TALL SHIPS RACES 2025

Captains' Briefing – ESBJERG



UNDOCKING & TALL SHIPS **PARADE**

Vessel	Country Of Registration	Departure time
	Norway	1000
	Netherlands	1000
	Denmark	1300
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	Denmark	1300
	Poland	1310
	Belgium	1310
	Germany	1310
	Italy	1315
	Poland	1320
	Poland	1325
JOLIE BRISE	United Kingdom	1325
	France	1325
OCEAN SPIRIT OF MORAY	United Kingdom	1330
RUPEL	Belgium	1330
	Spain	1340
	Norway	1340
B.A.P. UNIÓN	Peru	1345
KAPITAN BORCHARDT	Poland	1350
HELENA	Finland	1355
CHRISTIAN RADICH	Norway	1400
THALASSA	Netherlands	1400
LOA	Denmark	1405
FRYDERYK CHOPIN	Poland	1410
TARA	Denmark	1410
HNLMS URANIA	Netherlands	1410
ATLANTICA	Sweden	1410
JAMES COOK	United Kingdom	1415
DEN STORE BJØRN	Denmark	1415
OP STOK 3	Belgium	1420
	Estonia	1425
	Portugal	1425
BETTY	Denmark	1425
	Denmark	1425
	United Kingdom	1425
	Poland	1445
	United Kingdom	1450
	Finland	1455
	Uruguay	1500
	United Kingdom	1500
SHABAB OMAN II	Oman	1515





PARADE SAIL

- Undocking/Departure

- Conducted as a Parade Sail

-Commencing tomorrow at 13:00 LT

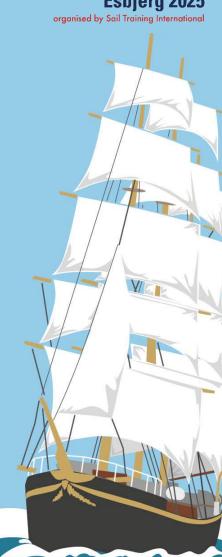




Parade Sail:

Controlled and coordinated by
 TSR 2025 Ops-center (Esbjerg Port Control)

VHF CH 14 will be used for all
 TSR 2025 ships participating in the Parade Sail

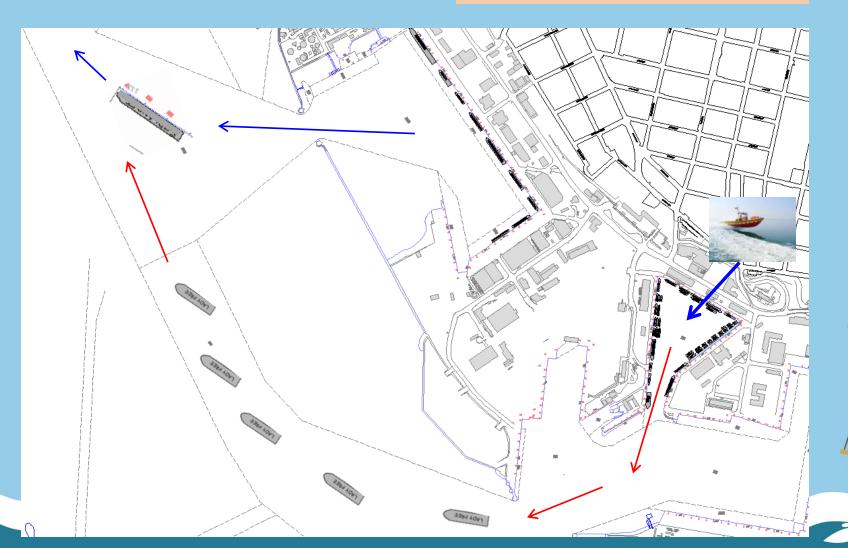


Parade Sail, principle:

