

OPEN PORT STAVANGER

Crew Handbook

22-26 July 2026



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DEAR ALL SAILORS,

I am honoured to once again welcome you and the fleet of the Tall Ships Races, for the 5th time, to the heart of Stavanger. We have been awaiting your arrival for a long time, preparing with dedication, and are eager to meet each and one of you, and to show you our beautiful city.

Your arrival is part of a more than 900 years long history for Stavanger going back to the time of the Vikings, and our port has always been a starting point for those seeking adventures and opportunities on the seas. Stavanger has grown on harvesting the goods of the sea and trading them to other ports. This is something we continue to do, and today, Stavanger is the energy capital of Norway and home to the Norwegian oil and gas industry.

We are proud to once again welcome so many fine ships and sailors to our port. The whole of our city will gather to share some exiting days with you, and I am convinced that we will have a great time together. Stavanger will make a special effort to honour the shanty tradition, and we hope you all will take part in creating the shanty sound of Stavanger and pass on this tradition to a new generation.

Open your hearts in making The Tall Ships Races 2026 Stavanger a lifetime experience for all of us. Enjoy the city and the spirit of Stavanger - and do sing it out loud!

May you and yours have fair winds and following seas.

Tormod W Losnedal
Mayor



**VELKOMMEN TIL
STAVANGER:
WE'RE SO GLAD
YOU'RE HERE!**



When you step ashore in Stavanger, you walk in the footsteps of Vikings, tradespeople, sailmakers, fishermen, ship builders, oil workers, innovators. This historic city, founded in 1125, has of course seen great changes over the past hundreds of years, but one thing has remained quite constant:

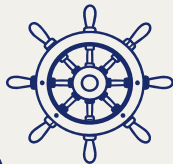
We have always looked to the sea. For food, for work, for travelling and transportation, for connecting with nature, for frolicking and fun, for friends visiting from far-away lands. Being the energy capital of Norway, the city has always had an international orientation.

The Stavanger region is Norway's third largest urban region, with a population of around 350,000. In the city centre, it won't feel like it, though. Stavanger has the charm of a small town with its cobbled streets, old wooden houses and medieval cathedral. Postcard charm aside, the city also offers a vibrant cultural scene with concerts and events, and cutting-edge street art pieces to admire, some larger-than-life, some tiny and hidden.

We can't live on arts and culture alone. Foodies have plenty of reasons to enjoy Stavanger. The city prides itself on being a culinary hot spot with an array of restaurants and eateries serving up everything from street food to three-star Michelin delicacies. Most of the produce is locally sourced; fresh seafood, seasonal fruit and vegetables and lamb are just some of the specialties.

The landscape is typically Norwegian: Forests, fjords, miles and miles of sandy white beaches, perfect for surfing. Further inland, the gently rolling hills give way to breathtaking mountains: A timeless backdrop to a modern and innovative city region.

You are most welcome here, we hope you will enjoy your stay, and feel free to return for a visit any time!



**All festival and crew activities
including concerts are free of charge.**

The Tall Ships Races is an environmentally friendly festival. All visitors, including visiting crew, are requested to make environmentally friendly choices regarding transportation and waste disposal.



