

WELCOME ABOARD

Information for Captains and Vessel Operators



THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2026

AARHUS	24 - 27 JUNE
HARLINGEN	03 - 06 JULY
ANTWERP	11 - 14 JULY
STAVANGER	22 - 25 JULY
AALBORG	30 JULY - 02 AUGUST



Sail Training International



OFFICIAL DATES

AARHUS	24 - 27 JUNE
	RACE ONE
HARLINGEN	03 - 06 JULY
	CRUISE-IN-COMPANY
ANTWERP	11 - 14 JULY
	RACE TWO
STAVANGER	22 - 25 JULY
	RACE THREE
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INTRODUCTION - WELCOME ABOARD SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2026

1. OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS & GATEWAY VERIFICATIONS

In addition to this Welcome Aboard document, you are reminded that the following documents are available to download from the **Captains' Page** on the Sail Training International website [here](#) and on the **Gateway** [here](#).

1.1 Racing Rules and Special Regulations

These are the official Rules governing the Race and incorporate Special Regulations. If you have an earlier edition, please destroy it! The latest edition of the Racing Rules and Special Regulations will be available to download from the **Captains' Page** on our website [here](#) and on the Gateway.

1.2 Captains' Manual

Each Host Port will produce a Captains' Manual that will have full details of the arrangements in their port. A printed copy will usually be issued to each ship in the previous port, but the Captains' Manuals will be available in advance online on the **Captains' Page** on our website [here](#) and on the Gateway.

1.3 Sail Training International Gateway

The **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 [here](#).

1.4 Crew Lists

Captain/Masters are reminded that no vessel may start a Sail Training International Race until her Crew List has been uploaded on the Gateway.

1.5 Safety Equipment Verification

All vessels will be required to conform to the Sail Training International Racing Rules and Special Regulations, 2026 Edition. The Gateway Safety Equipment section must be completed ahead of the vessel arriving in its first port. Every vessel shall make confirmed arrangements for inspection within 12 hours of the stated deadline for arrival in port as published in this document (e.g. before 23:59 hrs on the first official day where the event starts at 12:00). Failure to do so will incur a Standard Time Penalty or lead to disqualification. Sail Training International will endeavour to inspect all vessels before the Race start.

1.6 Measurement Verification

It's important that all Measurements and the details submitted are carefully reviewed by the vessel operator, as this information directly affects the accuracy of each vessel's Time Correction Factor (TCF). Before The Tall Ships Races 2026, we will be re-evaluating these factors to ensure fair competition across the fleet. Any inconsistencies or missing data could influence handicap calculations and overall race results, so thorough verification at this stage is essential. Go to your vessels Gateway dashboard [here](#) to review your vessels Measurements.

1.7 Race Pennants

Race Pennants will only be issued to a vessel once the Crew List and Safety Equipment have both been completed on the Gateway, verified by Sail Training International and the vessel has passed its safety inspection.

2. 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, crew parade, 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.**

3. CLASS A AND SHIP OPENING TIMES TO THE PUBLIC

The Tall Ships Races usually attract hundreds of thousands of visitors during the festivities in the Host Ports, and there is often huge interest in visiting ships. It is therefore greatly appreciated if ships would open their decks to the public.

Whilst it remains at the discretion of the Captain/Master to decide ship opening times, ports have suggested that the following times would be appropriate for ships to be opened to the public between 10:00 and 21:00.

If you are unable to open your ship to the public at any of these times, please inform the relevant Host Port. Thank you in advance for welcoming the public aboard your ship.

4. RACE COURSES

Race courses will be broadcasted at the Captains' Briefing ahead of Race Start.

PORT 1: AARHUS

Wednesday 24 - Saturday 27 June

1. DRAFT PORT PROGRAMME (LOCAL TIMES)

EVENT FORMAT IN EACH PORT:

Day 1 - Date: 24 June 2026

10:00	Ships arrive
12:00	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
10:00 - 21:00	Tall ships open for visitors
12:00	Opening Ceremony
19:00 - 21:30	Captains' Dinner

Day 2 - Date: 25 June 2026

10:00 - 13:00	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
10:00 - 21:00	Tall ships open for visitors
15:00 - 15:45	Crew parade
16:00 - 17:00	Prize-giving
19:00 - 24:00	Crew party