- 1 "mother duck" followed by 5 ducklings
- and so on







Parade Sail

Spectators areas





organised by Sail Training International



MET REPORT

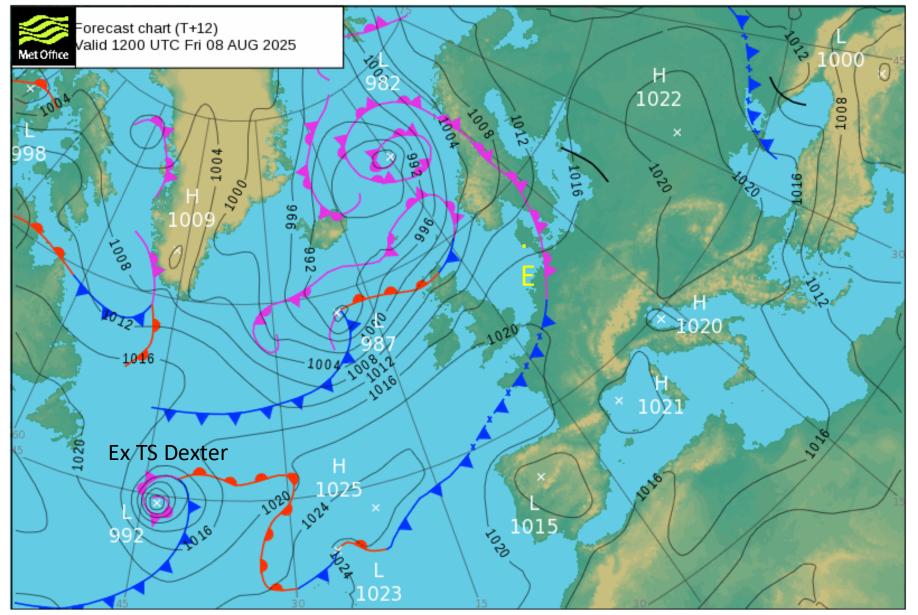
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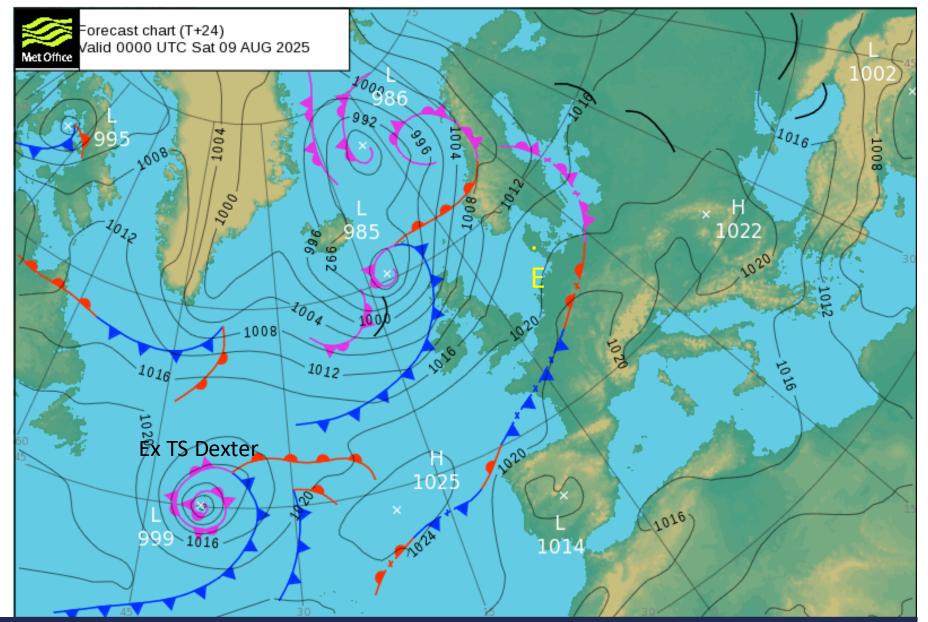
FORECAST OVERVIEW at 14:00 UTC – FRIDAY 8 August From Esbjerg, Denmark into North Sea for next few days

