



## Magellan-Elcano Tall Ships Race – Host Port Falmouth

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.** Please note this will be updated regularly.

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## The Event and Background Information

### Q: What is the event?

A: Tall Ships' Races are races designed to encourage international friendship and training for young people in the art of sailing. This spectacular, annual event takes place in European waters over the summer months and consists of two racing legs of several hundred nautical miles, and a cruise in company between the legs. This year the Tall Ships Race is the Magellan-Elcano 500 Series 2021.

As the official start host port for the Tall Ships' Races Magellan-Elcano 500 Series 2021, Falmouth is expecting up to 30 Tall Ships from around the world to arrive for three days of festivities including a Parade of Sail before the Race start.

### Q: When will the event be held?

A: Falmouth will host the start of The Tall Ships Races Magellan-Elcano 500 Series 2021 from 17 to 19 August 2021.

The Race start, preceded by a Parade of Sail will be on Thursday 19th August, time TBC.

The Tall Ships fleet will then follow a racecourse to A Coruna, from 26 to 29 August, Lisbon from 2 to 5 September and Cadiz from 9 to 12 September.

Full details of the race can be found at <https://sailtraininginternational.org/event/tall-ships-races-magellan-elcano-500-series-2021/>

### Q: Who organises the event?

A: The event in Falmouth has been secured thanks to the Falmouth Town Team (Falmouth Town Council and Falmouth BID), Perfect Events Group and Falmouth Tall Ships Association. These organisations along with Falmouth Harbour

Commissioners and with support from ships liaison volunteers, are the Host Port delivery team and will be responsible for coordinating all activities whilst the ships are in port.

Falmouth is somewhat of a pro at hosting the Tall Ships festivals, having first welcomed the Tall Ships Race in 1966, 1982, 1998, 2008 and then the most recent Falmouth to Royal Greenwich Tall Ships Regatta in 2014.

The Tall Ships Race Magellan-Elcano 500 Series 2021 is organised by **Sail Training International**.

**Q: Who is Sail Training International?**

A: Sail Training International (STI), is a registered (not for profit) charity whose purpose is the development and education of young people, regardless of nationality, culture, religion, gender or social background, through the sail training experiences <http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/>. The Magellan-Elcano Tall Ships Race is organised by STI.

STI works closely with the world's sail training Tall Ships, national sail training organisations and host ports, to help young people benefit from the sail training experience. It is the world's leading provider of Tall Ship races and events, conferences and seminars, publications, research and other services for the international sail training community.

**Q: What is sail training?**

A: Sail training is an adventure activity, which includes far more than sailing instruction. Participants are required to confront demanding challenges, both physical and emotional. It is an activity that inspires self-confidence and personal responsibility. It promotes an acceptance of others, whatever their social or cultural backgrounds, and develops a willingness to take controlled risks. Those who undertake sail training on Tall Ships generally find it a positive life-changing experience.

**Q: What kind of Ships can take part?**

A: The Race is open to any monohull sailing vessel of more than 9.14m (30ft) water line length, which meets STI's safety equipment requirements.

There are four classes of vessel:

**Class A**

All square – rigged vessels (barque, barquentine, brig, brigantine or ship rigged) and all other vessel more than 40 metres Length Overall (LOA), regardless of rig.

**Class B**

Traditionally rigged vessels (i.e., gaff rigged sloops, ketches, yawls and schooners) with an LOA of less than 40 metres and with a waterline length (LWL) of at least 9.14 metres.

**Class C**

Modern rigged vessels (i.e., Bermudan rigged sloops, ketches, yawls and schooners) with an LOA of less than 40 metres and with a waterline length (LWL) of at least 9.14 metres not carrying spinnaker-like sails.

### **Class D**

Modern rigged vessels (i.e., Bermudan rigged sloops, ketches, yawls and schooners) with an LOA of less than 40 metres and with a waterline length (LWL) of at least 9.14 metres carrying spinnaker-like sails.

Vessels taking part are required to stay in the host ports for all 'official visit' days which start at 12 noon on the first day of each port visit and include the 'Parade of Sail' on the day of departure. This is an important event for the ports and an occasion to thank the local people for their hospitality and kindness.

### **Q: Where can I find further information about the Race?**

A: Dates and other background information can be found here

<https://sailtraininginternational.org/event/tall-ships-races-magellan-elcano-500-series-2021/>

### **Q: Can I take part in the Magellan-Elcano Tall Ships Race and sail on a Tall Ship?**

A: Yes, you can take part in the Race and sail aboard one of the vessels taking part. For full details please or you can contact the ships direct, all details can be found on <https://www.falmouth.co.uk/tallships/> or via the UK Sail Training Association ASTO here <http://www.asto.org.uk>; or by contact participating vessels directly here visit <https://sailtraininginternational.org/find-your-adventure/>

People of all abilities can take part, including those with mental and physical disabilities providing they are over the age of 15. Trainees may join for all or part of the Race Series and all ships entering the Race are encouraged to recruit trainees between the ages of 15 and 25.

### **Q: What happens if the race is cancelled?**

A: Covid-19 does present challenges and it could be that the event goes ahead but is subject to some level of Covid-19 restrictions, or that the shoreside activities arranged for the event are cancelled but the port is still open to the ships and the race goes ahead as normal. It is possible, but unlikely that the port is closed, and the race will have to be adapted.

### **Q: Where can I follow the Race and results?**

A: Visit [www.tallshipsraces.com](http://www.tallshipsraces.com) for real-time tracking of Tall Ships, in addition to Race results. Regular reports are provided online throughout the Race, in addition to photos of the ships and port events.