Day 3 - Date: 26 June 2026

10:00 - 21:00	Tall ships open for visitors
16:00 - 17:00	Captains' briefing

Day 4 - Date: 27 June 2026

14:00 - 16:00	Tall Ships Parade
TBC	Race Start

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2026

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

DAY 1

24 JUNE

08:00 -23:00

Event venue open

10:00-21:00

Tall ships open for visitors

10:00

Ships arrive

12:00

Deadline for participating vessels to be in port

12:00

Opening Ceremony

19:00-21:30

Captains' Dinner

DAY 2

25 JUNE

08:00 -23:00

Event venue open

10:00-21:00

Tall ships open for visitors

10:00-13:00

Crew activities: sports and cultural activities

15:00-15:45

Crew parade

16:00-17:00

Prize-giving

19:00-24:00

Crew party

DAY 3

26 JUNE

08:00 -23:00

Event venue open

10:00-21:00

Tall ships open for visitors

16:00-17:00

Captains' briefing

DAY 4

27 JUNE

08:00 -16:00

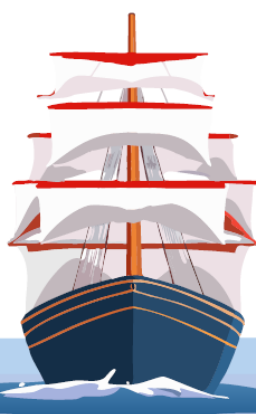
Event venue open

14:00-16:00

Tall Ships Parade

TBC

Start of the Race



2. PORT 1: AARHUS

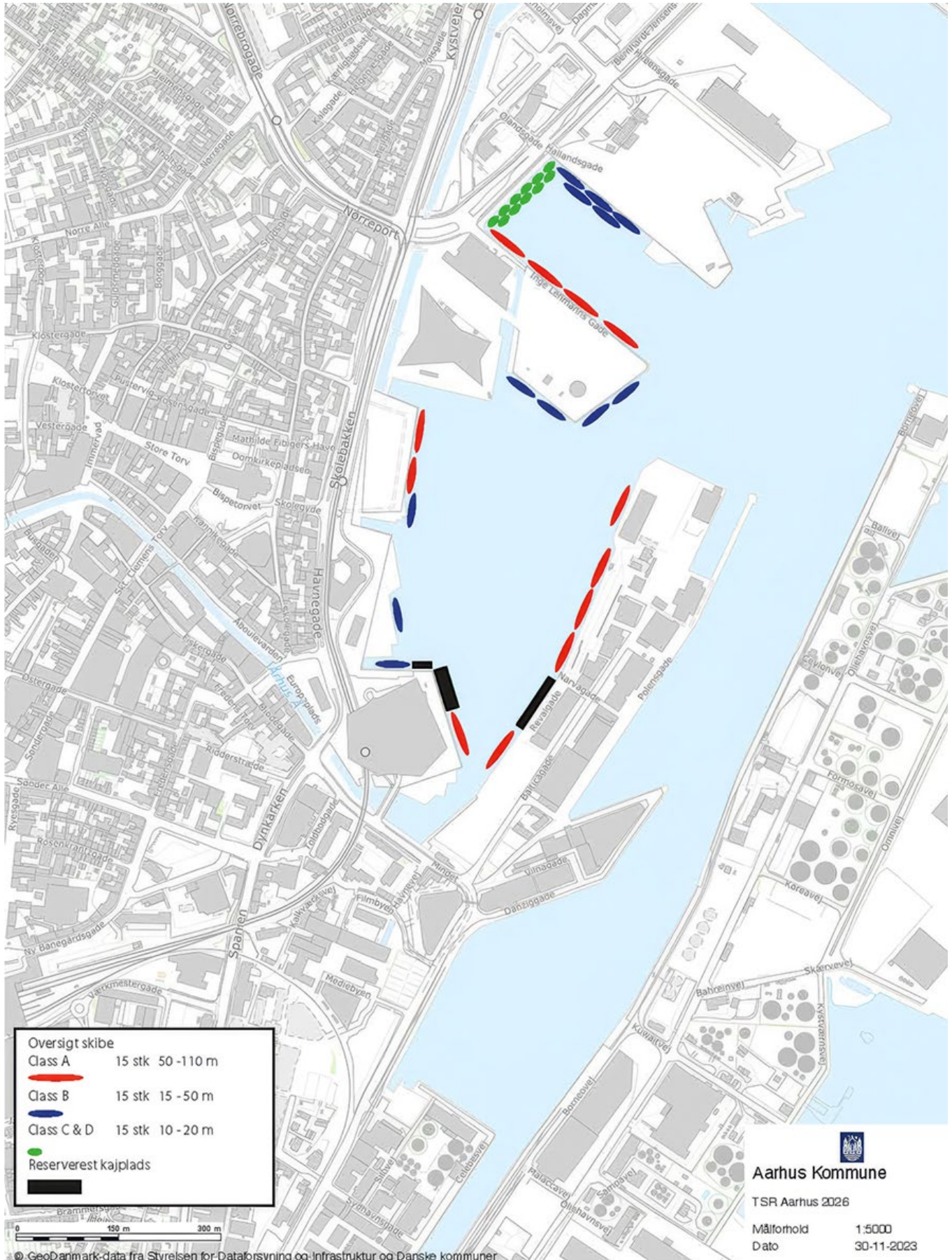
ARRIVAL PROCESS

Ships can arrive from Monday 22nd 2026 at 10:00 where port facilities will be ready. Venue facilities will be ready from Wednesday 24th at 08:00.

