



# THE TALL SHIPS RACES

Magellan-Elcano

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## TAKING PART TRAINEE INFORMATION



# FALMOUTH TO A CORUÑA TALL SHIPS RACES 2023



Thank you for registering for more information about the Falmouth – A Coruña Tall Ships Magellan-Elcano Race 2023. This document aims to give you as much information as possible about taking part in the Race.

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## ABOUT THE RACE AND VOYAGE...

### Ports and dates:

Falmouth		Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August
	<i>Race One</i>	
A Coruña		Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August
	<i>Cruise-in-company</i>	
Lisbon		Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August – Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
	<i>Race Two</i>	
Cádiz		Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September

### Tall Ship Sailing:

Sailing on a Tall Ship at sea promises to be an adventure. Over four days, you will sail south across the world famous Bay of Biscay to the Iberian Peninsula with your new crewmates and put into practice all of your newly learned sailing skills. As a trainee you'll experience the joy of sailing a Tall Ship. You'll be part of a team helping the ship make her voyage by setting sails, climbing the rigging, steering a compass course and much more as you race through this historical area of southern Europe.

You'll feel a sense of achievement on arriving in a new port, unlike the beach holiday or city break you may have been planning, plus you'll certainly make new friends and perhaps have conquered some fears along the way.

In addition, recent research undertaken with young Tall Ship trainees has proved that sailing on a Tall Ship has other benefits including increased social confidence and an ability to work with others. Certainly worthwhile adding to your CV...

### Yachts Taking Part:

Please note there will also be a number of yachts (non square riggers) taking part, which will also be looking for trainee crew – offering you a slightly different option on the type of sailing experience.

## ABOUT THE PORTS...

### Falmouth

- Location:** South West peninsula of United Kingdom
- Known for:** Third deepest natural harbour in the world, an area of outstanding natural beauty and top UK visitor destination
- Population:** 25,253
- Website:** [www.falmouth.co.uk/tallships](http://www.falmouth.co.uk/tallships)
- Nearest Airport:** Newquay (NQY), Exeter (EXT)



Falmouth is famous for its [harbour](#), together with [Carrick Roads](#), it forms the third deepest [natural harbour](#) in the world, and the deepest in Western Europe. Home to the National Maritime Museum Cornwall and a rich maritime history. It is also famous for being the start or finish point of various round-the-world record-breaking voyages, such as those of [Sir Francis Chichester](#) and [Dame Ellen MacArthur](#). Falmouth, the starting point for the 2023 Race, secured its place thanks to the proven success of the Tall Ships Regatta in 2014, the Funchal 500 Tall Ships Regatta in 2008 and the Tall Ships Race event in 1998. It's been a Tall Ship friendly port since their first ever visit in 1966. Falmouth's association with the sea and ships has been a part of Cornwall's heritage for centuries and Falmouth always gives an enthusiastic welcome to these ships of bygone times.

## **A Coruña**

- Location:** the Golfo Ártabro in the North of Spain
- Known for:** Second biggest fishing centre in Spain, nicknamed 'The Glass City' for its architecture, with a vast medieval district
- Population:** 244,850
- Website:** [www.spain.info/en/destination/a-coruna](http://www.spain.info/en/destination/a-coruna)
- Currency:** Euro (€)
- Nearest Airport:** A Coruña Airport (LCG)



A Coruña is the most populated city in Galicia and the second largest fishing port in the country. The city is the provincial capital of the province of the same name, and located on a promontory in the [Golfo Ártabro](#), a large gulf on the Atlantic Ocean. It is the main industrial and financial centre of northern Galicia, and holds the headquarters of the Universidade da Coruña. Its six main beaches are a great attraction for tourists and surfers for much of the year. It is also on the English Way path of the [Camino de Santiago](#). The city has hosted the Tall Ships Races and Regattas 11 times and A Coruña welcomed more than 150,000 visitors during The Tall Ships Races 2016, including around 2,000 trainees.

