

# Frequently Asked Questions

## When are the Tall Ships coming to Hartlepool?

The Tall Ships will be in Hartlepool from Thursday 6th to Sunday 9th July 2023.

## What are the Tall Ships Races?

The Tall Ships Races is an international fleet of tall ships and small ships that will be racing between five European ports between 29th June and 6th August 2023 – please see the map below.



## Why are the Tall Ships coming to Hartlepool?

Hartlepool hosted the Tall Ships in 2010. The event was a great success, with hundreds of thousands of visitors coming to the town from all over the world. Hartlepool Borough Council put in a bid to the organisers to host the Tall Ships again and we are very proud that the town has been selected as a Host Port for 2023.

We want to give people another amazing event and enable as many people as possible to be involved.

Hartlepool has a rich and interesting maritime history and is the perfect place to host an event of this nature.

## What are the dates of all the other Host Ports?

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| 1. Den Helder – Netherlands<br>29th June – 2nd July 2023   | 4. Lerwick – United Kingdom<br>26th July – 29th July 2023 |
| 2. Hartlepool – United Kingdom<br>6th July – 9th July 2023 | 5. Arendal – Norway<br>3rd August – 6th August 2023       |
| 3. Fredrikstad – Norway<br>15th July – 18th July 2023      |   |



## Who runs the Tall Ships Races?

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The Tall Ships Races is run by Sail Training International, a charitable organisation which organises races all over the world, offering life-changing experiences to young people through sail training.

## What is a Sail Trainee?

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A Sail Trainee is a young person aged 15-24 with no sailing experience. We are looking for young people from Hartlepool and the Tees Valley to become Sail Trainees and go on an adventure of a lifetime in 2023! The Sail trainees – who will need a valid passport – will be recruited and allocated to a ship and will take part in the race from Hartlepool to Fredrikstad in Norway. On board they will be taught to sail as well as be required to complete all tasks to keep the ship sailing efficiently day and night.

When they reach the finish line in Norway they will attend a Crew Party, Crew Prize-Giving and take part in the Crew Parade. There will be a whole host of festivities for them to enjoy before they fly home to Hartlepool.

## How many Sail Trainees is Hartlepool looking for?

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We are aiming to give 100 young people the opportunity to take part. This is a life-changing opportunity not to be missed!

Young people can register their interest in becoming a Sail Trainee at [www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk](http://www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk)

## Are there volunteering opportunities at Tall Ships Hartlepool 2023?

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There will be a number of volunteering opportunities throughout the event, from event staff to technical support and ship liaison officers.

- If you would like to offer a warm welcome to crews and visitors from all over the world, to showcase Hartlepool and its rich maritime history, we would love to hear from you!
- If you are a professional tradesperson who might be able to volunteer your skills to support the technical and maintenance requirements of ships while they are here, please let us know!

If you would like to be a volunteer please register your interest at [www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk](http://www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk)

## How do people register as a trader at the event?

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We will announce our application process in due course. To register your interest please sign up on our website at [www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk](http://www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk)

## Can people sponsor the event or a young person?

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Absolutely! We have a range of sponsorship packages available and will announce these in due course. Packages will include opportunities for corporate hospitality on board a ship, invitations to the Captains' Dinner, supporting young people in their voyage across to Norway, marketing and PR opportunities and more!

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## What will be on offer at the event?

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As well as being able to come and see the impressive Tall Ships in the Marina and inside PD Ports, there will be a full cultural and entertainment programme. There will also be the amazing spectacle of the Crew Parade and the Parade of Sail.

## Who is organising Tall Ships Hartlepool 2023?

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Hartlepool Borough Council is leading on the planning and delivery of the event with the support of a number of experienced stakeholders and partners.

The Council is working in collaboration with the other four host ports to ensure that we attract the best ships and recruit enough young people to form part of their crew.

Sail Training International is the race organiser and will lead on how the race takes place at sea.

## Who is supporting the event?

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We have support from a number of partners:

- Tees Valley Combined Authority
- PD Ports
- Hartlepool Marina
- The National Museum of the Royal Navy



## What do we want to achieve?

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- We aim to engage with businesses and community groups from the local area to deliver an exciting and memorable event for everyone.
- We aim to offer opportunities for young people and raise the aspirations of those living and working in Hartlepool and the wider region.
- We aim to raise the profile of Hartlepool as a visitor destination and attract more people and businesses to the area.
- We aim to be inclusive and equal to all.
- We are working on a legacy plan and want to ensure that all of the work we do around Tall Ships continues after the event has finished.
- We aim to create a team of volunteers and offer them opportunities in training and education.
- There is an aspiration for Hartlepool Tall Ships 2023 to be the greenest Tall Ships to date!

## How do I find out more and stay informed?

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Visit: [www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk](http://www.tallshipshartlepool2023.co.uk), where you can also sign up to our newsletter.



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## Who are the Tall Ships Team?

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- **Catherine Honey** | Event Director
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## How do I contact the Tall Ships Team?

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