3. PORT 1: AARHUS

BERTHING & VENUE AREA

Berthing Area



Venue Area



PORT 2: HARLINGEN

Friday 3 - Monday 6 July

1. DRAFT PORT PROGRAMME (LOCAL TIMES)

EVENT FORMAT IN EACH PORT:

Day 1 - Date: 3 July 2026

12:00	Ships arrive – Parade of Sail
16:00	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
until 21:00	Tall ships open for visitors
19.00	Opening Ceremony
19.30	Captains' Dinner

Day 2 - Date: 4 July 2026

11:00 - 13:00	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
11:00 - 21:00	Tall ships open for visitors
15:00	Crew parade
16:30	Prize-giving
19:00	Crew party

Day 3 - Date: 5 July 2026

10:00 - 21:00	Tall ships open for visitors
16:00	Captains' briefing

Day 4 - Date: 6 July 2026

14:00	Tall Ships Parade
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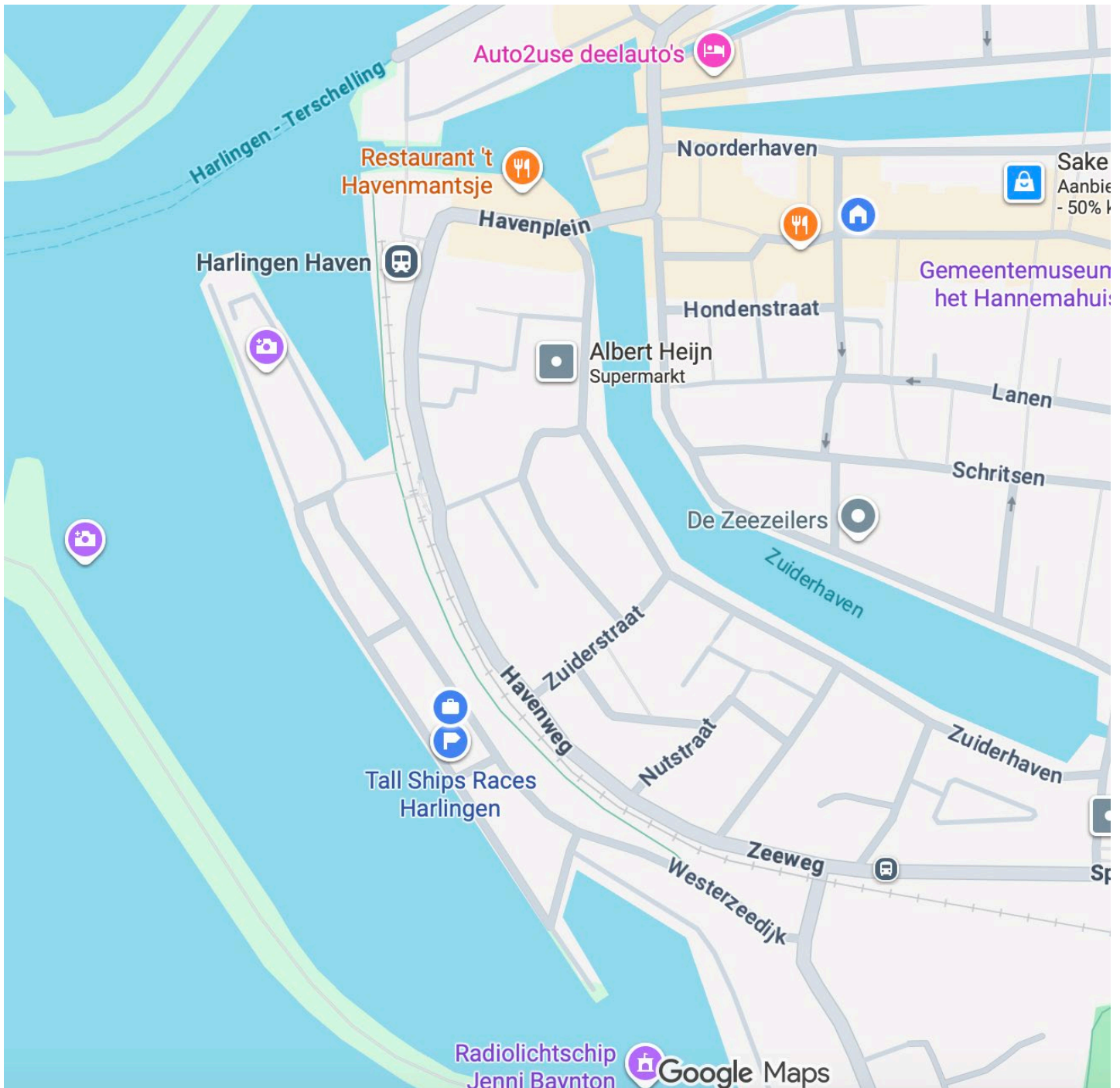
Cruise-in-Company from Harlingen to Antwerp.

