

ŻAGLE 2024



Tall Ships return to Szczecin 2-5 August 2024



2 months left until the final of The Tall Ships Races!

Only two months separate us from the final of The Tall Ships Races. Any moment now, the vessels will leave their home ports and head to the starting line of the race. This means that the intensive preparations for this grand sailing celebration will soon begin on land.

FAIR WINDS!



Szczecin $53^{\circ} 25' N$
 $14^{\circ} 32' E$

On June 22, Szczecin's vessels, *Dar Szczecina* and *Zryw*, will set off on their voyages to the starting line. The Tall Ships Races will commence in Klaipeda (June 27-30). From there, the ships will sail to Helsinki (July 4-7), where the first leg of the race will officially conclude, and the first Cruise-in-Company to Tallinn (July 11-14) will begin. Tallinn will also be the starting point for the second leg, which will end in Turku (July 18-21). There will be two Cruises-in-Company this year, the second one on the route from Turku to Mariehamn (July 24-27). The last and longest leg of the races, culminating in the grand final in Szczecin, will take place on the route from Mariehamn to Szczecin.

ON THE ROUTE OF THE GREAT RACES

On August 2, the sailing ships will dock in Szczecin, concluding their five-week competition on the Baltic Sea. Before crossing our border, the vessels will visit five other ports: Klaipeda, Helsinki, Turku, Tallinn, and Mariehamn.

Here are some interesting facts about these places:



KLAIPEDA, formerly known as Memel, was once the capital of Prussia. It is a maritime connection between Lithuania, Scandinavia, and other countries. The Akmena-Danė River flows through Klaipeda, dividing the city into the modern New Town to the north and the Old Town to the south. While there, look out for the cobbled streets of the old town and the preserved red brick castle tower, and visit the famous clock museum.



HELSINKI, the capital of Finland, last hosted The Tall Ships Races in 2013 and will welcome the fleet again for the fifth time in 2024. With its rich maritime history, unique urban culture, and stunning natural landscape, the city is sure to offer a wonderful welcome to the international ships participating in the races. Located on the coast of the Gulf of Finland, the city captivates with its beautiful natural bays, islands and architecture.



Ships entering port in **TURKU** dock along the banks of the Aura River, where a free ferry service is available. The port is just a 15-minute walk from the city centre. There are many restaurants, cafes and museums on the riverbank. Turku was declared the European Capital of Culture in 2011. While there, be sure to visit the medieval castle, the national cathedral, and the maritime centre Forum Marinum with its fleet of museum ships. You can also easily take a cruise from Turku to the old town of Naantali or to Sweden.



Not only does **TALLINN** boast a well-developed port infrastructure, but it also offers excellent and fast connections to the international airport, bus station, passenger port, and railway station. While there, take a trip to one of Europe's most modern maritime museums, stopping by the nearby restaurants and department stores along the way.



MARIEHAMN has two picturesque marinas just a 10-minute walk apart. Regular ferries depart from this port to Turku, Helsinki, Stockholm, Kapellskär, and Tallinn. The most significant landmark in Mariehamn is the four-masted steel barque Pommern, which is one of the best-preserved historical ships in the world.

THE VESSELS

There are 69 vessels on the official starting list for The Tall Ships Races. Some of them will participate only in certain legs. In Szczecin, we expect about 65 vessels, including not only the race participants but also guests invited specifically for the final.

CLASS A:

- FRYDERYK CHOPIN, Poland
- GROSSHERZOGIN ELISABETH, Germany
- ROALD AMUNDSEN, Germany
- KAPITAN GŁOWACKI, Poland
- POGORIA, Poland
- DAR MŁODZIEŻY, Poland
- CISNE BRANCO, Brazil
- GUAYAS, Ecuador
- ORP ISKRA, Poland

CLASS B:

- ASTRID, Finland
- BETTY, Denmark
- BONAVENTURA, Poland
- BRABANDER, Lithuania
- CONSTANTIA, Sweden
- EXCELSIOR, United Kingdom
- GENERŁ ZARUSKI, Poland
- HIIUINGEL, Estonia
- JOHANN SMIDT, Germany
- RUPEL, Belgium
- SVANHILD, Finland
- VALBORG, Finland
- ALBANUS, Finland
- GRATITUDE, Sweden
- JENS KROGH, Denmark
- CHRISTIANIA, Norway
- INGRID, Finland
- PASCUAL FLORES, Spain
- AGLAIA, Germany
- KAPITAN BORCHARDT, Poland
- PENLENA, United Kingdom