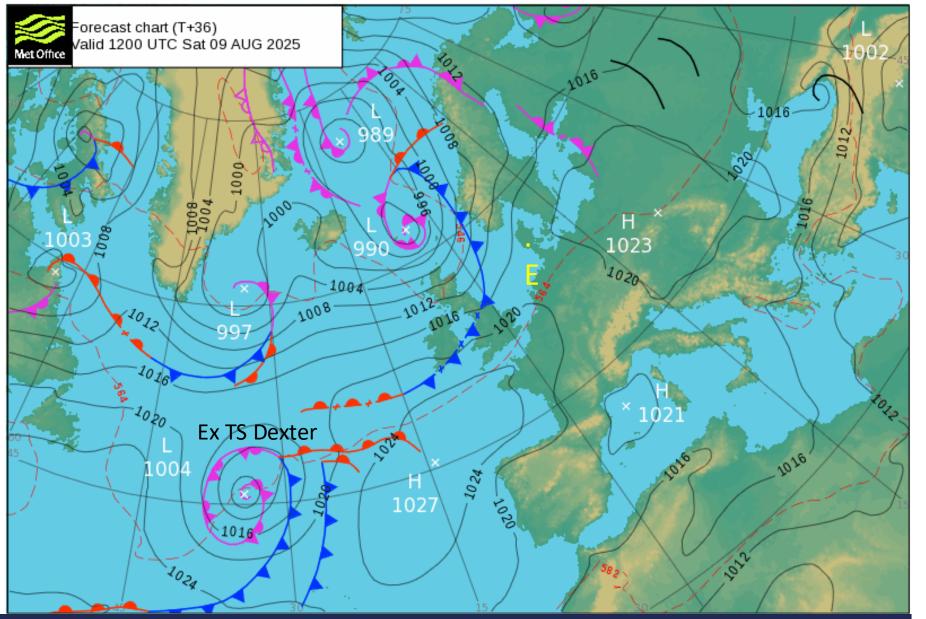
WEATHER PATTERN: Low pressure areas set to run across or close to northern N Sea over the next few days. While, high pressure is set to move in across the southern N Sea for Sunday, then drift eastwards into N Germany/Poland early next week. This then allows a potentially thundery low, with very humid air, to come in from the southwest across the UK late Monday/Tuesday before potentially drifting out into the N Sea on Wednesday.

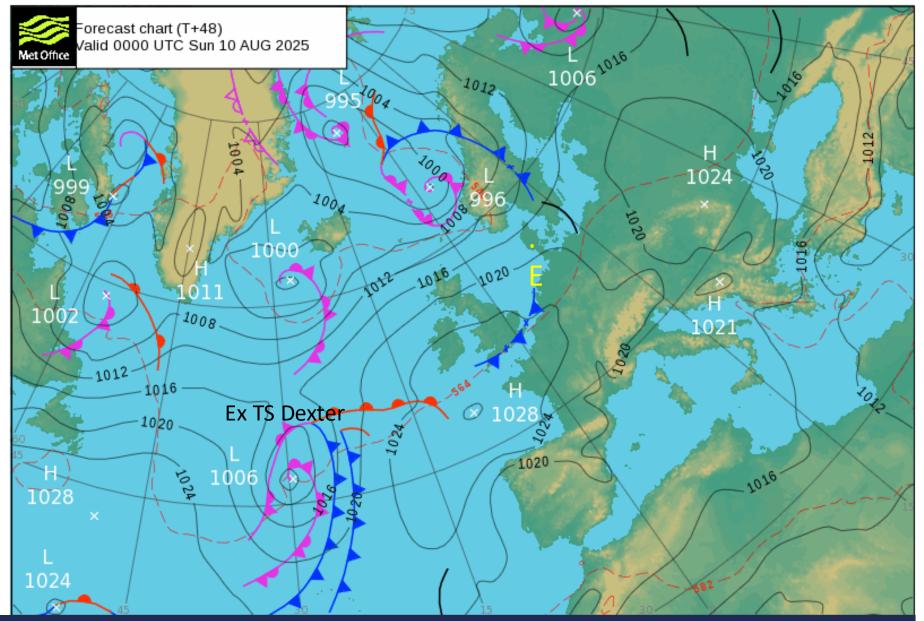
WATCHPOINTS:

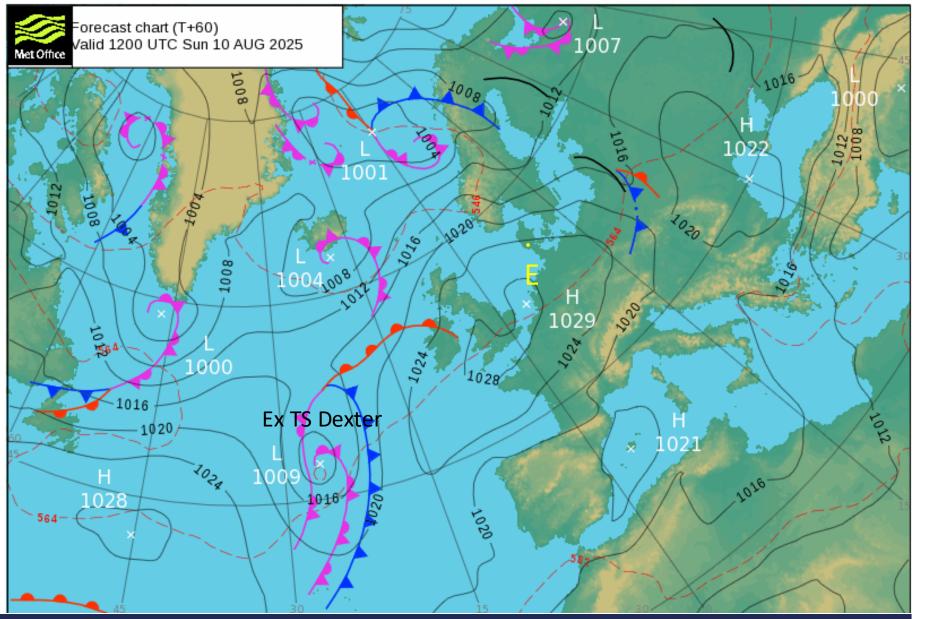
- WINDS: Fresh or strong at times around low-pressure areas in northern N Sea. From midweek onwards potential for gusty/squally winds around any heavy showers/thunderstorms
- WEATHER: Rain/showers at times, sometimes heavy, in northern N Sea and from midweek
- VISIBILITY: Mainly good/moderate, but dipping to poor in any heavier rain or mist/fog
- SEA STATE: No seas above 2m expected, except in northern N Sea this weekend