2. PORT 2: HARLINGEN

ARRIVAL PROCESS

3. PORT 2: HARLINGEN

BERTHING AREA



PORT 3: ANTWERP

Saturday 11 - Tuesday 14 July

1. DRAFT PORT PROGRAMME (LOCAL TIMES)

EVENT FORMAT IN EACH PORT:

Day 1 - Date: 11 July 2026

10:00	Last ships arrive
12:00	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
12:00 - 18:00	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Opening Ceremony
18:30 - 23:00	Captains' Dinner

Day 2 - Date: 12 July 2026

10:00	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
10:00 - 18:00	Tall ships open for visitors
14:30 - 16:15	Crew parade
16:15 - 17:00	Prize-giving
19:00	Crew party

Day 3 - Date: 13 July 2026

10:00 - 18:00	Tall ships open for visitors
16:00	Captains' briefing

Day 4 - Date: 14 July 2026

17:00	Tall Ships Parade
TBC	Start of the Race

2. PORT 3: ANTWERP

ARRIVAL PROCESS

Welcome to Antwerp. We're delighted to host your vessel and crew during The Tall Ships Races 2026. Antwerp is a working port city with a strong maritime identity, and Antwerp City Port is where that becomes tangible: historic docks, lively quays, and a waterfront that brings ships, crew and visitors close together.

Our shared goal is straightforward: a safe, smooth arrival and berthing, followed by a strong port experience for crew and public. To support this, we work with clear responsibilities, predictable communication, and practical onshore coordination.

1) SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT ON ARRIVAL (BY SHIP CLASS)

To keep the arrival process clear and efficient, the single point of contact depends on the ship class:

- A-class ships: the ship agent appointed by the City Port serves as the single point of contact for all arrival coordination.
- B, C and D-class ships: the LO-office of Antwerp City Port is the single point of contact for arrival coordination.

This approach ensures that every vessel has one clear coordination line, while operational instructions remain aligned with the competent authorities.

2) CHECK-IN PROCEDURE (WHEN AND HOW TO REPORT)

Your check-in is a short operational update to confirm you are on schedule and ready for the final approach and berthing sequence.

- Where the check-in information comes from: the exact check-in details (communication channel, phone contact, and any "call points") will be provided in the final operational updates and/or via your agent and the host port team.
- What we expect during check-in is a brief update on:
 - ETA and any significant change in timing
 - any constraints that affect maneuvering or mooring (e.g., propulsion limits, tug needs, line handling constraints)
 - confirmation that the ship is ready for the final approach as instructed

If your ETA changes, please inform your single point of contact as early as possible so we can maintain a safe and smooth sequence for all vessels.

3) PILOTAGE, TUGS, AND NAUTICAL INSTRUCTIONS

All pilotage, tug assistance and nautical instructions are as instructed by the competent authorities and/or the ship agent.

To avoid conflicting messages, Antwerp City Port will not issue separate navigational instructions. Our role is to ensure that ship-side planning and onshore readiness remain aligned with the official guidance and the agreed arrival sequence.

4) BERTHING AREAS IN THE ANTWERP CITY PORT

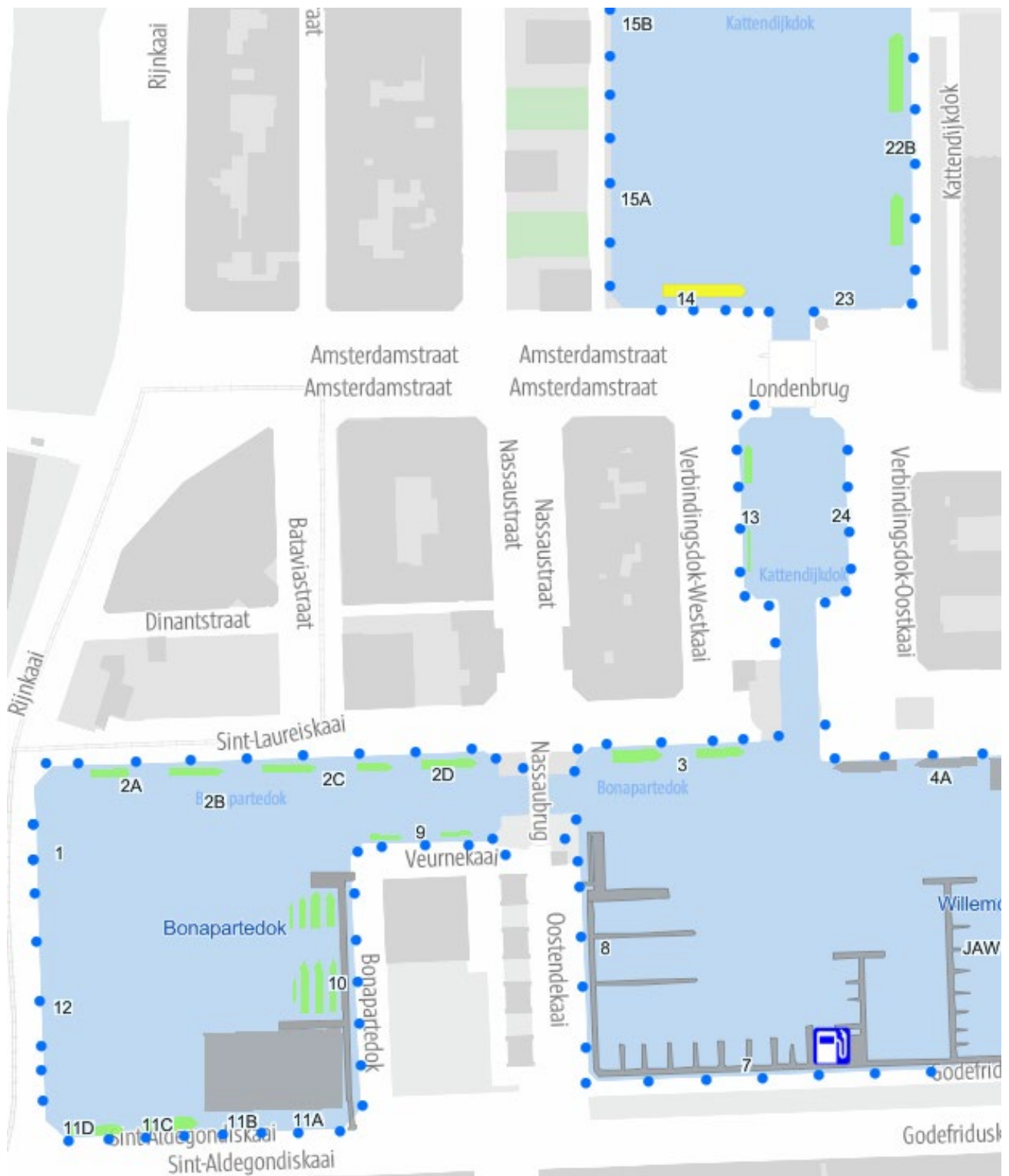
Depending on their draft, overall dimensions, operational requirements, and event planning, vessels will be assigned berths either within the historic inner docks of the city centre or alongside the Scheldt riverfront quays.

