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This Advance Notice No. 1 is to provide owners, vessel operators and masters/captains with outline information about the plans made so far for the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009 and associated events.

Further information is available at www.tallshipsraces.com/atlanticchallenge/ and will be issued by the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009 in the “**Advance Notice No. 2**” which is due to be published in February 2009. Further information will be published in March 2009 in the “**Arrival Arrangements**”. Each host port will also publish a Captains Manual which will be available at the Captains Briefing in the previous port and available to download from the Captains Page on our website using the following link:

www.sailtraininginternational.org/page.asp?partid=852

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RACING & SAILING RULES (2008 EDITION WITH 2009 AMENDMENTS)

The Racing & Sailing Rules and Special Regulations have been amended for 2009 and are available to download from the Captains' Page on our website using the following link:
www.sailtraininginternational.org/page.asp?partid=852

Participants are urged to make sure they study and use the 2008 Edition with 2009 Amendments of the Racing & Sailing Rules.

SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL RULE OF RATING AND RACE PRIZES

Each registered vessel will be issued with a rating certificate which will be calculated by Sail Training International's unique Rule of Rating that ensures that all vessels will be able to race equally on corrected time. All new vessels to Tall Ships' Races will be provided with a measurement form which will need to be completed in advance.

Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places per class on corrected time, and for first on elapsed time (line honours') for each race leg. There will be many other special prizes for competing vessels. Vessels from all classes competing in all race legs will be eligible for the overall race series prizes.

The principle prize will be the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009 Friendship prize which will be awarded to the vessel, which in the opinion of the competing captains and crews, has contributed the most to international understanding and friendship.

RACE POSITION REPORTING AND MARINE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

For safety reasons, and to help the interest of the young crews during a race, Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009 will organise daily radio schedules. Vessels' positions will be passed over the radio and logged by the communications vessel. The corrected placings will then be re-broadcast so that they may be plotted for all on board to see. Results and charts showing the fleet's positions are also posted onto the race websites at www.tallshipsraces.com/atlanticchallenge/.

Full Sailing and Communications Instructions are to be collected by captains/masters on arrival from the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009 Race Office in Vigo for Race 1, Tenerife for Race 2, Bermuda for Race 3 and Halifax for Race 5.

Radio schedules will be conducted on MF and Sat Comms. The MF frequency used will be 4146 KHz. Any change to these frequencies will be notified in due course. Race starts are normally conducted on VHF channel 72. Please note a VHF radio and a type approved 406MHz EPIRB or INMARSAT E are compulsory for these races. All vessels are also required to have a multi-channel HF/MF SSB transceiver and a satellite communications transceiver, or two satellite communications transceivers.

CREW CHANGES

Vessel operators and captains/masters are reminded that the social programmes in each of the ports are designed to a similar pattern [see “Draft Port Programmes” below]. The main crew activities - sports, prize giving and crew party – **are usually held on the second day** of the official port dates.

In order to allow a vessel’s trainee crew to gain maximum benefit from the social programme and, in particular, to take part in the prize giving and crew party which follows it, **it is recommended that crew changes are conducted on the third day of the official port dates.** For TSAC 2009, the recommended crew change dates are:

Vigo: 2 May; Tenerife: 16 May; Bermuda: 14 June; Charleston: 27 June; Boston: 10 July; Halifax: 18 July; Belfast: 15 August.

VESSEL LIFE SAVING APPLIANCES INSPECTIONS

All vessels will be required to conform to the Sail Training International Special Regulations in the Racing & Sailing Rules and Special Regulations, 2008 Edition with 2009 Amendments. The Vessel Life Saving Appliances Report form can be downloaded under the section “Documents that apply to all Races” at:

<http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/page.asp?partid=852>

VISAS

Customs and Visa Requirements for Las Canarias, Spain, Bermuda, the USA, Canada and the United Kingdom

LAS CANARIAS

The Schengen Treaty is applied, and the other nationalities need a visa.

