits you in Aberdeen in 2025.

We last hosted the Tall Ships Races in 1997 and are delighted to invite you to join us as our honoured guests, whether you are returning or calling in Aberdeen for the very first time. Aberdeen is the third largest city in Scotland, the capital of the Northeast, and an international centre for maritime excellence.

Aberdonians are very proud of our North Sea heritage, so 2025 will be an incredible year, with local people excited to meet you and making sure that everybody has a fantastic time in our city. We know that we will part as good friends and with many happy memories of our time together. Aberdeen is a vibrant, bustling port, right in the heart of the city centre, with centuries of seafaring adventure! The Granite City has a rich maritime history, having built over 1,000 Tall Ships that sailed the globe, while today's port is alive with modern energy.

Aberdeen's coast offers a breathtaking sail, with dolphins often spotted frolicking near the shore. It's a city of contrasts: ancient shipbuilding legacy meets a thriving arts scene, exhilarating festivals, and warm Scottish hospitality. Tall Ships Captains will experience a city where history and excitement unite, making Aberdeen an unforgettable destination during the 2025 Races!

### **Useful Websites:**

[www.tallshipsaberdeen.com](http://www.tallshipsaberdeen.com)

[www.visitabdn.com](http://www.visitabdn.com)

[www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com)

[www.aberdeencity.gov.uk](http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk)

[www.portofaberdeen.co.uk](http://www.portofaberdeen.co.uk)

[www.aberdeeninspired.com](http://www.aberdeeninspired.com)

### **How to get to Aberdeen by plane:**

Aberdeen is situated approx. 2.5 hours Edinburgh or Glasgow and is well connected with its own international airport, railway station, ferry terminal and bus station. Please find some useful links below to plan your journey to Aberdeen.

**Aberdeen Airport** - Aberdeen Airport is close to the city and is 9.5km from the City Centre and harbour on the A96 near Dyce. Aberdeen Airport has many direct connections all over Europe and if there is no direct flight then it is easy to transfer through Edinburgh, Glasgow or London.

[www.aberdeenaairport.com](http://www.aberdeenaairport.com)

Taxis are available for hire on the terminal forecourt. The journey takes about 15 minutes in normal traffic and the normal fare is usually around £16.

First Aberdeen and Stagecoach Bluebird both run buses between the airport and city centre. The timetabled journey is about 30 minutes in normal traffic. Fewer buses run at weekends and at night, so please check the timetables beforehand.

The nearest rail station, Dyce, is a short taxi ride from the airport. Trains from Dyce reach Aberdeen in about ten minutes and a standard Anytime single ticket costs £2.70.

It takes about 15 minutes to drive into central Aberdeen in normal traffic via the A96 Inverness-Aberdeen road. Car rental companies have desks in the Car Park Village.



**How to get to Aberdeen by train:**

Aberdeen Train Station is a five-minute walk from the North Harbour, Port of Aberdeen.

**Trainline** - [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com)

**Scotrail** - [www.scotrail.co.uk](http://www.scotrail.co.uk)

**Caledonian Sleeper** - [www.sleeper.scot](http://www.sleeper.scot)

**National Rail** - [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

**How to get to Aberdeen by ferry:**

**NorthLink Ferries** - sail daily from Aberdeen to Shetland and Orkney [www.northlinkferries.co.uk](http://www.northlinkferries.co.uk)

**How to get to Aberdeen by bus/coach:**

Aberdeen is well connected with bus and coach connections linking Aberdeen nationwide daily into Aberdeen and a well serviced network around the city centre and surrounding areas. Aberdeen Bus Station is a five-minute walk from the North Harbour, Port of Aberdeen.

[www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)

**First Bus** - [www.firstbus.co.uk](http://www.firstbus.co.uk)

**Stagecoach** - [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)

**How to get to Aberdeen by road:**

Aberdeen is connected to the south of Scotland and the rest of the UK by the northernmost motorway in the United Kingdom, the M90 (A90), a dual lane carriageway - [www.google.co.uk/maps](http://www.google.co.uk/maps)

**KRISTIANSAND Arrival/Transfer Information**

Kristiansand is a charming coastal city located in southern Norway. Known for its beautiful beaches, vibrant cultural scene, and historic sites, it is a popular destination for both locals and tourists. The city offers a mix of modern amenities and natural beauty, with attractions such as the Kristiansand Zoo and Amusement Park, the picturesque Posebyen old town, and the bustling Fiskebrygga fish market. Kristiansand is also a gateway to the stunning archipelago and scenic hiking trails in the surrounding region.

**Useful Websites:**

[Kristiansand | Southern Norway | Visit Southern Norway](http://www.visitnorway.com)

<https://www.tallshipsraceskristiansand.no/>

<https://www.portofkristiansand.no/>

<https://www.krsgjesteavn.no/>

**How to get to Kristiansand by plane:**

Kristiansand, located in southern Norway, is easily accessible by air. The main airport serving the city is Kristiansand Airport, Kjevik (IATA: KRS).

Kjevik Airport is situated 25 km north-east of Kristiansand. There are direct international flights to Alicante, Copenhagen and Amsterdam. Other than this there are domestic flights from Bergen and Oslo. You can easily get from the airport into the city center by bus or taxi.

**Taxi:** Taxis are available outside the terminal and can take you directly to your destination in Kristiansand.

**Bus:** There are regular bus services from the airport to the city center. The journey takes about 20-30 minutes.

Car Rental: Several car rental companies operate at the airport if you prefer to drive yourself. For more information regarding available services, see the website: <https://avinor.no/flyplass/kristiansand/>

### **How to get to Kristiansand by train:**

Kristiansand's train station is centrally located in the city near both the ferry terminal and the bus terminal, just a short walk from the event area.