Date	Time	Activity	Group/venue
Wednesday 22 July	10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00	Crew Parade Costume Workshop	Crew Centre
	13:00-17:00	Stand Up Paddle	Outside Crew Centre
	15:00-15:30	Official Opening Ceremony	Concert Hall Stage
Thursday 23 July	09:00-15:00	Stand Up Paddle	Outside Crew Centre
	09:30-14:45	Football Tournament	Lervig sports hall (shuttle bus from Crew Centre)
	10:00-11:00	Jogging	Outside Cathedral
	10:00-11:00	Shanty Lecture Session	Concert Hall
	10:00-14:00	Afterguard Party – for ship’s professional crew only	Natvigs Minde island (ferry from Børevigå)
	10:00-12:00 & 13:00-15:00	Crew Parade Costume Workshop	Crew Centre
	11:00-23:00	Gaming tournament BLODHEVN 2026	Metropolis
	12:00-14:00	Tug of War	Above market square
	16:00-17:00	Crew Parade	Petroleum Museum to Con- cert Hall Stage
	17:00-17:30	Prize Giving Ceremony	Concert Hall Stage
	19:00-23:00	Crew Party	Bjergsted Park
Friday 24 July	Morning departures	Pulpit Rock Sightseeing	Crew Centre (bus transfers)
	10:00-11:00	Jogging	Outside Cathedral
	10:00-11:30 & 12:00-13:30	Street Art Tour	Crew Centre
	11:00-23:00	Gaming tournament BLODHEVN 2026	Metropolis
Saturday 25 July	11:00-11:25	Church Service	Cathedral
	11:25-11:50	Memorial Procession	Cathedral to Skagenkaien quay
	12:00-14:00	Departure and Tall Ships Parade	Harbour



CREW FACILITIES

Always bring your official Tall Ships wristband to get free entry or discounts!

HEALTH AND FIRST AID:

Emergency numbers: Fire 110, Police 112, Medical 113

Medical First Aid/Casualty clinic:

First Aid main station at the top of the [market square](#) near the front of the Cathedral. Uniformed First Aid teams available in the festival area.

Telephone: +47 97 15 90 20

Hours: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00-24:00, Saturday 10:00-16:00.



PHARMACIES:

Several pharmacies in the city centre, including in all shopping centres.

Duty pharmacy: Vitusapotek Løven Stavanger

Where: [Olav Vs gate 11](#) (near train station)

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 08:30-23:00, Saturday 09:00-23:00, Sunday 11:00-21:00

Telephone: +47 51 91 08 80

Email: loven.stavanger@vitusapotek.no

CASH DISPENSERS/ATMS:

There are ATMs near the festival area, primarily near the Cathedral and the market square.

CREW CENTRE:

The Crew Centre is in the Kulturskole school building, north of the Concert Hall.

Where: [Sandvigå 5](#) (north of the Concert Hall)

Opening hours: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10:00-22:00, Saturday 10:00-14:00

Telephones.: +47 91 87 86 75 (Centre Manager Thomas Matre), +47 46 76 84 81 (Centre Deputy Manager Tore Arholm Tobiassen)

Facilities: kiosk, chill out rooms, music instruments, Crew Parad costume assistance, computers and WCs.

Free WIFI is provided inside and outside the Crew Centre: SK-Public. No password required.

Grocery Shops/Supermarkets: Several supermarkets close to the harbour.

LAUNDRY:

Self-service laundrettes with washing machines and tumble dryers. Washing powder provided. Bring your own if any allergies. Supervised by volunteers.

Where: [Ryfylkekaien 3](#) and [Skansekaien 17](#) (near the C and D class ships)

Opening hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 08:00-21:00, Saturday 08:00-12:00

Laundry facilities are free of charge for visiting crew.

LIAISON OFFICES:

Nedre Strandgate 89 (old ferry terminal building)

Telephone no.: +47 47 97 41 91

Email: liaison@tallships.no

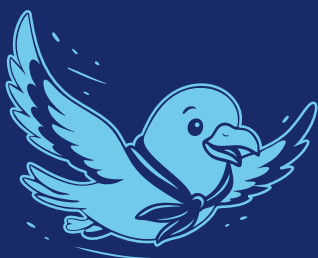
POSTAL SERVICES:

Kannik Post I Butikk offers basic postal services

Where: Olav Vs gate 13 (near train station)

Opening hours: Monday to Friday 07:00-21:00,
Saturday 10:00-21:00, Sunday closed.

Other grocery shops may also offer postal services.



SHOPPING HOURS:

The city centre offers a wide range of shops to cover all your needs.

Opening hours: In general, weekdays 10:00-19:00,
Saturday 10:00-16:00 LT

Grocery shops: In general, weekdays 07:00-22:00/23:00 LT

TOILETS & SHOWERS:

Crew toilets and showers are provided free of charge.
Remember to bring your own towel and soap for the shower.