## ABOUT THE TALL SHIPS...

Tall Ships are still signing up to take part in this spectacular event and will depart Falmouth bound for A Coruña, including magnificent 'Class-A' Tall Ships (i.e. large square rigged vessels or those greater than 40 metres in length).

There will be a number of yachts (non square riggers) taking part, which will also be looking for trainee crew – offering you a slightly different option on the type of sailing experience.



Details of each ship will be uploaded to the [Sail Training International](#) website as they sign up.

We will supply you with all the information you need to select the right ship for you. You will then be responsible for contacting the ship regarding trainee places and fees. If you decide to take part in the Race you will need to make a booking direct with your chosen ship or their booking agent.

Most Tall Ships will only take trainees who are 16 years and older.

All Ships registered to date (16/01/2023) taking part, with trainee spaces, are listed below:

<b>Vessel Name</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Country of Registration</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Rig</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Trainee Places Left</b>
Challenge Wales	C	UK	2000	Bm Cutter	22	8
Fryderyk Chopin*	A	Poland	1992	Brig	44.35	10
Jolie Brise	B	UK	1913	Gaff Cutter	24	tbc
Patricia	D	Belgium	2014	Bm Sloop	16.76	8

\*cruise starts in Cherbourg on 13 Aug, trainees would need to make their own way before embarking

## ESTIMATED COSTS FOR TAKING PART...

The following tables contain **estimated costs** for taking part in the Falmouth to A Coruña Tall Ships Race. If you want to be involved with the Cruise-in-Company or Race Two, please speak to the vessel of your choice directly. This rate will include your berth, food and drink, wet weather gear and other safety equipment (please ask exactly what is included when making your booking – each Ship may differ).



If you decide to take part in the Race you will be responsible for booking and payment direct with your chosen Tall Ship and for organising and paying for all other travel arrangements e.g. your flight home. You must also arrange travel insurance to cover you, your luggage and your personal possessions.

Journey to Falmouth:

Estimated cost for <b>one adult</b> travelling to <b>Falmouth</b> from <b>UK</b>	
Single train fare from London Gatwick to Falmouth	£169.90
<a href="http://trainline.com">trainline.com</a>	
Single train fare from Bristol Airport to Falmouth	£62.40
<a href="http://trainline.com">trainline.com</a>	

Falmouth to A Coruña (439 Nautical Miles):

Estimated cost for <b>one 16-25y/o</b> travelling from <b>Falmouth</b> by Tall Ship
£850 - £970 Varying on Ship

\* pending number of trainees and individual ship costs



Journey home:

Estimated cost for one adult travelling from <b>A Coruña to UK:</b>	
Description of Item	Estimated Cost
Single flight from A Coruña to Newquay (Essentials with only hand luggage)	£164
Single flight from A Coruña to Newquay (15kg luggage)	£270
<a href="https://www.skyscanner.net">skyscanner.net</a> (LCG - NQY)	
Single flight from A Coruña to London Gatwick (Essentials with only hand luggage)	£108
Single flight from A Coruña to London Gatwick (23kg luggage)	£130
<a href="https://www.skyscanner.net">skyscanner.net</a> (LCG - LGW)	
Single flight from A Coruña to Bristol (Essentials with only hand luggage)	£69
<a href="https://www.skyscanner.net">skyscanner.net</a> (LCG - BRS)	

## FUNDING OPTIONS...

If you would like to take part in the Falmouth - The Tall Ships Races Magellan-Elcano you will need to raise the funds in order to pay for the trip.

There may be some extra sources of funding to help you reach the total amount needed, especially for disadvantaged and young people, these sources of funds may include;

- a) James Myatt Trust – visit the website [here](#)
- b) Oman Bursary Scheme
- c) European Social Fund



We are currently exploring each of these options. If you feel that the above funds may be appropriate for you, please contact Cat Cusack explaining your situation: [tallships@cornwallmarine.net](mailto:tallships@cornwallmarine.net) or by post C/O Cornwall Marine Network, Unit 7a & 7b, Falmouth Business Park, Bickland Water Road, Falmouth, TR11 4SZ, or visit [Sail Training International - Bursaries](#) for more information.

