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FOUR HOST PORTS OF THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2025 ANNOUNCED

Sail Training International is excited to confirm the four European Host Ports of The Tall Ships Races 2025 as Le Havre, Dunkirk, Aberdeen and Kristiansand.

The Tall Ships Races 2025 will take the majestic Tall Ships fleet through the English Channel and North Sea on a series of exhilarating and challenging racecourses alongside some spectacular maritime celebrations and festivities.

We're delighted to welcome these four Host Ports, who each have a fantastic history hosting world-class maritime events. We are confident that they will each provide a stunning reception for the Tall Ships fleet and that together they will embrace Sail Training International's mission of youth development and international friendship and understanding.

The event will start on Friday 4 July and continue through until Saturday 2 August, with three races and a scenic Cruise-in-Company. With Host Ports from three countries – France, UK and Norway – The Tall Ships Races 2025 will take in all the English Channel and North Sea region has to offer.

Tall Ships Races International Ltd.'s Chief Operating Officer, Alan James, welcomed the news of the confirmed Host Ports:

“It is with great pleasure that we announce the host ports for The Tall Ships Races 2025, welcoming back old friends of the races and new friends to the sail training family.

“We are confident these ports will embrace the International Tall Ships fleet, with their maritime legacy, commitment to youth development and adventurous spirit which goes hand in hand with our values of international friendship and understanding.

“Each edition of The Tall Ships Races sees young people from around the world challenge themselves to do something amazing as they overcome fears, rise to challenges and enjoy the adventure of a lifetime.

“We hope that The Tall Ships Races 2025 will be an attractive route for vessel operators and will offer exciting and adventurous opportunities for the thousands of young trainees that we expect to take part.”

Chief Operating Officer, Alan James

The Tall Ships Races always provide the perfect opportunity to take part in some great sailing and embark on the adventure of a lifetime at sea. They bring together people of different nationalities, religions and cultures and visit a range of international ports, promoting international friendship and understanding.

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ABOUT THE HOST PORTS

LE HAVRE

Le Havre was the final port of the Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta and it closed the prestigious event in dramatic style with over 100,000 visitors enjoying the final day of celebrations. We are delighted to return to the city after 8 years as the start port of the race series.

DUNKIRK

The Tall Ships Races 2025 will mark the first time that Dunkirk has hosted a Tall Ships Races event, and this coastal Commune which brings together history, natural beauty and contemporary art will act as the perfect finish port for Race One.

ABERDEEN

Aberdeen is Scotland's third largest city, the capital of the Northeast, and a centre for maritime excellence. The city has hosted an array of sporting and cultural events, including The Tour of Britain, Spectra: Scotland's festival of light, and the Nuart Aberdeen street art festival.

KRISTIANSAND

Kristiansand is Norway's southernmost city, founded in 1641, and it is one of Norway's best examples of a well-preserved Renaissance city. Kristiansand has hosted The Tall Ships Races in 2010 and 2015 with both events the biggest and most successful ever organised in the city.

This fantastic race series will offer a wide range of festivities, attractions and crew activities. All of which is sure to make this edition of The Tall Ships Races a truly unforgettable experience.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

Sail Training International is a not-for-profit organisation based in the UK. It organises Tall Ship Races and Regattas and has been helping young people have an adventure under sail for over 60 years.

Sailing Tall Ships (known as sail training) inspires self-confidence and personal responsibility, and people find it a positive, life-changing experience.

The Tall Ships Races were first held in 1956 to commemorate the great age of sail at a time when it looked as though most of the remaining ships would disappear and it could be the last opportunity to gather them together. Nearly 70 years later, the Race has grown to become one of the largest free public events in the world (in 2017 the city of Szczecin recorded 3.5 million visitors to the ships over 4 days). In the year of the event, it is nearly always the largest public event in the host country.

The event is managed by Tall Ships Races International Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sail Training International, a UK charity. The ships that take part range from large traditional square-riggers up to 350 feet long to smaller modern yachts. A high proportion of the young people that take part are from disadvantaged backgrounds and are supported by a range of bursary schemes.

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