

The International Sail Training and Tall Ships Conference

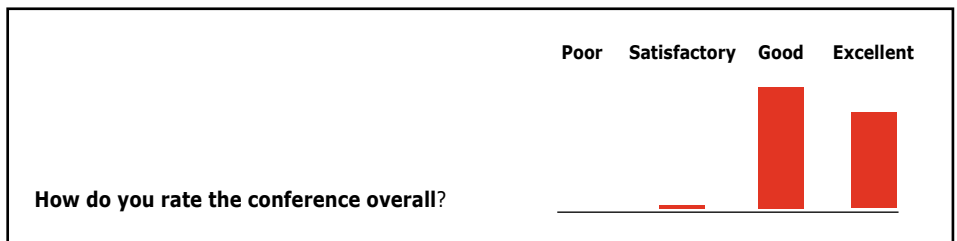
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TOULON PROVENCE MÉDITERRANÉE 18-19 NOVEMBER

With a beautiful waterfront steeped in maritime history, located on the Mediterranean coast, the cultural city of Toulon, France, provided an excellent backdrop to welcome delegates from 35 countries to The International Sail Training and Tall Ships Conference on 18-19 November, organised by Sail Training International. Delegates rated the conference Sail Training International's best ever.

Delegates attended from North and South America, Australasia, South Africa, the Middle East and throughout Europe, including Sail Training International's four new probationary members from Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia and Hungary. It was the most international gathering ever of such an event for the sail training community.

The conference programme covered a wide range of topics of importance to the 350 attendees representing sail



training vessel operators and host ports for Tall Ships events.

"The economic turmoil throughout much of the world has not left sail training and Tall Ships events untouched," said Sail Training International's President and Chairman, Nigel Rowe. "But the value of sail training in giving young people important skills that will improve their lives and employability is increasingly relevant in today's world. Our role as the international voice of sail training is to broaden the recognition and understanding of this key message, to assist the further development of sail

training's effectiveness, and improve the economics of the events we organise for sail trainers and host ports."

2011 Conference Key Facts

- 350 delegates from 35 countries
- 16 workshop options with 34 speakers
- Six hours of networking opportunities

Tall Ships Canada 150 ... and plenty more!

A major new Tall Ships race series around the North Atlantic, with an extended period in Canadian waters, was announced at the opening plenary session of the conference. With the working title of 'Tall Ships Canada 150', the event will celebrate the confederation of Canada in 2017. It is expected to attract a large international fleet with trainee crews from around the world. Canada's goal is to recruit 1,500 young people to participate in the event.

The announcement was made by His Worship Régis Labeaume, Mayor of Quebec City, who attended the conference for the official signing of the agreement with Sail Training International.

Sail Training International also unveiled its strategy to organise more events for sail training Tall Ships, with the ambition of running three or four events every year. While many of these will continue to take place in the waters around Europe, more focus will be placed on events elsewhere in the world. Discussions were held during the conference on plans for an event series in the



Nigel Rowe (President & Chairman Sail Training International), Doug Prothero (Vice Chairman Sail Training International), His Worship Régis Labeaume, Mayor of Quebec City, and Jacques Beauchesne, Project Director 2107.

Caribbean, and 'around the world' voyages for ships planning to take part in the 100th anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy in 2013 (with events in Australasia organised by Sail Training International with the Australian and New Zealand sail training organisations).



New CEO Announced

Sail Training International has appointed a new Chief Executive. He is Peter Cardy, currently Chief Executive of the charity Aquaterra and a former Chief Executive of the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA). He joins the team at its offices in Gosport, England, at the beginning of January 2012.

Peter has an MSc in Social Policy and a BA in Social Theory and Politics. His career began in adult education and then moved into general management. He has been the Chief Executive of several major charities, and in his current assignment with Aquaterra he has a staff of 350 and runs a budget of £14million. His career has also given him international experience, and current volunteer appointments include: Patron of the Sea Change Sailing Trust, a member of the RYA Government Affairs Committee, and Visiting Fellow at the Cass Business School, City University (London).

Peter's first sail training experience was at the age of 15, since when he has undertaken countless voyages on sail training vessels of all sizes. He has been a volunteer crew on a number of vessels and sails regularly with the Jubilee Sailing Trust as Watch Leader.



He has helped Sail Training International in recent years with advice on regulatory issues and other assistance. In early 2010, while Chief Executive of the MCA, he facilitated and joint-hosted with Sail Training International a reception for Flag State Regulators at the headquarters of the International Maritime Organisation.

"Peter is clearly uniquely well qualified to manage Sail Training International as our Chief Executive and help lead the organisation to further success," says Nigel Rowe, STI's President and Chairman. "He is well known to us, he is an experienced sail trainer, and he has considerable expertise in senior management roles in the charity sector. He will make a significant contribution to our work."