Further information is available from The Ministry of Foreign Affairs using the following link:

<http://www.maec.es/en/Home/Paginas/HomeEn.aspx>

SPAIN

Immigration formalities will be held for all vessels after berthing in Santa Cruz de Tenerife.

A complete list of crew members from each vessel, with the following information: name, date of birth, sex, nationality and passport number, must be delivered prior to the start from Vigo, to the Tenerife’s delegation in that port.

Changes in the crew members must be given, stating names, nationalities and passport number. Crew members must advise the Liaison Office of itinerary at signing on/discharging.

Crew members from countries with compulsory visa who have to discharge in Vigo must apply for a visa in advance.

All captains should be aware of and follow the Customs regulations and limits for duty free articles.

The Spanish law governing the misuse of drugs must be observed.

BERMUDA

To find out further information on visa requirements visit the web site www.immigration.gov.bm

Travel Documents required for entry into Bermuda

All visitors to Bermuda require the following:-

1. **A Return or Onward Ticket** or other document of onward transportation to a country to which, at that time, the passenger has right of entry. In the case of those travelling on the tall ships, most of whom will either be sailing in and flying out, or flying in and sailing out, they will require (a) a one-way plane ticket in or out of Bermuda, and (b) for those flying in, a letter from the master of their ship certifying that they will be sailing out of Bermuda on that vessel, with relevant dates.

2. **Proof of Citizenship and identification** (must be a photographic I.D.) All visitors must carry a valid passport for this purpose.

3. **VISAS to enter Bermuda are not required EXCEPT for nationals of the following countries:**
Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, China (People's Republic of) (includes holders of Hong Kong Identity Cards. Holders of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Passports or British National (Overseas) Passports do not require visas for Bermuda), Croatia, Cuba, Czechoslovakia (former) (Nationals of Slovakia travelling on Czechoslovakian passports need visas. Citizens of the Czech Republic do not need visas), Georgia, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kampuchea (Cambodia), Kirgizstan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Libya, Macedonia, Republic of Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria, North Korea, Pakistan, Romania, Russian Federation, Republic of Slovakia, Slovenia, Soviet Union (former), Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam (North and South), Yugoslavia (former), Yugoslavia (Serbian Federal Republic of).

4. **Other Documents and/or Visas for Onward Transportation – It is very important** to remember that all visitors to Bermuda must have – upon arrival – the documents they need to travel to their next destination. Those sailing onward to the U.S. and Canada must have their entry documents for those two countries BEFORE arriving in Bermuda. All non-American participants in the race who plan to enter the United States MUST HAVE A VISA.

Those who are returning to their homeland from Bermuda must have the relevant documents to transit through the U.K. or other European country on their way home.

Crew Changeovers

Persons intending to fly into Bermuda on a one-way ticket for the purpose of joining the crew of one of the participating Tall Ships to depart Bermuda, must have in their possession a letter from the owner or skipper of that Tall Ship certifying that they are a bona fide crew member. This letter must be presented to Immigration officials on arrival at the Bermuda Airport. The owner or skipper of the Tall Ships will therefore be responsible for ensuring that such persons do depart Bermuda by Tall Ship.

USA

US Passports and Visas:

As of January 2008, all foreign nationals arriving in the U.S. by sea or air will be required to have a valid passport. As a general rule, the passport should be valid for 6 months beyond the expected date of departure from the U.S. In addition, **all foreign nationals will be required to obtain a B1/B2 visa**. Canadian and Bermudian citizens do not require a visa to enter the U.S.

Participants in this event should be aware that the visa waiver program allowing nationals of participating countries to enter the U.S. for 90 days without a visa cannot be utilized by persons arriving in the U.S. on carriers that are not signatories to the VWP (**Visa Waiver Program**) agreement. Tall Ships and other non commercial vessels are rarely signatories to the agreement, and therefore crew must obtain B1/B2 visas. B1/B2 visas are non-immigrant visas for business or pleasure.