For this edition, the inbound transit is operationally straightforward: vessels approaching via the Scheldt only need to complete a single tidal-lock transit the Kattendijk Lock — to gain direct access to the City Port. Vessels allocated to river berths can proceed directly to their assigned positions along the Antwerp roadstead without additional lock passages. This configuration reduces manoeuvring complexity, optimizes tidal-window planning, and ensures an efficient and predictable inbound sequence for all participating vessels.”

Inner docks

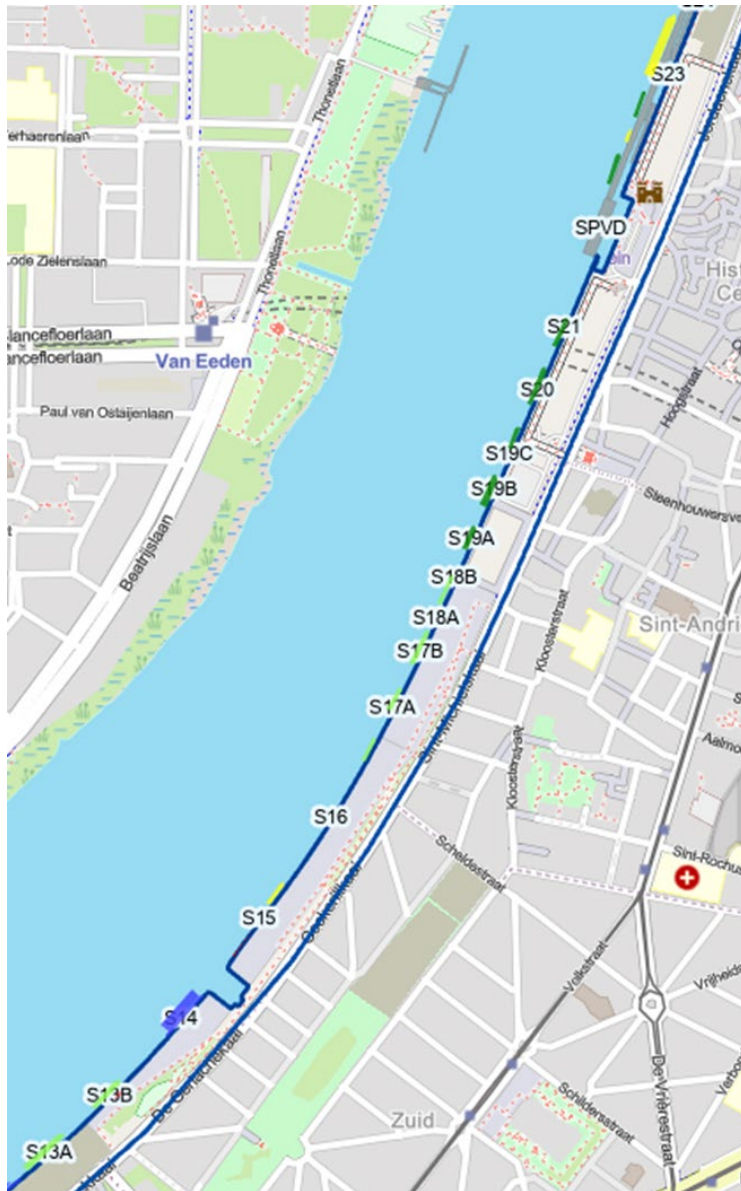
The historic inner docks are reachable through the Kattendijk lock

- Kattendijkdock (south of the Cadixpontoon)
- Verbindingsdock (west quay)
- Willemdock (north quay)
- Bonapartedock (north quay, south quay and pontoon on the east quay)



On the River Scheldt:

- Cruise pontoon (no tidal range – S23)
- Zone Central (tidal range approx. 5 m – S19A to S21)
- Zone Sint Andries (tidal range approx. 5 m – S15 to S18B)
- Zone Nieuw Zuid (tidal range approx. 5 m – S13A to S13B)



Your exact berth, mooring side and quay details will be confirmed in the Antwerp Captains' Manual and in the final operational updates.