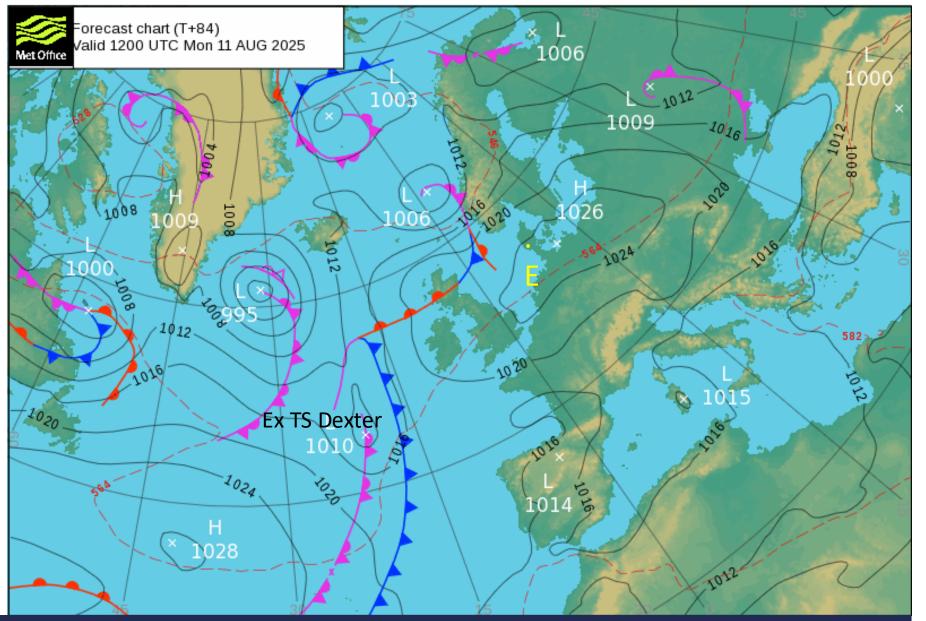


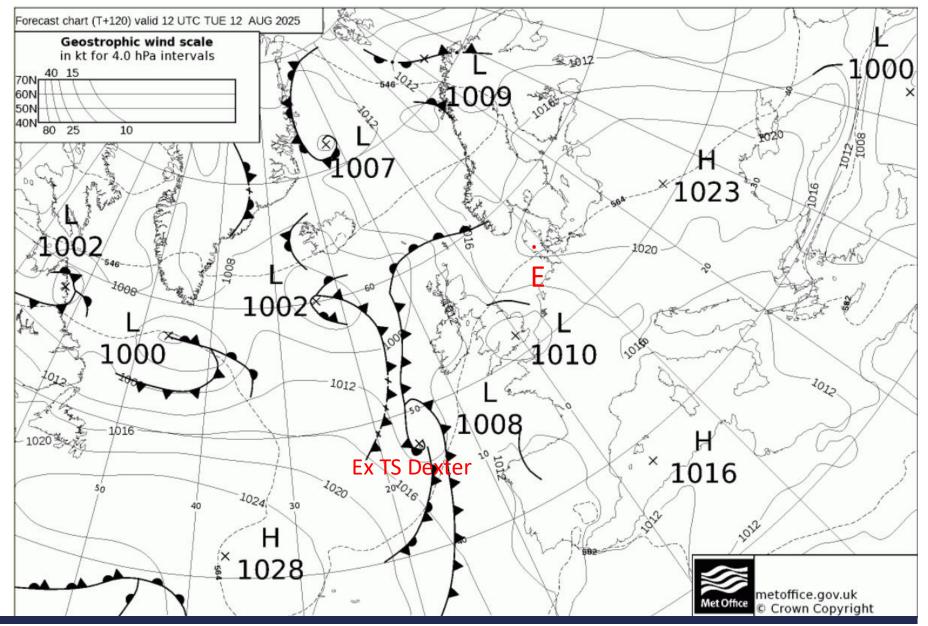












NEXT FEW DAYS



SATURDAY 12:00 UTC (ECMWF)

ECMWF 9km GFS 22km ICON 13km 7 more. 40

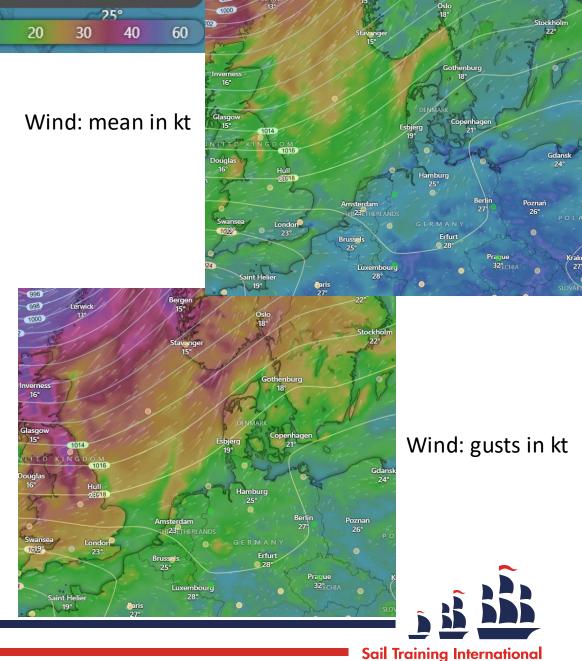
Winds: Mainly between S and W, with some sea breezes around N Europe coasts

Sea state: Slight or smooth in southern/central N Sea, but moderate or rough in northern N Sea

Weather: Rain, heavy at times, in north, dry and fair elsewhere

Visibility: Good/moderate, poor in heavy rain

Dew point: 10-12C in north, 12-16C in south



SUNDAY 00:00 UTC (ECMWF)

