



## 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 at 15.00.

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 is being organised by Falmouth Town Council and 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, Port Pendennis Marina, Cornwall Marine Network, and Volunteer Cornwall are the Host Port delivery team and will be responsible for coordinating all activities whilst the ships are in port, supported by a huge team of volunteers and our emergency services.

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.

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

A: Yes, but we are now full. We have recruited Volunteer Liaison Officers to look after the ships and crews and via Event Cornwall, event volunteers to support the event delivery to help ensure everything goes smoothly!

*We are now full – thank you to everyone who has volunteered!*

**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](mailto: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](mailto:katharine@falriver.co.uk)

**VISITOR INFORMATION**

**Q: What is the event all about?**

A: Eleven Tall Ships of different sizes, from around the world, will arrive in Falmouth for three days of festivities from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 August before the race start on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday there will be various activities that the public can attend in the town including:

- Onboard visits
- Live music and entertainment
- Exhibitions and displays
- Children’s activities
- Historic lifeboats – free guided tours

- Crew parade through the town centre (Wednesday 16 August)
- Lights and Laser Show, Falmouth Harbour (Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 August)

On Friday 18 August, the Tall Ships will pass between Pendennis and St Mawes Castles in a magnificent Parade of Sail to the start line off Falmouth Bay.

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

A: The large square-rigged vessels will be berthed at County Wharf in Falmouth Docks and are open to the public preceding the race start, as follows:

- Tuesday 15 August 14.00 – 20.00
- Wednesday 16 August 14.00 – 20.00
- Thursday 17 August 14.00 – 20.00

The smaller ships will be located at Port Pendennis Marina with viewing points from the National Maritime Museum Cornwall walkway or Events Square.

**Q: Do I have to buy tickets to go on board?**

A: Yes. To gain access to Falmouth Docks and to go on board the Tall Ships you need to purchase a ticket. You can either purchase tickets online in advance of the event or at the entrance to the event in Falmouth Docks.

Tickets cost £5.00 for adults and £2.50 children (under 16).

Tickets can be purchased in advance via <https://www.seetickets.com/tour/falmouth-tall-ships-tours-2023>

If you purchase a ticket in advance a booking fee will apply however you will be guaranteed your time slot and fast tracked through the entrance.

**Q: How long will I need to stand and queue to access the Ships?**

A: We expect your visit in the Docks to take two hours. Queues are likely. Please make sure you bring plenty of water and consider sun protection. There will be food and drink on site and a covered refuge area that can be used, if required. There will also be medical provision on site.

**Q: Can I bring a pram or buggy?**

A: Prams and buggies can be brought into the Docks, but they will not be allowed on the ships. A holding area will be provided.

**Q: Are dogs allowed in Falmouth Docks?**

A: No, dogs are not permitted in the docks, except for registered guide and assistance dogs. Please do not arrive with your dog at the Docks Gate, there is no provision for them to remain outside the entrance whilst you visit the ships.

**Q: Can I smoke?**

A: No, there will be no smoking or vaping permitted in Falmouth Docks and you will not be permitted to exit and re-enter if you wish to smoke. All other outside entertainment venues will cater for smokers.

**Q: Will there be catering on site?**

A: Yes, there will be food traders in the Docks, at the entertainment venues, in addition to the usual food and drink outlets in Falmouth.

**Q: Are bicycles allowed in the Docks?**

A: You may bring your bike to the docks entrance; from there you will need to walk. A holding area will be provided please bring your own padlock.

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

A: The Parade of Sail will take place on Friday 18 August 2023 at 15.00.

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 several coastal vantage points in and around Falmouth or from the water.

**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, from 15.00, the Tall Ships will showcase their finery in the magnificent Parade of Sail.

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.

**On land**

The recommended viewing areas are Cliff Road, Pendennis Headland, Castle Beach, Gyllyngvase Beach, Swanpool Beach, Maenporth Beach, Rosemullion Head, St Mawes and St Anthony's Head, and the coast path.

