



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.

As the official start host port for the Tall Ships’ Races Magellan-Elcano, Falmouth will welcome beautiful tall ships from around the world to arrive for four 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 from 15 to 18 August 2023.

The Race start, preceded by a Parade of Sail will be on Friday 18th August, time TBC.

The Tall Ships fleet will then follow a racecourse to A Coruna, from 24 to 27 August, Lisbon from 31 August to 3 September and Cadiz from 7 to 9 September.

Full details of the race can be found at <https://sailtraininginternational.org/event/the-tall-ships-races-2023/>

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, A&P Falmouth 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. This is more than any other UK port.

The Tall Ships Race Magellan-Elcano 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 sail training experiences <http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/>.

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 vessels 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 in addition to 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/the-tall-ships-races-2023/>

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 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 visit ports during such events. Such visitor numbers bring welcome income to the town and local businesses, national and international media attention and a wide range of opportunities for community involvement and enjoyment.

The 2014 Tall Ships Regatta in Falmouth, for example, 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: Visitors will have the opportunity to board some of the historic tall ships as they will be sited within the A&P Falmouth Docks. Tickets to access these ships will go on sale nearer the time and will be priced at £5.00 for adults and £2.50 children.

Q: Are dogs allowed in Falmouth Docks?

A: No, dogs are not permitted in the docks, with the exception of registered guide and assistance dogs who will be allowed access by prior agreement while undertaking their roles.

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 15 August as part of the Tall Ships Magellan-Elcano.

Large, square-rigged vessels along with smaller Class A & B vessels will berth alongside at Falmouth Docks. Class C & D vessels will be berthed at Port Pendennis Marina.

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 Friday 18th August.

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.

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, 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 on Friday 18 August 2023, time TBC.

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 Friday 18 August, the Tall Ships will showcase their finery in the magnificent Parade of Sail. Timings TBC.

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, Rosemullion Head, St Mawes and St Anthony's Head.

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.

Q: Can I volunteer to help?

A: 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 annemanaclidgey@gmail.com

We are also looking for event volunteers. Volunteer Cornwall is working with the event organisers to recruit 100+ Falmouth-based volunteers to help ensure everything goes smoothly! Please visit www.falmouth.co.uk/tallships for more information.

Q: How can businesses and community groups get involved?

A: There is a Town Working Group led by the Falmouth Town Team and made up of business and community group representatives. If you are keen to support the event or get involved, please contact ruth@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 Katharine Langley katharine@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?

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

For media and PR queries, please contact Rhona Gardiner at Excess Energy rhona@excess-energy.co.uk

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. 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.