Permanent, full time, professional crew members must have a valid C1/ D visa but, they are reminded that they may only stay in U.S. waters for 29 days.

<http://italy.usembassy.gov/visa/vis/VIS-3-en.asp>

Please apply for these visas very early – the visa offices are quite busy and interviews are required in many countries. Visit the following websites for further details:

<http://travel.state.gov/visa/tempvisitors.html> and <http://travel.state.gov/> and <http://cbp.gov> and <http://uscis.gov>

U.S. Citizens will need passports to re-enter the U.S. from Canada by sea. Legal Permanent Residents should have their "green cards." Information regarding application for or renewal of passports can be found at: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html

International Documentation:

Non-US flagged sail training vessels operating in US waters should be certified by their flag state or classification society as a passenger or sail training vessel.

Vessels of 500 or more gross tons must have either a SOLAS certificate or an International Maritime Organization (IMO) Code of Safety for Special Purpose Ships Certificate. Non-US flagged sail training vessels may also require a currently endorsed load line, international tonnage certificate, safety construction, safety equipment, radiotelegraph, and other SOLAS certificates depending on the vessel's size and route.

CANADA

Passport and visa requirements:

Foreign nationals who are seeking to enter Canada must be in possession of a passport and in certain cases a temporary resident visa (TRV). Foreign nationals arriving in Canada as crew members of a vessel who hold a seafarer's identity document issued under International Labour Organization (ILO) conventions do not require a passport. They do require a passport, however, if travelling to Canada by air or by other means for the purpose of becoming a member of the crew of a vessel which is already in Canada.

Foreign nationals do not require a temporary resident visa if they are carried to Canada by a vessel of which they are crew members and are seeking to enter Canada as a crew member of that vessel and to remain in Canada solely as a crew member of that vessel or any other vessel. They do require a visa, however, if they are seeking to enter Canada to join a vessel as a crew member and are citizens of a country whose citizens require a temporary resident visa. For an up to date list on the countries that require temporary resident visas to enter Canada please refer

to the CIC website at: www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp. *Please note that countries can be added and removed from this list at any time.

Foreign nationals working as crew members of ships in Canada do not require a work permit, provided that the ship on which they are employed, or are to join, is of foreign registry and is engaged in international transportation or other activities. Crew members may not, however, work aboard vessels which require coasting trade licences or perform dockside functions such as the loading or unloading of cargo, without a work permit.

Foreign nationals must meet the below definition of crew to qualify for the passport, TRV and work permit exemptions.

Interpretation — member of a crew

(a) "member of a crew" means a person who is employed on a means of transportation to perform duties during a voyage or trip, or while in port, related to the operation of the means of transportation or the provision of services to passengers or to other members of the crew, but does not include

(i) any person whose fare is waived in exchange for work to be performed during the voyage or trip,

(ii) any person who performs maintenance or repairs under a service contract with a transporter during the voyage or trip or while the means of transportation is in Canada, or

(iii) any other person who is on board the means of transportation for a purpose other than to perform duties that relate to the operation of the means of transportation or to provide services to passengers or other members of the crew;

Additional exemptions to the requirement to present a passport for entry into Canada:

(a) citizens of the United States;

(b) persons seeking to enter Canada from the United States or St. Pierre and Miquelon who have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence;

(c) residents of Greenland seeking to enter Canada from Greenland;

(d) persons seeking to enter Canada from St. Pierre and Miquelon who are citizens of France and residents of St. Pierre and Miquelon;

(e) members of the armed forces of a country that is a designated state for the purposes of the Visiting Forces Act who are seeking entry in order to carry out official duties, other than persons who have been designated as a civilian component of those armed forces;

(f) persons who are seeking to enter Canada as, or in order to become, members of a crew of a means of air transportation and who hold an airline flight crew licence or crew member certificate issued in accordance with International Civil Aviation Organization specifications; or

(g) persons seeking to enter Canada as members of a crew who hold a seafarer's identity document issued under International Labour Organization conventions and are members of the crew of the vessel that carries them to Canada

Obligations of transporters

Transporters are required to present all persons they carry to Canada for examination and to hold them until the examinations is complete. The transporter has complied with the obligation to hold a person for examination when a Canadian border services officer informs the transporter that the examination is complete.