Stavanger Svømmehall municipal swimming pool

Where: [Lars Hertervigs gate 4](#)

Opening hours: Wednesday 07:00-19:00, Thursday 14:00-19:00, Friday 07:00-13:00 and 16:00-19:00, Saturday 08:00-12:00

Communal male and female showers in separate sections.
Saunas.

[Skansekaien quay](#)

By address. Skansekaien 17, shower containers.

Opening hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 08:00-21:00, Saturday 08:00-12:00

Separate showers and male/female containers.

[Børevigå](#)

By the C and D class ships.

Separate permanent and container showers and WCs.

Opening hours: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 08:00-21:00, Saturday 08:00-12:00

Code for 24/7 access to WCs in permanent building: 5473#





TOURIST INFORMATION:

The Tourist Information office is a well signposted yellow building on the western side of the harbour.

Where: [Strandkaien 61.](#)

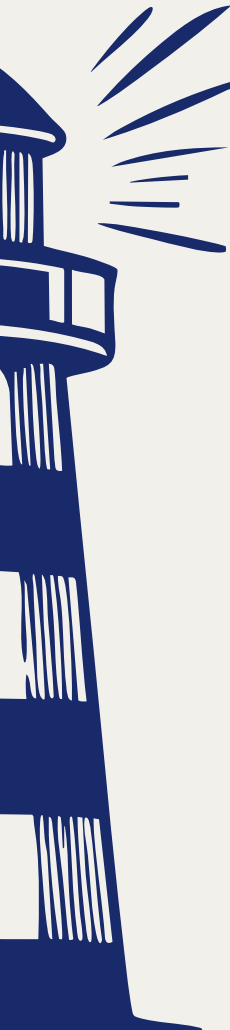
WIFI:

There are several free WIFI points in the harbour area. The following network is found at the Crew Centre, beside the Volunteer Centre/Liaison Office and at other public buildings: Network: SK-public. No password required.

The Tourist Information Office also offers a free network:

Network: turistinformatjon

Password: #tourist

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CREW ACTIVITIES

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CINEMA

Discounted tickets with Tall Ships' wristband: ODEON offers tickets at the special rate of NOK 90 for tickets purchased at the cinema kiosk.

Where: ODEON Stavanger, city library and cultural complex, [Sølvberggata 2](#)

When: Daily, all day.

SWIMMING POOLS:

Stavanger Svømmehall:

Municipal indoor swimming pool:

Pools and saunas. Communal male and female showers in separate sections.

Where: [Lars Hertervigs gate 4](#), city centre

Opening hours: Wednesday 07:00-19:00, Thursday 14:00-19:00, Friday 07:00-13:00 and 16:00-19:00, Saturday 08:00-12:00

Gamlingen outdoor swimming stadium:

Outdoor pools, indoor gym, communal showers, saunas, swimwear shop and café.

Where: [Mosvangen 18](#) (south of the Mosvannet lake), 3 km from the harbour.

When: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 06:00-22:00 (closed 10:00-12:00), Saturday and Sunday 10:00-18:00.

Last entry one hour prior to closing.

What to bring: Swimsuit, towel, swim cap for the pools, padlock for lockers.

ALL CITY MUSEUMS

Free entry with Tall Ships wristband:

Stavanger Museum and the Norwegian Children's Museum

Muségata 16

IDDIS Printing and Canning Museum

Øvre Strandgate 88

Stavanger Maritime Museum

Strandkaaien 22

All Museum Stavanger (MUST) buildings are open daily 11:00-16:00.
See MUST for details on locations and exhibitions.

Museum of Archaeology:

Meet the past in new and modern exhibitions. Café.

Current exhibition: World of the Vikings.

Where: Peder Klows gate 30A

When: Daily 10:00-16:00. Guided Tall Ships tours Thursday and Friday at 11:00 and 13:00.

The Iron Age Farm:

This reconstructed farmstead from the Iron age gives you a glimpse of everyday life in Norway 1,500 years ago. Visitors centre with all facilities.