GFS 22km ICON 13km 7 more... **NOTHIJK** 40

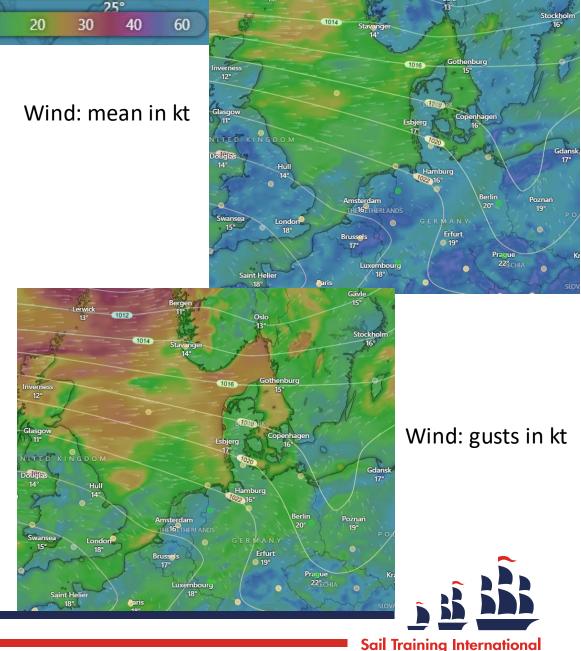
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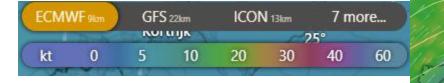
Weather: Rain, heavy at times, in north and central N Sea, dry and fair elsewhere

Visibility: Good/moderate, poor in heavy rain

Dew point: 10-12C in north, 12-16C in south



SUNDAY 12:00 UTC (ECMWF)



Winds: Mainly between SW and N, through W, with some sea breezes around some coasts

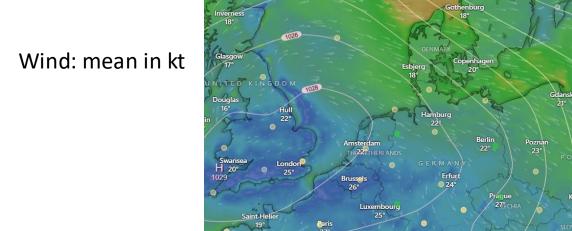
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Weather: Rain, heavy at times, in north and central N Sea, dry and fair elsewhere

Visibility: Good/moderate, poor in heavy rain

Dew point: 10-12C in north, 12-15C in south

SST: 14-16C in north, 16-19C in south





Wind: gusts in kt

MONDAY 00:00 UTC (ECMWF)

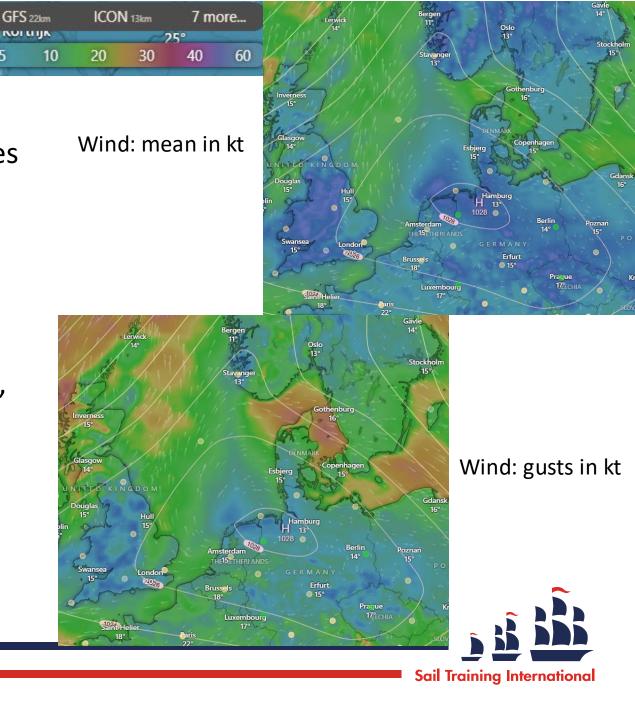
Winds: Light and variable in southern N Sea.
Between S and NW, elsewhere. Some land breezes on some coasts, especially in southern N Sea

Sea state: Slight or smooth in southern/central N Sea, but moderate in northern N Sea

Weather: Rain, heavy at times, in northern N Sea, dry and fair elsewhere

Visibility: Good/moderate, poor in heavy rain

Dew point: 11-14C in north, 12-15C in south



MONDAY 12:00 UTC (ECMWF)