Transporters may be required to carry from Canada any inadmissible person they bring to Canada. A transporter is always required to carry from Canada a foreign national carried to Canada as, or to become, a member of a crew, regardless of whether entry was authorized by a Canadian border services officer.

For more information on document requirements for entry into Canada and the obligations of transporters, please see a copy of the document prepared by the "Transportation Unit, Canada Border Services Agency" which is available to download from the Captains Page on our website using the following link:

http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/uploads/images/1227881549437_0.36377272276829703.pdf

UNITED KINGDOM

Individual race entrants are responsible for ascertaining what visas or other documents will be required by their ship's company when arriving in the **United Kingdom** and to obtain such visas themselves.

DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE – Military Vessels

Military vessels taking part in the Races will need diplomatic clearance to enter foreign territorial waters. Captains/masters of military vessels are reminded to make sure that the period of time they have applied for takes into account the possibility of their vessel finishing the Race early and arriving in port outside the published official port dates.

SHIP OPENING TIMES TO THE PUBLIC

Whilst it remains at the discretion of the captain/master to decide ship opening times, ports have suggested that the following times would be appropriate for ships to be opened to the public:

Vigo	Between 1000 and 2100 hrs
Tenerife	Between 1000 and 2100 hrs
Hamilton	Fri 12/06 & Sat 13/06 between 1200 and 1600 hrs Sun 14/06 between 1300 and 1600 hrs
Charleston	Fri 26/06 & Sat 27/06 between 1000 and 1800 hrs Sun 28/06 between 1000 and 2000 hrs
Boston	Between 1000 and 1800 hrs
Halifax	Between 1000 and 1700 hrs
Belfast	Between 1000 and 1800 hrs

DRAFT PORT PROGRAMMES

VIGO, Spain - 30 April to 3 May

Thursday 30 April

1200
pm

All Participating Vessels to be in Port
Captains' Dinner

Friday 1 May

pm

National holiday in Vigo - a lot of visitors are expected
Crew Party

Saturday 2 May

1500

Sports activities for crews: football, basketball, volley, and other
typical games
Crew Parade
Captains' Briefing (Port Authorities Building)

Sunday 3 May

Parade of Sail
Start of Race 1 to Tenerife (Las Canarias – Spain)

Please visit www.tallshipsraces.com/atlanticchallenge/hostportsvigo_en.html for updates closer to event dates.

TENERIFE, Las Canarias (Spain) - 14 to 17 May

Thursday 14 May

1200	All Participating Vessels to be in Port
1200-2400	Harbour Area opened to public
1230	Press Conference
2100	Musical events at the pier
2100	Captains' Dinner (venue to be announced)

Friday 15 May

1030	Sport activities programme Cultural and touristic visits
1230-2400	Sailing races. Harbour area opened to public
1900	Crew Parade
2000	Prize giving ceremony at the Crew Centre
2100	Crew Party (venue to be announced) Musical events at the pier

Saturday 16 May

1030	Sport activities Rowing boat Race Cultural and touristic visits
1100	Captains' Briefing
1200-2400	Harbour Area opened to public
2200	Musical events

Sunday 17 May

0900	Fleet Undocking Time
0930	Farewell with a musical group
1300	Parade of Sail
1600	Start of Race 2 to Hamilton (Bermuda)
2100	Liaison Officers party

Please visit www.tallshipsraces.com/atlanticchallenge/hostportstenerife_en.html for updates closer to event dates.