Where: Madlamarkveien 152, Ullandhaug, 3 km from the city centre.

When: Daily 11:00-16:00. Guided Tall Ships tours Thursday and Friday at 11:00 and 13:00.

The Norwegian Petroleum Museum:

The exhibits explain how oil and gas are created, discovered and produced, and what they are used for. The museum also provides information about technological advances and the way petroleum influences Norwegian society. Original objects, models, films and interactive exhibits illustrate everything from everyday life offshore, to technology and dramatic incidents.

Where: Kjerringholmen 1A (next to the C and D class ships).

When: Daily 10:00-19:00.

ACTIVITIES

No registration required

CREW PARADE COSTUME WORKSHOP:

Free tips, materials and tools available. Come and go as you please.

Where: Crew Centre.

When: Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00.

GAMING TOURNAMENT BLODHEVN 2026

5Hevn: V for BlodheVn:

Annual gaming event at Metropolis, Stavanger's youth cultural centre.

Where: Metropolis, [Arne Rettedals gate 12](#), in the city centre

When: Thursday 23 and Friday 24 July 11:00-23:00. .

Free entry to the venue to spectate, free casual play and side events. Main event entry fee is NOK 50 which then goes straight to the prize pool for each event. The bigger the entry, the bigger the prize! Payment will be processed at the venue. Read more: [BLODHEVN 2026 —... | Details](#)

Venue café with a reasonably priced menu is open 14:00-21:00.

JOGGING:

Join a local jogger on a nice and scenic route, decided the same morning.

Where: Meet in front of the Cathedral.

When: Thursday and Friday at 10:00-11:00.

What to bring: Running gear.

CHURCH SERVICE:

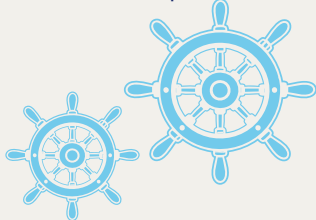
Stavanger Cathedral ([Domkirken](#)) invites all Tall Ships crew to an ecumenical service.

When: Saturday 25 July at 11:00-11:25.

The service will be conducted in Norwegian and English.

MEMORIAL PROCESSION:

There will be a memorial procession for sailors lost at sea from the Cathedral to the harbour Saturday 25 July at 11:25, where a wreath will be handed over to tall ship Pascual Flores on the Skagenkaiaen quay. All crew are welcome to take part.





CREW PARADE AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY:

The Crew Parade will take place on Thursday 23 July at 16:00 -17:00. The parade will include a stop where all ships are encouraged to greet their crew with the ship's whistle. Inform your crew on watch and ask them to be on standby to blow the ship's whistle.

Where: From the [Petroleum Museum](#) along the quayside to the [Concert Hall](#) main stage

What to bring: Elements making the parade fun for both crew and spectators.

The Prize Giving Ceremony starts immediately after the Crew Parade from the main stage, Concert Hall arena.

PLEASE NOTE:

Prizes will also be given for "BEST ARRIVAL" to Stavanger, various Crew Parade performances and crew activity results.

CREW PARTY:

Thursday 23 July at 19:00-23:00

Where: [Bjergsted Park](#), by the old Concert Hall, within walking distance from the harbour.

The lovely Bjergsted park is the ideal location for the Stavanger crew party. Dress up, bring your best party spirit, and join us for an unforgettable evening with music, games, delicious food, refreshing drinks and an open bar.

Admission is restricted to those wearing TSR2026 wristband and Crew Party wristband: White (under 18) and blue (over 18) with food (1) and drink (2 and 3) tokens. Please note that there will be strict regulations on alcohol in line with Norwegian legislation. Alcohol will be available for purchase only for those able to prove that they are over 18 years old. Bringing your own alcoholic drinks to the party is not allowed.