"I have always admired Sail Training International for its diverse activities in developing and promoting sail training around the world and for what it has achieved over the past decade," says Peter Cardy. "Sail training was certainly a life-changing experience for me as a boy. Working with STI's Trustees, staff, members and international cadre of volunteers will enable me to make a very direct contribution in the international arena to an activity I love."

A First for Flag States

The first meeting of its kind ever to engage a mix of Flag State regulators with vessel operators and sail training organisations took place on the day prior to the main conference. The concept for the seminar grew out of discussions at the Class A Tall Ships Forum which has been an important incubator for safety review and regulatory reform issues.

The Toulon seminar was the latest stage of an initiative to get to know the maritime administrations better and to spread the word that sail training is a safe and valued part of the maritime industry.

The seminar was planned by a group led by Doug Prothero (Vice Chairman, Sail Training International), with Captain Dave Wood (former Commander of the USCG *Eagle*), Peter Cardy (former CEO of the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency, and CEO designate Sail Training International) and Paul Bishop (Head of Sail Training International's Race Directorate).

Over a dozen administrations participated before or during the seminar, which first heard presentations from industry experts on best practice in safety matters of common concern such



Pictured (left to right) Ulrich Jurgens (UK MCA), Peter Cardy (CEO designate Sail Training International), Dave Ralph (UK MCA), Paul Labine (TSB Canada), and Doug Prothero (Vice Chairman Sail Training International).

as rig design and maintenance, and safety aloft. New or revised Sail Training International guidance on these topics is the likely outcome.

Although some gaps may need to be filled, such as a sail endorsement for masters and mates whose certificates are based on those issued for motor ships, most of the discussion centred on avoiding the need for new codes and conventions. The group will now continue its work to extend mutual recognition of national certification between the administrations and recognizing the significance of Sail Training International generated best practice guidelines.



Workshops

A key aspect of Sail Training International's work is to facilitate an effective exchange of information and experience to encourage the development of 'best practice' for sail training vessel operators and host ports for Tall Ships events. At this year's conference, delegates had a range of presentations to choose from, available for download from www.sailtraininginternational.org on Monday 28 November 2011.

Trainee Recruitment - how to use Facebook and other social media to recruit trainees

Tony Treacy

The Self-Assessment 'Toolkit' - feedback from operators and training the trainers

Dr Kris Von Wald & Dr Peter Allison

Class A Tall Ships Forum

Project Planning - how to deliver an event on time & on budget

Marta Lobato & Miranda Morgan

The Tall Ships Races 2011 Host Port Feedback - a chance to learn from this year's host ports

Ron Bailey, Fiona Dally, Des Whelan, Carl-Fredrik Graf & Snorre Andersen

Satellite Navigation - truths and myths

Professor David Last

Soft Skills Workshop - how to turn mariners into educators

Simon Colley

How People Learn - tools and techniques for teaching trainees

Murray Henstock, Miquel Borillo & Monte Pijoan Vives

Lessons from recent accidents: and the value of incident reporting

John Lang

Recruiting Trainees - how to increase numbers

Lillian Westerberg, Kalanne O'Leary & Birger Haraldseid

Setting up the host port organisation - host ports describe the structure they put in place to deliver a successful event

Des Whelan & Kimmo Hyppa

Working with the media to maximise coverage - The Tall Ships Races 2011 in numbers- Commercial feedback from Sail Training International

Gwyn Brown & Kelly Stroud

Feedback from The Tall Ships Races and Rule changes for 2012 - Rule of Rating Review - Race Operations Committee Update - Race Course Planning

Paul Bishop, Robin Snouck-Hurgronje & George Mills

From Trainee to Employee: Sail Training and Shipboard Communities produce skill sets that refine career choice and enhance employability

International Youth Forum

Safety Aloft - developing good practices and guidelines

Chris Blake, George Mills & Steve Higgs

Culture 2011 Tall Ships Regatta - Host Port experience - So good we did it twice.

Kipras Paldauskas, Kimmo Hyppa & Joanna Leman

Creating an Accessible event - Inclusion not exclusion

Hasse Olsson & Alex Lochrane

Safety Management Systems - using the new template

Doug Prothero & Stephan Kramer

Latvia to host The International Sail Training and Tall Ships Conference 2012



Nigel Rowe, centre, (President and Chairman Sail Training International) and Gwyn Brown (Commercial Director, Sail Training International) exchange the agreement with the Chief Executive Riga City Council.

16-17 November

Riga, the historic capital of Latvia and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, will host the International Sail Training and Tall Ships Conference 2012. It will be held on 16-17 November at Radisson Blu Latvija.

As one of the major commercial, cultural and financial centres of the Baltic, Riga is an important sea port. The city was a host port for The Tall Ships Races for the first time in 2003, and will host the fleet again in 2013.