5) MOORING SUPPORT AND FIRST HOUR ALONGSIDE

Mooring operations are supported via the Antwerp City Port coordination and the LO-team, working in line with the agreed operational plan.

For vessels berthed in the inner docks, bunkering will be organized upon arrival. This is coordinated as part of the arrival sequence, so please keep your single point of contact informed of any changes to ETA or operational constraints that could affect timing.

Once alongside, we aim for a calm and efficient "first hour":

- mooring completed and checked
- brief onshore welcome and confirmation of practical arrangements
- daily coordination line confirmed (who to call, what to report, what happens next)

PORT 4: STAVANGER

Wednesday 22 - Saturday 25 July

1. DRAFT PORT PROGRAMME (LOCAL TIMES)

EVENT FORMAT IN EACH PORT:

Day 1 - Date: 22 July 2026

10:00 Ships arrive
12:00 Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
10:00 - 21:00 Tall ships open for visitors
15:00 Opening Ceremony with concert, main stage
18:00 - 22:00 Captains' Dinner, Concert Hall

Day 2 - Date: 23 July 2026

TBC Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
10:00 - 21:00 Tall ships open for visitors
16:00 - 17:00 Crew parade
17:00 Prize-giving
19:00 - 23:00 Crew party

Day 3 - Date: 24 July 2026

10:00 - 21:00 Tall ships open for visitors
16:00 - 17:00 Captains' briefing, Concert Hall

Day 4 - Date: 25 July 2026

12:00 Start of fleet undocking
13:00 Tall Ships Parade
TBC Start of the Race

2. PORT 4: STAVANGER

ARRIVAL PROCESS

EARLY ARRIVALS

Stavanger has teamed up with several local ports welcoming ships arriving early from the Antwerp – Stavanger race. These ports offer facilities and activities for ships and crew the day/days before you are due to arrive in Stavanger.

Local ports are (from South to north):

Sirevåg – 20 July

Tananger – 21 July

Kvitsøy – 21 July, suitable mainly for C and D class vessels

Sandnes – 21 July

3. PORT 4: STAVANGER

BERTHING AREA



PORT 5: AALBORG

Thursday 30 July - Sunday 2 August

1. DRAFT PORT PROGRAMME (LOCAL TIMES)

EVENT FORMAT IN EACH PORT:

Day 1 - Date: 30 July 2026

10:00	Ships arrive
TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities (early arrivals)
12:00	Deadline for participating vessels to be in port
10.00 - 21:00	Tall ships open for visitors
17:00	Opening Ceremony
18:30 - 23:00	Captains' Dinner

Day 2 - Date: 31 July 2026

10.00 - 21:00	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
16:00 - 17:00	Crew parade
17:00 - 18:00	Prize-giving
19:30 - 23:00	Crew party

Day 3 - Date: 1 August 2026

10:00 - 21:00	Tall ships open for visitors
TBC	Crew activities: sports and cultural activities
16:00 - 17:00	Captains' briefing

Day 4 - Date: 2 August 2026

13:00 - 15:00	Tall Ships Parade
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2. PORT 5: AALBORG

1. ARRIVAL PROCESS

1.1. SafeSeaNet

Under EU Regulation 2017/458, all vessels (except state or navy vessels) must register and report via SafeSeaNet.

Please note some vessels chose to hire a local ship agent to handle the registration and uploading of data to SafeSeaNet.

If you already have an account:

Log in at: <https://nsw.safeseanet.dk> (Chrome, Firefox or Edge recommended).

If you need access:

Submit a claim form for Danish SafeSeaNet to: safeseanet@safeseanet.dk (minimum 24 hours before entering a Danish Port).

- You will receive username & password by email
- Upload required data (crew list, pax list, ship stores, waste) before departure from last port or 24 hours before entering port.
- Report ATA within one hour after arrival
- Create departure report before departure and within one hour after departure submit ATD.

More information will be included in Captains' Manual and required documents will be available online before the event.

1.2. STATE AND NAVY VESSELS

State/navy vessels are exempt from SafeSeaNet registration but must notify North Jutland Police regarding embarkation/disembarkation by sending a required transfer list to: njyl-graensekontrol@politi.dk

The required transfer list will be made available before the event.

No later than 4 weeks prior to the events, state and navy vessels must apply for diplomatic clearance via their respective embassies on Danish soil.

1.3. PASSPORT CONTROL & VISA

All persons embarking/disembarking are subject to cruise-ship-style passport control. Passengers commencing their voyage in Aalborg going to a Schengen port are except.