## NEXT STEPS...

Next steps include...

- Read this document and start to save/fundraise the money for the trip of a lifetime.
- Research ships as they sign up via their websites and contacts, we will keep you up to date with ships as they enter the Race.
- Once satisfied all your questions have been answered, book your berth direct with your chosen ship.
- Organise and pay for your transport home and arrange travel insurance.
- Notify us which ship you have signed up with.

## TALL SHIPS IN FALMOUTH 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

Falmouth is rolling out the red carpet for the Tall Ships arrival, with four days of onshore celebrations and the Parade of Sail sending you off on your journey.

There will be opportunities to see and board the Tall Ships at Falmouth Docks before you sail, and join in the fun throughout the town. Also at the docks, retired lifeboats will be on display and open for boarding.



### Programme

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Ships arrive in Falmouth

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Sports day**

**Crew parade** through the town

**Prize giving**

**Crew party**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Crew changeover

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

**Parade of Sail**

**Race starts**

*There'll be more information about activities and event happening during the week, check out the Tall Ships website for updates!*

## CONTACTS...

If you have any questions that are not answered in this document please call Cat Cusack on 01326 211382 or email: [tallships@cornwallmarine.net](mailto:tallships@cornwallmarine.net).

More information can be found at [Falmouth Tall Ships](#) and [The Tall Ships Races Magellan-Elcano \(sailtraininginternational.org\)](#)

Twitter: [@tallships\\_race](#) #tallships

Facebook: [@Tall Ships Falmouth 2023](#)

Best regards

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**Cornwall Marine Academy** was established in 2008 to raise awareness of the wide range of career opportunities in the Marine sector, delivering vocational training and work experience to young people aged 10 to 24 and support their employability and progression onto further education, an Apprenticeship or a job.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

### ***Are there any age restrictions?***

Yes, most ships will only take trainees older than 16 years of age.

### ***Do I need to know how to sail?***

No, knowledge of sailing is not necessary.

### ***Can I receive any financial help towards the trip?***

If you are disadvantaged in anyway (i.e. disabled, unemployed, in receipt of benefits...) then there is a possibility that you could receive some funding towards your trip (see section 5. Funding Options). Equally there may be funding opportunities for young people.

### ***How do I find my ship?***

Each ship will provide full joining instructions.

### ***When do I join my ship?***

Sometimes the day before, or even the day of the ship's departure. Check with your chosen ship before departing. Please note that there will be crew activities in Falmouth in the days prior to departing.

### ***Do I need insurance cover?***

Each boat will have its own rules and it is best to check with the ship. You will however need insurance cover for you and your baggage and personal belongings. It is strongly advised that you are covered for 'Tall Ship sailing out of coastal waters'.

### ***Will I feel sea sick?***

Maybe, everyone reacts differently to being at sea... and it does pass, plus there are many fast acting remedies available these days. Speak to your local pharmacist.

### ***Is food and drink included?***

Yes, sometimes there are also snack bars where you can purchase extra snacks if you are hungry.

***What will I be expected to do whilst on board?***

Normally you will be involved in all activities that it takes to sail the Tall Ship, including; being 'on watch' (this could be day or night), helping to set the sails, assisting with on-board cleaning, helping in the galley and serving meals.

***Will I need to go up the masts?***

Working aloft is always optional. Some of the ships taking part will be yachts and will therefore not require working aloft.

***How much storage space will I have on board?***

Normally you will receive a small locker to place your belongings in, but ask your ship before sailing.

***Do I need to bring my own bedding?***

Different for each ship, some ships will ask you to bring a sleeping bag and some ships provide bedding. Details will be sent with the ship's joining instructions.

***Can I use a shaver/hair dryer on board?***

Will depend on whether the ship has 240v power – ask your ship prior to booking.

***Can I use my mobile phone on board?***

Normally a ship will allow you to use your mobile phone, but please ask before doing so whilst at sea. Also, there might not be any signal offshore!

***Can I smoke on board?***

Usually you can smoke on deck but again please check with your chosen ship. There may be a special allocated area of the ship for smokers.