Annual Sail Training International Awards

Omani Trophy Presented For First Time

The inaugural Sultan Qaboos Sailing Trophy, presented to an individual, vessel operator or sail training organisation for 'oustanding services to sail training for young people' was won by the Christian Radich Foundation.

His Majesty the Sultan of Oman has donated this new prestigious trophy as part of an on-going collaboration with Sail Training International which will see €50,000 invested every year to assist young people from around the world to benefit from the life-changing experience gained from participation the Tall Ships races and regattas organised by Sail Training International.



The Trophy was presented by His Excellency Ahmed Bin Nassir Bin Hamed Al Mahrazi, Ambassador to France of the Sultanate of Oman.

The Sail Training International Annual Awards were presented during the final plenary session of the conference.

Ron Dadswell OBE, Trustee of Sail Training International and Chairman of the Awards Committee commented: "We have once again been overwhelmed by the calibre of entries for each award. It is extremely encouraging to see that so much good work is being conducted across the entire sail training community which can only help to ensure that young people continue to benefit from life-changing experiences presented from participation in our events. As always, it was an extremely tough decision to determine the winner of each category but it was a unanimous decision that all of the winners really do deserve public recognition for their time and effort invested in sail training."



Pictured (left to right) The Swan Trust, Shetland Islands; Universidade Itinerante do Mar, Portugal; Prolific, Norway; Captain Dan Moreland, Canada; Statsraad Lehmkuhl; Lena Maekler, Germany; Murray Henstock, Australia; Luke Galuszewski, New Zealand

Sail Training Volunteer of the Year (Under 25)

This award was donated by the late Janka Bielak and is presented to a young volunteer who has made an extraordinary contribution to the organisation they serve.

Winner: Lena Maekler, Germany.

Sail Training Volunteer of the Year (Over 25)

This award was donated by Admiral Rothsay Swan and is presented to a volunteer in the sail training movement who has made an extraordinary contribution to the organisation they serve.

Winner: Murray Henstock, Australia.

Sail Trainer of the Year (Over 25)

This award was donated by the family and friends of the late Captain Paul Canter and is awarded to professional sail trainers to encourage high-performing individuals who deliver sail training to young people.

Winner: Captain Dan Moreland, Canada.

Sail Trainer of the Year (Under 25)

This award was donated by Tom Gotchberg and is presented to high-performing young individuals who deliver sail training programmes.

Winner: Luke Galuszewski, New Zealand.

Sail Training Organisation of the Year (Large vessels)

This award was donated by the *Black Pearl* Sail Training Trust in the US in memory of Barclay Warburton III, founder of the American Sail Training Association, and is awarded to an organisation that operates a large sail training vessel for demonstrating excellence in 'innovation' and 'best practice' in sail training for young people.

Winner: Universidade Itinerante do Mar, Portugal



Sail Training Organisation of the Year (Small Vessels)

This award was donated by friends of the late Vicki Scott and is also awarded to an organisation that operates a smaller sail training vessel for demonstrating excellence in 'innovation' and 'best practice' in sail training for young people

Winner: The Swan Trust, Shetland Islands



The 'Great Loyalty' Tall Ships Races and Regattas Trophy.

Awarded to the vessel which has shown 'great loyalty' in any of The Tall Ships Races and Regattas organised by Sail Training International.

Winner: *Dar Młodzieży*, Poland



The 'Best Newcomer' Tall Ships Races and Regattas Trophy.

Presented to the 'best newcomer' in any of The Tall Ships Races and Regattas organised by Sail Training International.

Winner: *Prolific*, Norway



Janka Bielak Medal

The Janka Bielak medal is awarded by the Trustees of Sail Training International to an individual or organisation in recognition of an outstanding contribution to international friendship and understanding through sail training.

Winner: Captain David Wood, USA



The Boston Teapot Trophy

Awarded to the ship which, at any time between 1 October and 30 September, covers the greatest distance in any period of 124hrs, which is five days and four hours with a sail training crew on board.

Winner: *Statsraad Lehmkuhl* 1,216 miles.







THANK YOU TOULON PROVENCE MÉDITERRANÉE



Delegates enjoyed a spectacular gala dinner held in the Neptune Congress Centre at the close of the International Sail Training and Tall Ships Conference 2011.

Nigel Rowe, President and Chairman of Sail Training International thanked Hubert Falco, Mayor of Toulon and Président of Toulon Provence Méditerranée, France, on behalf of all those that attended for the outstanding hospitality provided by the city organising team.

Nigel Rowe also thanked the conference speakers and facilitators as well as the Sail Training International staff team for their role in the success of the event.

2011 Conference

If you haven't already, there's still time to have your say. How did you rate this year's conference and what would you like to see next year? Complete the survey [here](#)

Join us for the International Sail Training and Tall Ships Conference 2012 in Riga (Latvia) 16-17 November.