BERMUDA - 12 to 15 June

Arrival in Bermuda
(starting around **1 June**) Ships will be allocated berths or anchorage in Dockyard and St. George's. Ships will be able to take on fuel, water, provisions, and dispose of waste and sewage during this time. R & R for crew.

Saturday 6 June to
Wednesday 10 June St. George's and Dockyard: Local mini-festival events
Suggestions include:

St. George's

Dinghy & Sports Club "Dock Party 2009" for all the ships.
Mayor of St. George's Reception
Beach party for trainees and ships' crews at Fort St. Catherine Beach

Dockyard

Wedco/Bermuda Maritime Museum Party
Wedco Reception for Captains and Officers.
Beach Party at Snorkel Park for trainees and crew.

Thursday 11 June Vessels to proceed to Hamilton

1200 **All Participating Vessels to be in Port**
1200-2200 Crew Tent at Barr's Bay Park
1730-1900 Official Reception for Ships' Captains at Government House

Friday 12 June

1000-1600 Trainees' sports events at Horseshoe Bay Beach
1800-2000 Party for officer at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
1800-2300 Trainees' Party at Barr's Bay Park
1930-2200 Captains' Dinner (Fairmont Hamilton Princess Hotel)

Saturday 13 June

1000-1600 Trainees' sports events at Horseshoe Bay Beach
1800 Crew Parade (Theme: Explorers of the New World)
1930 Prize Giving Ceremony in Victoria Park
2100-2400 Entertainment in Victoria Park following Prize Giving

Sunday 14 June

1000-1200 Island-wide Cod Fish Breakfast on Front Street
1300-1600 Sailing regattas: races, fun games, and demonstrations
1630 **Captains' Briefing (City Hall Theatre)**
1800 Casual supper reception for Ships' Captains and VIPs hosted
by the Mayor and Members of the Corporation of Hamilton
1900-2200 Grand finale, including local talent and talent from the tall ships
Grand fireworks display

Monday 15 June

0700 Fleet Undocking Time
1200(approx) Start of the Parade of Sail
1600 **Start of Race 3 to Charleston (USA)**

Please visit www.tallshipsraces.com/atlanticchallenge/hostportsbermuda_en.html and www.tallshipsbermuda.com for updates closer to event dates.

CHARLESTON, USA - 25 to 29 June

Thursday 25 June

1200	All Participating Vessels to be in Port
1900	Captains' Reception

Friday 26 June

1000-1800	Charleston Harbour Fest
Time TBC	Crew Parade
Time TBC	Prize Giving
Time TBC	Other shoreside Activities for Trainees
2000	International Soirée onboard ships– Passenger Terminal

Saturday 27 June

1000-1800	Charleston Harbour Fest
Time TBC	Trainee Rally
Time TBC	Harborpalooza – concert and stage performances (crew party)
Time TBC	Fireworks

Sunday 28 June

1000-1100	Captains' Briefing
1000-2000	Charleston Harbour Fest

Monday 29 June

1500	Official Fleet Undocking Time – Passenger Terminal
1600	Official Fleet Undocking Time – Maritime Centre
TBC	Parade of Sail
TBC	Start of ASTA Race to Boston (USA)

Times are subject to change. Please visit www.charlestonharborfest.org for updates closer to event dates.

BOSTON, USA – 8 to 13 July

Tuesday 7 July

1130-1200 Opening Ceremony – Press Conference
1600-1700 Blessing of the Sails

Wednesday 8 July

0900-1500 Parade of Sail
1500-2200 Sail Boston Festival
1500-2200 Entertainment and Cultural and Educational Activities
2000-2400 Salute Ball

Thursday 9 July

1000-2200 Sail Boston Festival
1200-2200 Entertainment and Cultural and Educational Activities
1900-2100 Captains' Reception