## **From the water**

It's an incredible experience to witness the Parade of Sail from the water. However, please follow these safety guidelines:

- Make sure your craft is suitable and loaded sensibly.
- Keep a safe distance from other vessels, particularly the tall ships.
- Always use a kill cord and ensure that it is attached to the skipper of the boat.
- Be aware of your surroundings as there will be many vessels out on the water.
- The Parade of Sail will be very congested and therefore the sea state will not be suitable for SUPs or kayaks.
- Please keep well clear from the ships in the parade and pay attention to the marshalling vessels.
- RNLI "Know the Risks" page - <https://rnli.org/safety/know-the-risks>

## **Q: What's the best way to travel to Falmouth for the event?**

### **By Car**

You can find information about how to get to Cornwall at [www.visitcornwall.com/getting-here](http://www.visitcornwall.com/getting-here).

### **By Train**

The branch line from Truro offers a journey every 30 minutes into Falmouth throughout the day.

On the same dates, Falmouth Docks will be used, and no services will stop at Falmouth Town (The Dell) station as is GWR's usual operating practise for large events in Falmouth.

The very last train from Falmouth Docks will be at 23.37.

For up-to-date timetable information please refer to: <https://www.gwr.com/travel-information/train-times>

### **By Bus**

Normal scheduled services will operate however there may be some changes due to restrictions and closures. Any changes will be advertised in advance. See <https://www.firstbus.co.uk/cornwall/plan-journey/timetables> for information.

### **Park and Ride**

There is no event Park and Ride service. However, the Ponsharden Park and Ride site will be used for public parking throughout the event. This will not operate as a dedicated park and ride site but link to the existing public bus service into Falmouth. This site will be open at 0800 hours and closed late into the evening.

The bus service provision for Ponsharden will be the regular U1/U1A/U2 and U4 services from First and OTS 69/69A which between them provide 4 x Double Deck and 2 x 20 seaters each hour through the day stopping on the A39.

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

A: Yes. All existing car parks in Falmouth are open as usual except for Church St Car Park which is being used as an entertainment venue for the event.

Parking and a shuttle bus service from the Ships and Castle Car Park to Falmouth Docks will be provided for Blue Badge holders or persons with limited mobility.

For the Parade of Sail viewing, the Ships and Castles and Pendennis Point Car Parks will be available for Blue Badge holders or persons with limited mobility. Parking needs to be booked in advance and there are limited spaces, see Accessibility Section for details and booking links.

**Q: Are there road closures and parking restrictions?**

A: Yes, there are closures in the town on all four days of the event and extensive closures and parking restrictions for the Parade of Sail, on Friday 18 August. The town centre in Falmouth is fully open to pedestrians over this period and the businesses look forward to welcoming you.

**Falmouth 15-18 August**

Vehicular access to Falmouth's town centre will be restricted on all four days of the event from 11.00 to 23.00.

This will be extended up to The Moor and along Bar Road on Wednesday 16 August between 16.00 and 18.00 to enable the Crew Parade to take place between Falmouth Docks and The Moor.

**Falmouth 18 August**

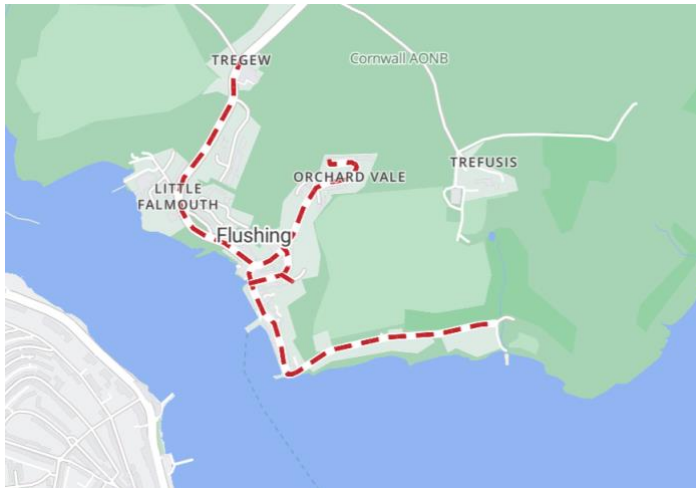
Cliff Road will be restricted from any parking from midnight Thursday 17 August, through to 19.30 on Friday 18 August. It will also be securely closed from its junction with Castle Drive to the junction with Fenwick Road from 12.00 to 19.30 on Friday.