Sail Training International will provide participants with a 'YellowBrick/YB' satellite transponder enabling family and friends ashore to follow the vessels progress.

For more information about the 'YellowBrick/YB' satellite transponder, please go to: [www.ybtracking.com](http://www.ybtracking.com).

**Q: What are the benefits of becoming a host port?**

A: There are many economic, social and community-oriented benefits to becoming a host port. The races and port festivities are a major family attraction. Huge crowds (from many hundreds of thousands, to over a million people) visit ports during such events. Such visitor numbers bring welcome income to the city and local businesses, national and international media attention and a wide range of opportunities for community involvement and enjoyment.

The 2014 Tall Ships Regatta directly generated £10.5 million for the local economy and an additional £10.4 million indirect expenditure plus over £2.3m worth of PR coverage.

## Visitor Information

**Q: Can I go on board the Ships whilst they are in Falmouth?**

A: This year it will not be possible for members of the public to go on board the ships when they are in the port. However, subject to ship arrivals, timings and weather, it is hoped visitors will be able to take tripper boats out into the Carrick Roads to view these magnificent ships at close quarters.

**Q: Where is the best place to see the Ships whilst they are in Falmouth?**

A fleet of tall ships from around the world will arrive in the historic port of Falmouth in the days leading up to the 19th August as part of the Tall Ships Magellan-Elcano 500 Series 2021. They will be moored in the Carrick Roads and inner harbour and at Port Pendennis Marina, before embarking on a race to A Coruna in Spain.

The ships moored in the harbour can be viewed from Prince of Wales Pier, Church Street Car Park, Custom House Quay and Events Square.

**Q: How do I get close to the Tall Ships if I can't go on board?**

A: There will be ticketed daily boat trips from Prince of Wales Pier for visitors to have a closer view of the ships and their crews. For latest information on all activities planned in Falmouth as part of the event visit <https://www.falmouth.co.uk/tallships/>

**Q: Will there be entertainment in Falmouth?**

A: There will be a packed schedule of onshore activities, culminating in a memorable Parade of Sail event on Thursday 19th August, all subject of course, to Covid 19 guidelines.

For latest information on all activities planned in Falmouth as part of the event visit <https://www.falmouth.co.uk/tallships/> or follow the event's social media accounts: Twitter: @tallships\_race, Facebook: Tall Ships Falmouth 2021

**Q: What is a Parade of Sail?**

Prior to the Falmouth race start to A Coruna, Spain, the tall ships, along with hundreds of supporting local boats, yachts and marine craft, will sail in company from their moorings in the Carrick Roads and inner harbour, along the coast past Pendennis headland and Falmouth's beaches. This is a truly fantastic spectacle, one not to be missed and it can be viewed from a number of coastal vantage points in and around Falmouth. The Parade of Sail will take place at 15:00 on Thursday 19 August 2021.

**Q: Where can I watch the Parade of Sail and the Race Start?**

A: The race start will be 5 miles out to sea – you'll need a good pair of binoculars to see it but don't worry, the wow-factor is the Parade of Sail!

On Thursday 19 August the Tall Ships will showcase their finery in the magnificent Parade of Sail which will take place from 15:00 to 18:00 (ships will start to 'undock' from 14:00).

The Parade of Sail will be seen from St Anthony Head on The Roseland right along the coast to Rosemullion at the entrance to the Helford.

The recommended viewing areas are Pendennis Headland, Gyllyngvase Beach, Swanpool Beach, Maenporth Beach and Rosemullion Head, and St Mawes and St Anthony's Head.

**Q: What Covid-19 safety precautions will be in place?**

A: The priority is to protect the health of everyone involved.

It is likely the event will be subject to some level of Covid-19 restrictions to mitigate the risk of transmission. These may include codes of conduct, a testing process for crews and trainees and a variety of safety measure initiatives. Organisers will comply with rules for mass gatherings and sporting events in place at the time of the Race and Covid-secure measures will be communicated to the public before the event.

**Q: Where can I find out the latest information about the event in Falmouth?**

A: <https://www.falmouth.co.uk/tallships/> or follow the event's social media accounts: Twitter: @tallships\_race, Facebook: Tall Ships Falmouth 2021

**Q: Can I volunteer to help?**

Yes, we are currently recruiting Tall Ships Liaison Officers. The Ships need a nominated Liaison Officers for the duration of their stay in Falmouth to look after just about every aspect of their visit. We need individuals who are fit, resourceful, reliable and able to act on their own initiative. If you think you could meet this challenge and wish to play a key role in running the event in Falmouth please contact [tallshipslo2021@gmail.com](mailto:tallshipslo2021@gmail.com).

The Falmouth Cruise Ship Ambassadors will also be supporting the shoreside event activities, providing visitor information.

**Q: How can businesses and community groups get involved?**

A: There is a Town Working Group led by Falmouth Town Council and made up of business and community group representatives. If you are keen to support the event or get involved, please contact [info@falmouth.co.uk](mailto:info@falmouth.co.uk)

**Q: What are the sponsorship opportunities?**

A: A sponsorship programme has been developed which offers opportunities to both large and small companies to support the event. For further information please contact Claire Wood [claire@falriver.co.uk](mailto:claire@falriver.co.uk)

## **Media Opportunities**

**Q: How can the public and media be kept up to date on the Magellan-Elcano Tall Ships Race in the build-up to the event?**

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**Q: What other support is available to the media during the event?**

A: Each port, in conjunction with STI, will set up a staffed media centre with information, telephones and equipment. During port events daily support is available to liaise with ships; set up photo, filming and interview opportunities and answer any questions about sail training, the Race and ships.