Individuals from visa-required countries must hold valid VISA before arrival. Please consult your national Embassy.

Failure to comply may result in enforced departure at vessel's expense.

1.4. DISEMBARKATION PERMIT

According to Danish immigration regulations, Tall Ships Races Aalborg applies for disembarkation permits for all participating vessels (except state/navy vessels).

Vessels will be contacted by The Tall Ships Aalborg in May 2026 and are required to provide the following information in order for the Danish Immigration Service to process permits before arrival:

- date of arrival
- last port and next port
- estimated number of crew
- estimated number of trainees/passengers

2. ENTERING THE PORT OF AALBORG

2.1. PORT CONTROL AALBORG

The call sign is "Port Control Aalborg"

All vessels must contact Port Control Aalborg on VHF Channel 13 one hour before entering Aalborg Central Harbour. - Phone: (+45) 9982 1040.

2.2. AIR DRAUGHT – PASSAGE AT NORDJYLLANDSVÆRKET

Vessels with an air draught over 49 metres must use the alternative route (passage under powerlines) allowing clearance up to 63 metres.

For this passage:

- Call Limfjord Pilot on VHF 16
- Call Port Control Aalborg at (+45) 9982 1040
- Contact must be made four hours prior to entering the alternative route

Detailed route is enclosed in the Captains' Manual.

2.3. PILOTS

Pilots are mandatory for all vessels with a draught of 6.0 metres or more from the Limfjord Eastern Approach to the Port of Aalborg.

Vessels requesting pilot service must call Limfjord Pilot on VHF 16 four hours before arrival at the pilot stations (Hals No. 1, 2, or 3).

Local Pilot Contact – Limfjord Pilot

Email: 24h@limfjordpilot.dk

Phone: (+45) 91 52 88 88

VHF: Ch. 12 / 16

Pilot booking procedure will be included in Captains' Manual.

2.4. TUGS

Tug assistance is available free of charge when entering Aalborg Central Harbour and for vessels with air draught over 49 metres passing via the alternative route – passage at Nordjyllandsværket.

Requests must be made to Port Control Aalborg on VHF 13 or phone (+45) 9982 1040, at least one hour before arrival.

Tug assistance is available from Tuesday 28 July, and early notification is appreciated.

3. WHEN IN PORT

3.1. LIAISON OFFICERS

Each vessel is assigned a Liaison Officer, who meets the ship on arrival and provides daily assistance. The Liaison Officer team supplies key information and updates throughout the event. The Liaison Officer team is available from Wednesday 29 June.

3.2. BUNKERING / FUEL

Bunkering must be ordered through a local agent or shipping trader, and the Liaison Officer must be informed of the delivery time and date. We will provide a list of recommended agents / shipping traders in Captains' Manual. All costs are at the vessel's own expense.

Please note that deliveries can only take place between 07:00–11:00 due to restricted access to the event area.

Propane can only be supplied if the vessel is equipped with an approved *Kosan propane system*. All costs are at the vessel's own expense.

3.3. FRESH WATER

Fresh water must be requested through the Liaison Officer / LO Operation Centre one day before. Delivery takes place between 07:00–11:00.

One filling is free of charge; additional water is at the vessel's expense.

3.4. ELECTRICITY

Electricity is available free of charge from quayside installations.

Any requirements beyond the standard provision must be communicated in advance, and the use of the vessel's own generator may be recommended.

Connection must be requested via the Liaison Officer upon arrival.

3.5. WASTE

All waste must be disposed of in the dedicated waste containers positioned along the quayside.

3.6. SEWAGE AND SLUDGE

Sewage, bilge water, and sludge collection must be requested through the Liaison Officer / LO Operation Centre. Collection is performed by a special vehicle between 07:00–11:00, and payment is cash on delivery.

3.7. FENDERS AND GANGWAYS

Vessels must provide their own fenders and means of access to shore. Class C and D vessels could potentially be berth alongside each other and must supply their own fenders for in-between protection.

3.8. INTERNATIONAL SHIP AND PORT SECURITY (ISPS)

Vessels with specific security requirements must submit requests to the Harbour Master no later than 72 hours before arrival.

Please be advised that the Port of Aalborg reserves the right to assess, define, and restrict the types of security arrangements that may be established.

Important: The quays used during the event are not ISPS-approved under ISPS regulations.

3.9. CREW SERVICE CENTER INCLUDING LAUNDRY SERVICE

The Crew Service Centre provides access to crew-only facilities, including showers, toilets, and a complimentary laundry service. Laundry bags and forms will be distributed by the Liaison Officers, and clothes must be delivered to the Crew Service Centre for processing. Please note that the laundry service covers clothes only and is subject to weight limitations.