ECMWF 9km GFS 22km ICON 13km 7 more... 25°
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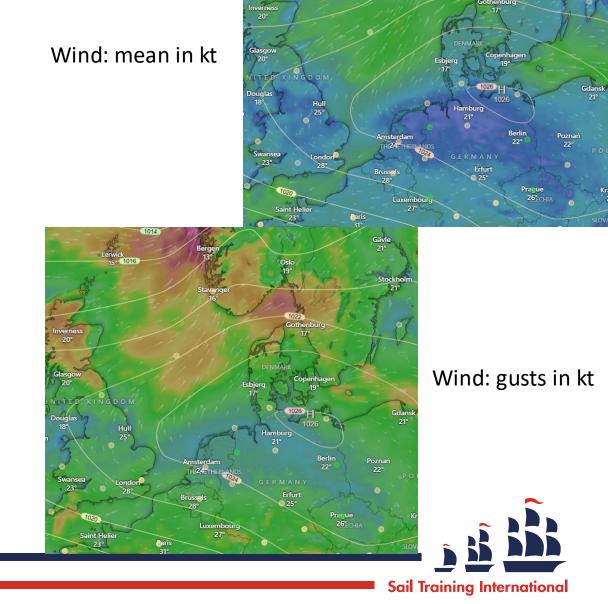
Winds: Light and variable in southern N Sea. Between S and W, elsewhere. Some sea breezes on some coasts, especially in southern N Sea

Sea state: Slight or smooth in southern/central N Sea, but moderate in northern N Sea

Weather: Outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, in northern and central N Sea, dry and fair elsewhere

Visibility: Good/moderate, poor in heavy rain

Dew point: 11-14C in north, 12-16C in south



TUESDAY 00:00 UTC (ECMWF)

Winds: Light and variable in many areas of N Sea. Some land breezes on some coasts

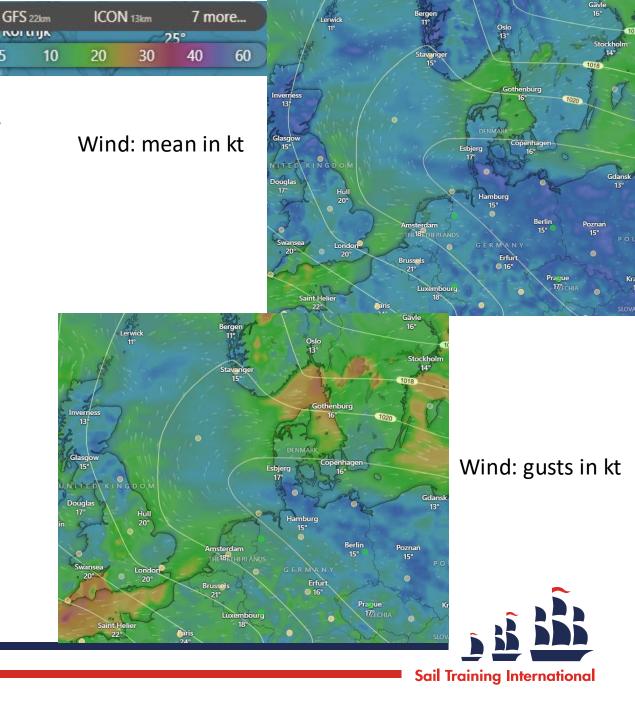
Sea state: Slight or smooth in N Sea

Weather: Outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, in northern N Sea, dry and fair elsewhere

Visibility: Good/moderate, poor in heavy rain

Dew point: 8-10C becoming 11-14C in north, 14-

17C in south



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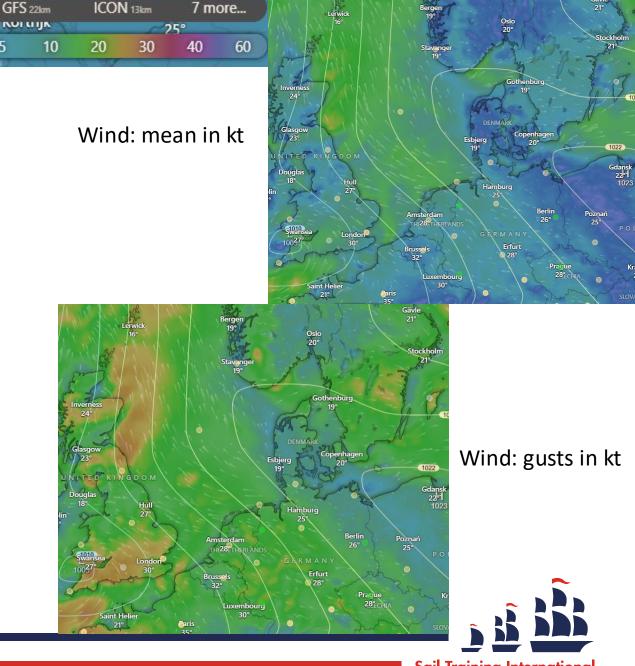
Winds: E to S, possibly SW. Some sea breezes on some coasts