CLASS C:

- BELFER, Poland
- BELFER II, Poland
- CYKAS, Poland
- FARUREJ, Poland
- HELENA, Finland
- NAVIGATOR, Finland
- ODISEJA, Lithuania
- SAEFTINGHE, Belgium
- SPANIEL, Latvia
- ST IV, Estonia
- TORNADO, Poland
- VESTA, Estonia
- WILLIWAW, Belgium
- ESPRIT, Germany
- ZRYW, Poland
- BIES, Poland
- GRETEL, Estonia
- VAHINE, Finland
- GEDANIA, Poland
- WIELKOPOLSKA, Poland
- SARMATA II, Poland
- MARENGO, Poland


CLASS D:

- AURANTYTTO, Finland
- LIETUVA, Lithuania
- PATRICIA, Belgium
- TARA, Denmark
- TOKKA-LOTTA, Finland
- DAR SZCZECINA, Poland
- LINDA, Estonia
- ANYA, Finland
- THEIA, Finland
- MERIKAPY, Finland
- HENRIKA, Finland
- MERISSI III, Finland
- TORNADO II, Poland
- HNLMS URANIA, Netherlands
- TUULELIND, Estonia
- ITS STELLA POLARE, Italy
- PUPU, Finland

ACCOMPANYING EVENTS



An integral part of the final of The Tall Ships Races are the additional attractions and play areas. From August 2 to 5, the two banks of the Oder River will be filled with opportunities for active and creative leisure. Two pontoon bridges linking the right and left banks of the river will appear on the Oder, making it easier and quicker to get around.



Children's zones will be waiting for the youngest visitors – the largest of which will be located on the Adam Mickiewicz Square, where various animations, workshops and large-scale games will take place. Another children's zone will be located on Łasztownia at The Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity Square, where sports workshops, creative activities, and much more will be prepared in cooperation with animators and trainers.

A creative offer will also await at the **sponsors' booths**, where animators will invite visitors to various games and workshops. On Grodzka Island, elements of healthy competition will not be lacking, as the **sports zone** will be set up there.

For residents and tourists visiting Szczecin for the final, the **funfairs** will be set up on both sides of the Oder.

Here, visitors will be able to indulge in great fun and a bit of madness.

As for other stationary attractions that will be present during the final, the well-known and popular stalls of **The Sailor's Market**, located both on the Chrobry Embankment and on Łasztownia, will be among them. The Sailor's Market also includes the unique **Artists' Alley**, which for years has attracted creators eager to showcase their works and talents, creating exceptional handmade products.

Those who get hungry can seek solace in the **food truck zone**. The rally of 'gastronomy on wheels' from all over Poland is a perfect opportunity to taste interesting dishes in the unusual settings of beautiful sailing ships. The food truck zones will be located both on Łasztownia and the Chrobry Embankment.

Throughout the event area, there will be about eight beer taverns serving not only traditional pilsners, but also flavoured and refreshing non-alcoholic beers.

The **Crew Parade** is certainly not to be missed. This international, colourful parade will march through the streets of Szczecin from the Chrobry Embankment to the Helena Majdaniec Summer Theatre. It will feature music, dancing, and artistic performances. This is how the crews will introduce themselves to the residents and tourists, creating a unique, joyful, sailing atmosphere that will spread throughout the city! Brass bands that have entered the **7th Szczecin Brass Band Festival 2024 for the Szczecin President's Cup** will also participate in the parade.





LET THE MUSIC PLAY!

Four music stages, each offering different sounds – from children’s hits to folk music, a bit of rock, or electronic beats. The first music stage will be located in Łasztownia, near The Food Port –Szczecin-own artists will perform there. The next one, at the Gdynia Boulevard, will be a floating stage with shanty-folk music. The main stage will be set up on Jana z Kolna Street. Over three days, Polish artists will perform there. On Friday, we’ll enjoy a special concert by the **Maritime University Choir** under the direction of Sylwia Fabiańczyk-Makuch along with invited guests. On Saturday, feel invited to a disco under the sails, featuring pop music stars such as **Lanberry, Tribbs, Daria Marx, Sylwia Grzeszczak**, with the evening ending to the beats of DJ Radio Eska. Finally, on Sunday, we will have the chance to listen to top rock, pop, electronic, and alternative performers. **Krzysztof Zalewski, Mery Spolsky, Smolik/Kev Fox, and Ikarus Feel** will perform on The Tall Ships stage.



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