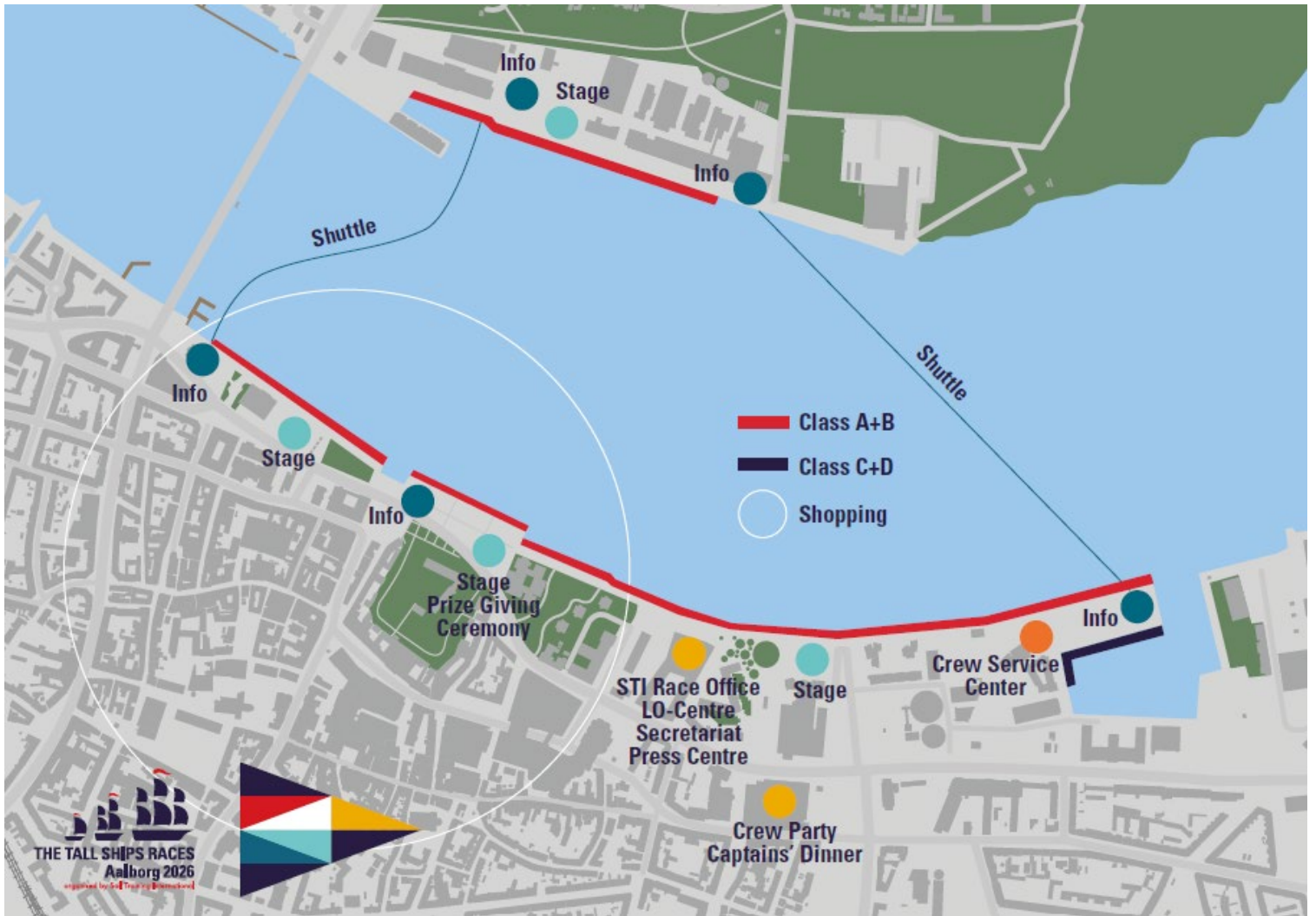
All information regarding opening hours, delivery procedures, and pick-up times will be published in the Captains' Manual.

3.10. CAPTAINS' MANUAL

More detailed information will be provided in the Captains' Manual, and representatives from Aalborg will be present at the Captains' Briefing in Stavanger, where we will be able to elaborate further on the content.

3. PORT 5: AALBORG

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.

AARHUS

Fleet's last full day in port: 26 June

Name of Individual

Name of Vessel

The Tall Ships Races **AARHUS 2026**

Aarhus Events

Shippinghuset

Hveensgade 1, 1

DK-8000 Aarhus

DENMARK

HARLINGEN

Fleet's last full day in port: 5 July

Name of Individual

Name of Vessel

The Tall Ships Races **HARLINGEN 2026**

Nieuwe Willemshaven 5

8862 RZ

Harlingen

THE NETHERLANDS

ANTWERP

Fleet's last full day in port: 13 July

Name of Individual

Name of Vessel

The Tall Ships Races **ANTWERP 2026**

Zuiderpershuis

Timmerwerfstraat 40

2000 Antwerp

BELGIUM

STAVANGER

Fleet's last full day in port: 24 July

Name of Individual

Name of Vessel

The Tall Ships Races **STAVANGER 2026**

Strandkaien 46

N-4005 Stavanger

NORWAY

AALBORG

Fleet's last full day in port: 1 August

Name of Individual

Name of Vessel

The Tall Ships Races **AALBORG 2026**

Aalborg Events

Boulevarden 13

DK-9000 Aalborg

DENMARK