

PURPOSE

These notes are intended to give guidance for anyone completing an application form to apply for a sail training placement being offered by Stornoway Port and Sail Training Shetland for The Tall Ships Races 2023.

The process will result in young adults aged 15-25 being offered a placement in The Tall Ships Races 2023.

During their participation in a sail training adventure, trainees will have full opportunity to take part in any events organised by guest harbours or host ports.

WHAT IS SAIL TRAINING?

The following information is an extract from Sail Training International's website:

www.sailtraininginternational.org

“Sail training requires participants to confront many demanding challenges, both physical and emotional. It is an activity that inspires self-confidence and the acceptance of personal responsibility, promotes an acceptance of others whatever their social or cultural backgrounds, and develops a willingness to take controlled risks. For most who undertake sail training on Tall Ships it is a positive life-changing experience.

Sail training is an adventure activity for people of all ages and abilities. It includes instruction in all aspects of sailing, but its purpose goes far, far beyond this. Sail training uses the experience of being at sea principally to help people learn about themselves, discover hidden strengths and talents, and understand the value of working as a team. In some programmes today it forms the setting for much wider aspects of education at sea.”

AGE LIMITS

Applicants must be 15 years of age on 1 July 2023, the start of The Tall Ships Races 2023 event series. The upper age limit is 25 years at the time of travel.

Applicants under the age of 18 years old must ensure their applications have the consent of a parent and/or guardian to confirm they are happy for their child to take part in any placements offered by Sail Training Shetland.

If selected, a more detailed consent will be requested, including details from the parent and/or guardian, for successful trainees who are under the age of 18 years old, before the voyage begins.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Online submissions are being invited via Stornoway Port's website <https://www.stornowayportauthority.com/>

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If selected, a more detailed parental/guardian consent may be required for successful applicants who are under the age of 18 years old, prior to placement.

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The closing date for applications is 5pm, Friday 31 March 2023.

EXPERIENCES ON OFFER

THE TALL SHIPS RACES

There is huge excitement building for the return of The Tall Ships Races 2023 when the international fleet of Tall Ships and Small Ships will return to Lerwick. The legendary Tall Ships Races offers international fun, friendship, action-packed racing, and festival experiences.

The adventure on offer is taking you on a leisurely Cruise in Company from Fredrikstad, Norway, visiting guest harbours along the Norwegian and Scottish coast before arriving at Lerwick.

Cruise In Company

Fredrikstad, Norway to Lerwick, Shetland onboard [Statsraad Lehmkuhl](#).

Sunday 16 July to Saturday 29 July (13 nights)



TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

You **must** hold a passport for travel which is valid to at least 10 November 2023. If you do not have a valid passport, we are unable to accept your application. There will be immigration checks during the voyage and therefore it is essential applicants have a valid passport at the time of travel. Please [check your passport validity](#) prior to sending your application.

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Successful applicants may require travel both via ferry and/or flights to meet their ship. Although it is likely trainees will be travelling as part of a small group, they will nonetheless need a degree of self-reliance during the trip. Trainees under the age of 18 years will be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Except for some minor transfers that cannot be booked in advance, all other costs of travel will be met by Sail Training Shetland/ Stornoway Port Authority. The bookings required for your voyage will be arranged in advance by Sail Training Shetland/ Stornoway Port Authority, including the logistics of getting to and from the ship, the ship placement and insurance. You will be provided with a comprehensive information pack containing an itinerary with tickets and given a full briefing before you leave where you will meet your fellow crew mates.

TRAVEL INSURANCE/HEALTH CARE ABROAD

Sail Training Shetland will provide comprehensive Tall Ships group insurance cover for all successful applicants. Details of the Policy will be provided with your information pack.

Please note, the Policy we offer may exclude treatment or cover for pre-existing medical conditions, so you will require to arrange your own Policy before you travel and provide us with evidence of cover.

You cannot use a GHIC or an existing EHIC in Norway. You will need travel insurance with healthcare cover.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS

Applications from anyone who meets the age criteria will be welcomed. You will be asked for details of any additional support needs, and this will not prejudice the consideration of any application.

All reasonable support will be given to aid trainees with additional support needs to take part and match them with a placement and ship that is suitable for their needs. It should be borne in mind however, that by its very nature, sail training can be a physically and emotionally demanding activity.

Applicants who may have difficulty with reading and writing are welcome to have their application scribed and sent by another person on their behalf.

COSTS AND FUNDRAISING

In recognition of what is an exceptional year in hosting The Tall Ships Races, the cost of the Taster Day Sails and Tall Ships placements will be fully funded by Stornoway Port Authority.

All applicants will be expected to take part in any fundraising activities organised by Stornoway Port Authority.

The cost of Race Entry Fees, ship bookings, plus any travel for taking part in the Tall Ships Races will be met through fundraising, sponsorship and grant funding attracted by Sail Training Shetland/ Stornoway Port Authority. Any occasional personal expenses other than those set out above will be the responsibility of the trainee.

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AFTER YOU HAVE APPLIED

Following the closing date, a decision on the placements to be offered and reserve candidates will be made, and participants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application. Stornoway Port Authority reserves the right to decide the successful applicants and any ship or voyage they will be offered.

We are expecting a high level of interest, and placements are limited, therefore it may not be possible to offer spaces to everyone that applies.

We may require several candidates on standby that could step in at short notice if more funding becomes available, or if other applicants pull out, so please do not be discouraged if you are not successful on the first attempt.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any specific queries, please contact Stornoway Port at info@stornowayport.com