Friday 10 July

0800-1700 Crew and Cadet Sports Competition
1000-2200 Sail Boston Festival
1000-2200 Entertainment and Cultural and Educational Activities
1100-1200 Crew and Cadet Street Parade
2000-2400 Crew and Cadet Liberty Party

Saturday 11 July

1000-1100 Captains' Briefing
1000-2200 Sail Boston Festival
1000-2200 Entertainment and Cultural and Educational Activities
1900-2300 Tall Ships Gala

Sunday 12 July

1000-2200 Sail Boston Festival
1000-2200 Entertainment and Cultural and Educational Activities

Monday 13 July

0800-1200 Ships Depart for C-in-C to Halifax (Canada)

Please visit www.sailboston.com/home.html for updates closer to event dates.

HALIFAX, Canada – 16 to 20 July

Thursday, 16 July

1200 All Participating Vessels to be in Port
0700 – 1500 Ships Arrive and Prepare for Volunteer Boarding
1500 – 1700 Volunteer Boarding (Not open to general public)
TBC Crew Party

Friday, 17 July

TBC Crew Activities
1000 – 1700 Public Boarding
TBC Captains Dinner
1900 – 2300 Deck Receptions

Saturday, 18 July

TBC Crew Activities
1000 – 1200 Crew Parade
1000 – 1700 Public Boarding
1300 – 1500 250th Anniversary of the Founding of Royal
Navy Dockyard Commemorative Ceremony
1900 – 2300 Deck Receptions
2100 – 2200 Fireworks (TENTATIVE)

Sunday, 19 July

1000 – 1700 Public Boarding
1500 Captains' Briefing
1900 – 2300 Deck Receptions

Monday, 20 July

TBC Closing Ceremonies
1200 - 1500 Parade of Sail
1100 – 1300 VIP & Sponsor Viewing

Please visit http://www.tallshipsraces.com/atlanticchallenge/hostportshalifax_en.html for updates closer to event dates.

BELFAST, UK – 13 to 16 August

Thursday 13th August

1200	All Participating Vessels in Port
1000-2100	Festival Programme
1200-1800	Crew activities, Tours and Sports
1500	Opening Ceremony
1900	Captains Dinner
2100	Fireworks display

Friday 14th August

1000-2100	Festival Programme
1000-1800	Crew activities, Tours and Sports
1800	Crew Parade
1900	Crew Prize Giving and Party
2100	Fireworks display

Saturday 15th August

1000-2100	Festival Programme
1000-1800	Crew activities, Tours and Sports
1500	Captains' Briefing & TSAC Race Series "Wash up" Meeting
1900	Ships Officers Party
2100	Fireworks display

Sunday 16th August

1000-1800	Festival Programme
1200	Unberthing and Parade of Sail

Please visit www.tallshipsraces.com/atlanticchallenge/hostportsbelfast_en.html for updates closer to event dates.

DRAFT COURSES

NOTE

The courses given below are **provisional** and may be changed. Confirmation of the courses to be sailed will be given during the Captains' Briefing in each race start port. Confirmation of the courses is also published in the SAILING & COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTIONS which captains/masters collect from the Sail Training International Race Office in Vigo for Race 1, Tenerife for Race 2, Hamilton (Bermuda) for Race 3, and Halifax for Race 5. All times are local.

Race 1 Vigo to Tenerife

Start	42° 12' N	009° 00' W	In area 5 miles off Vigo entrance
Finish Line	28° 34.1 N	016° 03.1 W	100°T from Roques Anaga for 5 to 10 miles

Race 2 Tenerife to Bermuda

Start	28° 23' N	016° 12' W	In area 5 miles off Santa Cruz de Tenerife
WP1	26° 00' N	035° 00' W	To starboard
Finish Line	32° 22.7 N	064° 35' W	090°T from St David's Light for 5 miles

Race 3 Bermuda to Charleston

Start	32° 23' N	064° 35' W	In area 5 miles off St Georges, Bermuda
Finish Line	32° 37' N	079° 35.3 W	040°T from fairway buoy for 2 to 7 miles