Sea state: Slight or smooth in N Sea

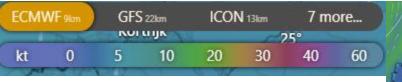
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Visibility: Good/moderate, poor in heavy rain

Dew point: 12-14C in north, 14-16C in south



WEDNESDAY 00:00 UTC (ECMWF)



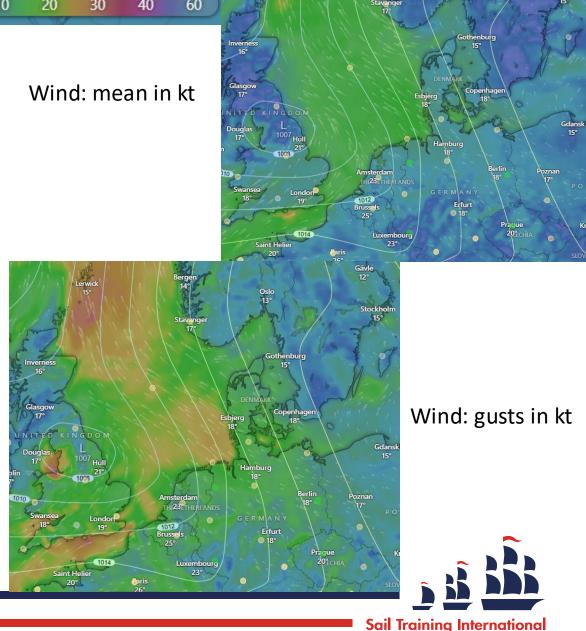
Winds: E, SE, S, SW. Some land breezes on a few coasts

Sea state: Slight or smooth in N Sea

Weather: Outbreaks of rain, heavy at times, in central/northern N Sea, mainly dry and fair elsewhere. Possible mist/fog patches developing

Visibility: Good/moderate, poor in heavy rain

Dew point: 12-14C in north, 15-18C in south



WEDNESDAY 12:00 UTC (ECMWF)



Winds: SE, S, SW, W, but cyclonic around thundery low in northern N Sea. Some sea breezes on a few coasts

Wind: mean in kt

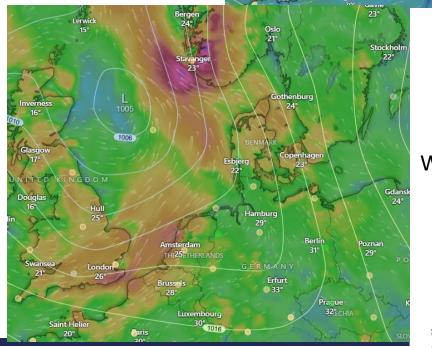
Sea state: Slight or smooth in N Sea

Weather: Outbreaks of rain, heavy/thundery at times, very hit and miss in N Sea – some places could stay dry. Possible mist/fog patches developing

Visibility: Good/moderate, poor in heavy rain

Dew point: 12-15C in north, 15-18C in south

SST: 14-16C in north, 16-19C in south



Wind: gusts in kt

THANK YOU and BON VOYAGE



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DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION: 31ST AUGUST 2025

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FAMILY PICTURE

WASH - UP TIME

HEARING YOUR FEEDBACK LAST YEAR:

- We've updated Racing Rules
- Introduced Gates and Exclusion Zones
- Welcomed Penny to our Race Committee
- Shortened the Crew Parades
- Changed the fleet checklist for ports to better understand fleet needs
- Introduced feedback forms after each port
- Captain's Manual published earlier- difficult case



HOW CAN WE IMPROVE FOR NEXT YEAR?

We'd love to hear your thoughts — what worked, what didn't, and what changes you'd like to see going forward.



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