You can reach Kristiansand by train from several key locations:

**Oslo:** The journey from Oslo to Kristiansand takes about 4.5 to 5 hours.

**Stavanger:** Trains from Stavanger to Kristiansand take approximately 3.5 to 4 hours.

**Bergen:** While there is no direct train from Bergen, you can travel via Oslo or Stavanger.

### **How to get to Kristiansand by ferry:**

The international ferry terminal is located right by the city center, just a short walk from the event area. There are two ferries that travel between Kristiansand and Denmark:

**Hirtshals to Kristiansand:** This is the most popular route, with ferries departing from Hirtshals in northern Denmark. Two main companies operate on this route:

**Color Line:** Offers up to 13 sailings weekly, with a crossing time of approx. 3 hours and 15 minutes. See more information on Color Lines' web site: <https://www.colorline.no/>

**Fjord Line:** Provides up to 3 daily sailings, with a crossing time of around 3 hours and 45 minutes. See more information on Fjord Line's web site: <https://fjordline.com/nb>

### **How to get to Kristiansand by bus/coach:**

Kristiansand bus station is located just by the event area. There are bus connections both eastbound to Oslo and westbound to Stavanger. There are several departures daily. Several bus companies provide services to Kristiansand, making it easy to reach the city from various locations:

- Vy Buss: Vy operates several routes to Kristiansand from major cities like Oslo and Stavanger. You can book tickets through the Vy website or app. Vy offers comfortable buses with amenities such as free Wi-Fi and power outlets<sup>1</sup>. Vy: <https://www.vy.no/buss/kristiansand>
- Nor-Way Bussekspress: This company offers long-distance bus services across Norway, including routes to Kristiansand. Tickets can be purchased on the Nor-Way Bussekspress website or app. They provide a reliable and comfortable travel experience: <https://www.nor-way.no/ruter/konkurrenten/>
- FlixBus: FlixBus connects Kristiansand with various cities in Norway and Europe. You can book tickets on the FlixBus website or app. FlixBus is known for its affordable prices and modern buses equipped with Wi-Fi and power outlets<sup>2</sup>. Flixbus: <https://www.flixbus.no/buss/kristiansand>

### **How to get to Kristiansand by road:**

Kristiansand is in the southern part of Norway and is easily accessible by car. If you are driving from Oslo, take the E18 highway southwest directly to Kristiansand. If you are coming from Stavanger, follow the E39 highway eastward to the city.

Kristiansand offers several parking garages and ample street parking. As you approach the city center, follow the signs for parking.

Remember to adhere to speed limits and traffic regulations, as Norway has strict traffic safety laws.

## ESBJERG Arrival/Transfer Information

Esbjerg, Denmark's fifth-largest city, is a vibrant coastal hub located in the southwestern part of the country. Known for its status as an Energy Metropolis, Esbjerg is a leader in Denmark's energy sector, particularly in offshore wind energy and renewable resources. The city offers a perfect blend of cultural experiences and natural beauty. Esbjerg is a gateway to the stunning Wadden Sea National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and boasts a thriving port and a welcoming community.

<https://www.vadehavskysten.com/>

### Airports:

- Esbjerg Airport [www.esbjerg-lufthavn.dk](http://www.esbjerg-lufthavn.dk)
- Billund Airport (1 hour drive) [www.billund-airport.dk](http://www.billund-airport.dk)
- Aarhus Airport (2 hours' drive) [www.aar.dk](http://www.aar.dk)
- Copenhagen Airport (3 hours' drive) [www.cph.dk](http://www.cph.dk)

### Public trains:

Danish National Railways: [www.dsb.dk](http://www.dsb.dk)

### Regional bus:

<https://www.flixbus.co.uk/coach/esbjerg>

### How to get to Esbjerg by train:

Esbjerg is well-connected by rail, with frequent services operated by Danish National Railways (DSB). Direct trains run from Copenhagen to Esbjerg, providing a scenic and comfortable journey of about 3 hours. For regional connections, there are regular trains linking Esbjerg to other major cities in Denmark, including Aarhus and Odense.

See train schedules and prices and book your ticket on [www.rejseplanen.dk](http://www.rejseplanen.dk) or on [www.dsb.dk](http://www.dsb.dk)

### How to get to Esbjerg by bus/coach:

Plan your trip via Rejseplanen to find which kind of public transportation will provide the best route for you. The site also applies local bus routes. Go to [www.rejseplanen.dk](http://www.rejseplanen.dk)

### How to get to Esbjerg by road:

Esbjerg is easily accessible by car via the E20 motorway, which connects the city to other parts of Denmark and beyond. Ample parking facilities are available throughout the city. The drive from Copenhagen takes approximately 3 hours, offering picturesque views of the Danish countryside along the way.

### Taxi info:

Esbjerg Taxa: +45 75 14 45 00

### How to get to Esbjerg by plane:

Esbjerg Airport is 10 minutes from Esbjerg and has commercial flights to Aberdeen and Stavanger. The closest major airport to Esbjerg is Billund Airport (BLL), located approximately 65 kilometers away. Billund Airport offers numerous international and domestic flights, making it a convenient option for travelers. From Billund, you can reach Esbjerg via direct bus services or car rentals available at the airport. Copenhagen Airport (CPH) is another alternative, with a train connection to Esbjerg.