Vehicular access to Castle Drive will be restricted from 07.00 to English Heritage pre-booked ticket holders, Disabled parking pre-booked ticket holders for Pendennis Point and Ships and Castles for those using the accessible parking and shuttle bus service, volunteers, and security.

**Flushing**

The roads will be closed as indicated on the map below except for permitted access (residents and businesses), between 09.00 and 17.00 on Friday 18 August.





## **St. Anthony Head**

On 18 August, a marshalled road closure will be in place from 09.00 – 18.00 (except permitted access for residents, holiday accommodation guests, businesses, and visitors parking) together with parking restrictions from Trewince Farm (nr Gerrans) towards St. Anthony Head.

The National Trust manage the car park at St Anthony Head and will offer pre-booked parking for Badge Holders only. Bookings can be made via the following link: [St Anthony Head Parking Booking Link](#) or call 0344 249 1895.

Porth Car Park NT will be open but there is limited parking. Blue Badge Holders and NT members free.

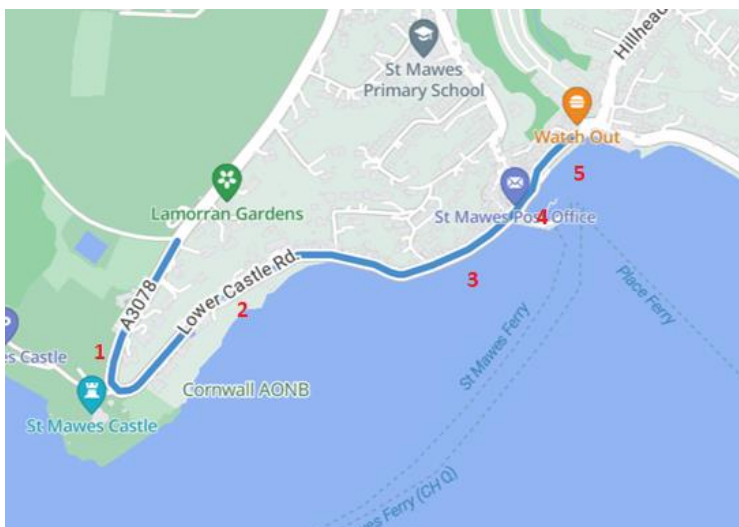
Bohortha Farm is offering private parking in their fields at £10 cash for the day, purchased on the day.

No other access or parking will be allowed. When the car parks are full there be no further access. A parking restriction will also be in place between Trewince and St Anthony on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August which prevents parking on the roadside. This is for safety reasons and enforcement will be in operation.



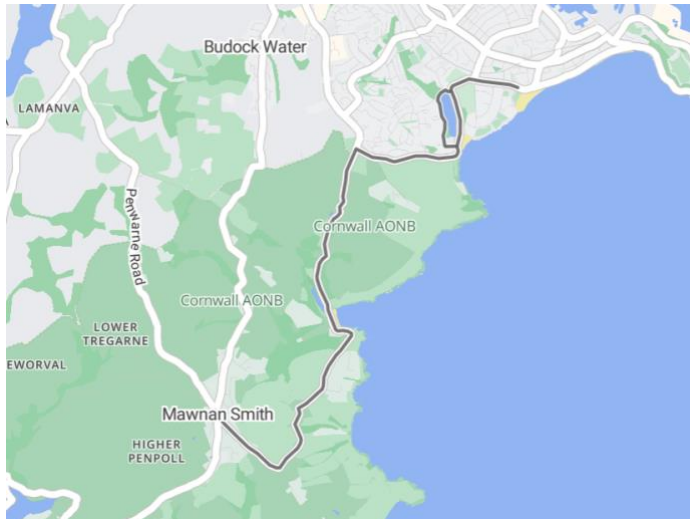
## St. Mawes

A combination of temporary one way and parking restrictions is proposed for St. Mawes to manage access and safety. These will be in place all day to give consistency throughout.



There will also be parking restrictions from Penance Road, Falmouth and Mawnan Smith via Swanpool and Maenporth between 12.00 and 18.00.