Crew Party regulations:

- ONLY crew with TSR2026 wristband AND Crew Party wristband will be allowed into the party area.
- Crew without both wristbands when in the party area will be asked to leave immediately.
- Anyone over 18 supplying alcohol to under 18s or anyone under 18 drinking alcohol in the party area will be asked to leave immediately.
- Crew over 18 will have to show Crew Party wristband and ID to be served any alcohol.

ACTIVITIES

Registration required: Sign up for all activities below through your Liaison Officer on board. All activities are free of charge. Limited availability for some activities. Places will be allocated to all participating tall ships.

WEDNESDAY 22 AND THURSDAY 23 JULY:

Stand Up Paddle: Join a one-hour slot of fun with Frafjord SUP & Kayak Centre and learn how to control your own paddle board or share a big one for eight persons. Bring shoes suitable for water if you have any, and swimming suit/shorts.

Wetsuits and towels are available.

Where: Outside [Crew Centre](#).

When: Wednesday 22 July every hour 13:00-17:00.

Thursday 23 July every hour 09:00-15:00.

How to sign up: To your Liaison Officer.

THURSDAY 23 JULY:



Football Tournament: Team up with the crew on your ship and have a day of friendly competition. Teams of 7 players will be organized at the venue, incl. mixed ship teams.

Where: Lervig sports hall, [Ryfylkegata 61](#), shuttle bus from [Sandvigå](#) (street northwest of Crew Centre).

When: Thursday 23 July at 09:30-14:45.

What to bring: Sports clothes, shoes, towel.

How to sign up:

To your Liaison Officer.

Tug of War: Crews will be divided into eight-person teams. Maximum time per execution depends on number of registered teams.

Where: Meet by the Alexander Kielland bronze sculpture [on top of market square](#), near the Cathedral.

When: Thursday 23 July at 12:00-14:00.

How to sign up:

To your Liaison Officer.

Shanty Lecture Session:

Have fun singing with our professional Shanty teacher Haakon Vathe from Statsraad Lehmkuhl.

Where: [Stavanger Concert Hall](#), meet outside main entrance.

When: Thursday 23 July at 10:00-11:00.

How to sign up: To your Liaison Officer.

Afterguard Party/Ships Officers' Party:

All ships' professional crew only: Daytrip to historic settings on harbour island Natvigs Minde. Sightseeing, lunch and drinks provided.

Where: Passenger ferry from [Børevigå](#) quay, near C's and D's west of the Petroleum Museum.

When: Thursday 23 July at 10:00-14:00.

What to bring: Warm clothes if cold weather.

How to sign up: To your Liaison Officer.

FRIDAY 24 JULY:

Pulpit Rock Sightseeing: Hike to the spectacular and world-famous rock formation Preikestolen, one of the unique locations in The Vikings series and featured in Tom Cruise's movie, Mission Impossible

Where: [Crew Centre](#) for bus transfer

When: Friday morning 24 July. You will be organised in groups for buses departing from 08:30 onwards to [Preikestolhytta](#) car park where the hike starts. Total activity time is about 5-7 hours.

Please be at the Crew Centre at:

08:00 for groups departing from 08:30
10:00 for groups departing from 10:30

What to bring: The hike is approximately two hours each way. Wear hiking shoes/sturdy shoes and warm clothes if cold weather. Also bring a backpack for food and drinks handed out as you leave the bus for the hike.

How to sign up: To your Liaison Officer.

Street Art Tour: Full of Insta moments, Stavanger is known for its stunning and cool street art through local initiatives like NuArt and Nice Surprise. Sign up for this one-hour guided tour to explore amazing street art by some of the world's most respected artists.

Where: [Crew Centre](#)

When: Friday 24 July at 10:00-11:30 and 12:00-13:30

How to sign up: To your Liaison Officer

See our online
festival program on:
tallships.no/program.

OUR TALL SHIP PARTNERS

We are grateful for all support and cooperation
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The Tall Ships Races 2026 Stavanger is supported by Rogaland County Council.





Arrivals and
departures

Harbour and
event area

Lervig
sports hall

Police station

Fire station

Outdoor pool

Urgent care
centre
(legevakt)

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