



DelfSail 2021 is Endorsed by Sail Training International

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Sail Training International (STI) and DelfSail 2021 are both delighted to have reached an agreement to cooperate on next year's event, taking place between **10th and 13th June 2021**.

The charitable ideology of STI has appealed to DelfSail from the beginning. International friendship and understanding is a powerful experience for all young people. Even last year, the organisers of DelfSail sent 11 youngsters to participate in the Tall Ships Races: these youngsters returned excited about the experience, their new friends, the new lifestyle and newly acquired knowledge and skills. The sail training experience can be life changing for anyone who experiences it and particularly so for young people.

"Friendship born at sea is for a lifetime" wrote the Commanding Officer of Mexican Tall Ship 'Cuahtémoc' after a previous edition of DelfSail". And so it is!

DelfSail 2021 will be the 7th edition of this event, which started on a small scale with DelfSail '86. The original event was organised by Sail Training Association Netherlands (STAN) and the Municipality of Delfzijl; it was a modest event in size, with only a few larger Tall Ships and some smaller ones, but it proved an instant success!

In 1991 Delfzijl was the finishing port in the Cutty Sark Tall Ships Races of that year, as organised by STA. The name DelfSail 1991 is still in many people's memory and several Endorsed Events such as DelfSail 1998, 2003, 2009 and 2016 have followed. All of these Events saw the beautiful harbour lined with spectacular tall ships, with a warm welcome extended to the vessels, the trainees and the many visitors during four days of maritime celebrations – we look forward to organising this again in 2021!

"We are delighted to endorse the next edition of DelfSail in 2021 and feel confident that once again the Dutch city will provide an excellent programme of activities and celebrations which will delight ships, trainees and visitors alike. Now more than ever we believe that youth development and international friendship and understanding are a symbol of a better society and are grateful for DelfSail's continued support of our charitable objectives".

Ross Mac Donald, Chairman of the Board, Tall Ships Races International Limited, a subsidiary of Sail Training International.

DelfSail 2021 will provide ample time for both larger and smaller vessels to reach Klaipeda in time, for the start of the Tall Ships Races 2021.

The organisers of DelfSail 2021 and STI are once again looking forward to a fruitful cooperation and to working together on another successful Event as part of the Sail Training International programme of organised and endorsed events for 2021.

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