The roads highlighted on the plan below between Falmouth and Mawnan Smith (through Swanpool and Maenporth) will be restricted from all parking (including Blue Badge holders), between 09.00 and 18.00 on Friday 18 August. Visitors are asked to observe parking restrictions to support safety and emergency access needs and to note that parking enforcement will be in operation.



**Q: Will I be able to drive my car in and out of my property if my road is affected?**

A: Access will be available for residents through the closures, with evidence needing to be provided to security marshals at the closure. We would ask residents to please be patient if part of the event is ongoing, security staff will help as soon as they are able and if it is safe to do so.

**Q: Will my health visitor be able to visit me?**

A: Care and medical providers who possess the required validation will be allowed to access as required through road closure points, unless there is an activity taking place which specifically prevents this for safety reasons. This will include the Crew Parade closure of main streets on Wednesday between 16.00 and 1800 hours and access along Cliff Road on Friday.

Otherwise, parking and access are expected to be available as normal.

**Q: Will emergency vehicles have access?**

A: Yes, emergency vehicles will have access through road closures if required

**Q: If I get public transport how close to the Docks Gate can I get.**

A: The branch line from Truro offers a journey every 30 minutes into Falmouth throughout the day to Falmouth Docks Train Station 0.2 miles from the Docks entrance.

**Q: Can I sail on a Tall Ship?**

A: Unfortunately, there are no day sails planned for the event.

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

A: Yes, there will be various activities that the public can enjoy in the town, free of charge, including:

- Live music and entertainment

- Exhibitions and displays
- Children’s activities
- Historic lifeboats – free guided tours
- Crew parade through the town centre (Wednesday 16 August)
- Lights and Laser Show, Falmouth Harbour (Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 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: Will Pendennis Castle be open as usual and how can I book a ticket?**

A: Details of opening hours and how to book are available at [www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/pendennis-castle/](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/pendennis-castle/)

Please note on Friday 18 August you will need to pre-book your tickets to enable access through the road closure.

**Q: Where can I find accommodation information?**

A: Information can be found at [www.falmouth.co.uk/falmouth-accommodation/](http://www.falmouth.co.uk/falmouth-accommodation/) or Visit Cornwall visitor information <https://www.visitcornwall.com/>

**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.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

We have done our best to make sure the Magellan Elcano Tall Ships event in Falmouth is accessible as possible. However due to the nature of the activities, it is not possible to have a fully inclusive event.

**Q: Can I get on board a Tall Ships if I am a wheelchair user or have limited mobility?**

A: The large square-rigged vessels will be berthed on County Wharf in Falmouth Docks, located close to the entrance. Whilst the surface is slightly uneven there is full wheelchair access to the wharfs in the Docks. Unfortunately, none of the vessels taking part in the race can provide wheelchair access on board. Access onto the ships will be via gangways from the dockside. Mobility scooters are allowed in Falmouth Docks.

**Q: Will there be anyone to help should I need it and how are they identifiable?**

A: Yes, we have volunteer stewards in positions throughout the town and venues for the event. They will be wearing volunteer t-shirts and/or hi-vis and are happy to help. If you

require specific assistance, please contact us via [admin@falmouthtowncouncil.com](mailto:admin@falmouthtowncouncil.com) in advance of the event and will do our best to help.

There will be a covered refuge area that can be used, if required and first aid provision at all key venues including Falmouth Docks.

**Q: Are the streets and venues accessible?**

A: The pavements of Falmouth are old and, in some areas, cobbled which may present challenges. We will ensure that at all venues thoroughfares are kept clear but there will be occasions when the event sites are particularly busy and it may be more difficult to manoeuvre.

**Q: Is there accessible parking near the main events?**

A: Yes, the temporary road closures do not affect most existing disabled parking options in Falmouth, both on the street and in the car parks.

**Q: Where do I park to access the ships in the Docks?**

A: There is no disabled parking on site at Falmouth Docks. Parking options are listed below.

**Ships and Castles Disabled Parking and Shuttle Service**

Operating from 13.00 until 20.30 on each day there will be a shuttle bus service from the Ships and Castle Car Park to Falmouth Docks. This service is for Blue Badge holders or persons with limited mobility only. The shuttle service will run every 15 minutes from the car park to the Docks entrance.

The bus has 24 seats and can accommodate a wheelchair. Parking and shuttle service is free of charge, but spaces are limited, and availability will be on a first-come first-served basis via the following booking links. Please note there is a different link for each day of the event:

[Tuesday Booking Link](#)

[Wednesday Booking Link](#)

[Thursday Booking Link](#)

**Town Car Parks**

All town car parks are open as usual except for Church St Car Park and the distance to the entrance of Falmouth Docks and the number disabled parking bays are listed below. Please note disabled badge holders are expected to pay the normal parking fees where applicable and can also park in standard car parking bays.

**Maritime Car Park. Sat nav TR11 3QY – 0.5 miles**

Short stay - maximum stay 4 hrs

Number of disabled bays: 20

**Grove Place, Falmouth Sat nav: TR11 4AU – 0.5 mile**

Short stay - maximum stay 3 hrs

Number of disabled bays: 9

**The Dell, Falmouth Sat nav: TR11 3HP – 0.4 mile**

Long stay

Number of disabled bays: 7

**Town Quarry, Falmouth Sat nav: TR11 3BX – 1.4 miles**

Long Stay

Number of disabled bays: 13

**The Moor, Falmouth Sat nav: TR11 3QA - 1 mile**

Short Stay - Maximum stay 3hrs

Number of disabled bays: 3

**Well Lane, Falmouth Sat nav: TR11 3DJ – 0.7 mile**

Short Stay - Maximum stay 3hrs

Number of disabled bays: 2

**Gyllyngvase Car Park At nav TR11 4DP- 0.8 mile**

Long Stay

Number of disabled bays: 2

**Q: Can I drop off someone at the Docks Gate?**

A: Yes, you can drop off and collect outside the Docks, but you will not be able to wait there.

**Q: Where is the best location to park for the Parade of Sail?**

A: There are several vantage points for enjoying the Parade of Sail, in Falmouth and from the Helford to the Roseland. Additional parking provision is as follows:

**Pendennis Point Car Park** - pre-booked Blue Badge holders only - access from 09:00

Parking needs to be booked in advance. Parking is free but there are limited spaces. Please note you may not be parking in a designated disabled bay. Please display your Blue Badge on your dashboard. To book your parking space please use the following link:

[Friday Pendennis Point Booking Link](#)

**Ships and Castles Car Park** – Pendennis Point and Cliff Road viewing area – accessible parking and shuttle service – access from 12.30.

Parking is free but there are limited spaces. Please note you may not be parking in a designated disabled bay. Please display your Blue Badge on your dashboard. To book your parking space please use the following link:

[Friday Ships & Castles Booking Link](#)

The shuttle bus service will operate on a loop from the car park to Pendennis Point and Cliff Road to enable viewing of the Parade of Sail from 13.00 until 17.00.

**St Anthony Head** - The National Trust manage the car park at St Anthony Head and will offer pre-booked parking for Badge Holders only. Bookings can be made via the following link: [St Anthony Head Parking Booking Link](#) or call 0344 249 1895.

**Porth Car Park NT** - will be open but there is limited parking. Blue Badge Holders and NT members free.

All other car parks are open as usual and car parking charges apply.

Please note that vehicular access to Castle Drive will be restricted from 07.00 to English Heritage pre-booked ticket holders, Pendennis Point Blue Badge pre-booked ticket holders, volunteers, and security.

**Q: Where are the nearest toilets, are they accessible?**

A: Yes, all existing toilets throughout the town are open and temporary toilet facilities have been put in place at the following locations, all of which include accessible provision:

- Falmouth Docks
- Events Square
- The Moor
- Church St Car Park
- Cliff Road
- Pendennis Point
- Swanpool
- Maenporth

**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](mailto:rhona@excess-energy.co.uk)

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

A: A Media Centre will be established, based at the National Maritime Museum Cornwall on all four days of the event. The centre will be open from 10.00 – 16.00 daily.

Daily support is available to liaise with ships; set up photo, filming, and interview opportunities and to answer any questions about sail training, the Race and participating vessels.

There could be opportunities to get out on the water, to capture those key shots. Please let make contact if this is of interest to you.

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