Race 4 Charleston to Boston (Details will be published by ASTA)

Race 5 Halifax to Belfast

Star Area	44° 32' N	063° 26' W	In area 5 miles off entrance to Halifax
WP1	43° 30' N	060° 00' W	Off Sable Island to port
WP2	43° 30' N	050° 00' W	Off Newfoundland Banks to port
Finish Line	55° 17' N	008° 15' W	320°T from Tory Island Lt for 5 miles

Please note:

- The above Races are Category 0 under the Racing & Sailing Rules and Special Regulations 2008 Edition, amended for 2009.
- Races One, Two, Three and Five will be run under Sail Training International's Racing and Sailing Rules 2008 Edition with 2009 amendments, Part 3, **Section B**, Rule 1. Race Five will be run under Part 3, **Section A**, Rule 1.
- No person under the age of 15 is to be on board during a race, the Cruise-in-Company and associated events.
- VHF radio and a type approved 406MHz EPIRB or INMARSAT E are compulsory for these races. All vessels are also required to have a multi-channel HF/MF SSB transceiver and a satellite communications transceiver or two satellite communications transceivers.

SHIPS' MAIL

The addresses below are the official addresses for any mail being sent during the Races either to a vessel or an individual crew member on board. When addressing mail to anyone in the fleet it is imperative that the **NAME OF THE VESSEL** is clearly given in the address.

VIGO

Fleet's last full day in port: Saturday 2 May

[Name of Individual]

[Name of Vessel]

Oficina Regata TSAC Vigo 2009
Edificio de Sesiones de la Autoridad Portuaria de Vigo
Muelle de Trasatlánticos
36202 VIGO- ESPAÑA / SPAIN

TENERIFE

Fleet's last full day in port: Saturday 16 May

[Name of Individual]

[Name of Vessel]

TENERIFE Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009
PO Box 893
Santa Cruz de Tenerife
Canary Islands - SPAIN

HAMILTON

Fleet's last full day in port: Sunday 14 June

[Name of Individual]

Hold for arrival of Sailing ship **[Name of Vessel]**

Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009
Bermuda General Post Office
56 Church Street
Hamilton HM12
BERMUDA

CHARLESTON

Fleet's last full day in port: Sunday 28 June

For letters:

[Name of Individual]

[Name of Vessel]

Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009
South Carolina Maritime Foundation
P.O. Box 22405
Charleston, SC 29413
USA

For packages:

[Name of Individual]

[Name of Vessel]

Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009
South Carolina Maritime Foundation
480 East Bay Street, Suite F
Charleston, SC 29403
USA

BOSTON

Fleet's last full day in port: Sunday 12 July

[Name of Individual]

[Name of Vessel]

Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009
Sail Boston, Inc.
C/O Conventures, Inc.
One Design Center Place, Suite 718
Boston, MA 02210
USA

HALIFAX

Fleet's last full day in port: Sunday 19 July

[Name of Individual]

[Name of Vessel]

Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009
Tall Ships Nova Scotia Festival – Project
Office
1549 Lower Water Street, 3rd Floor
Halifax, NS
B3J 1S2 CANADA

BELFAST

Fleet's last full day in port: Saturday 15 August

[Name of Individual]

[Name of Vessel]

Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009

Belfast Tall Ships 2009 Ltd

c/o Events unit

Development Department

The Cecil Ward Building

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IRELAND

CREW TRAVEL

VIGO: Arrival/Transfer Information

There are different ways to come to Vigo.

- The railway system has a series of lines linking the city to the rest of Spain. A high speed train link is anticipated for the year 2010. www.renfe.es

- The airport continues its unstoppable growth, with a constant yearly increase in the number of passengers. It offers regular flights to the main Spanish cities (Madrid, Barcelona....), as well as international flights (Paris, Frankfurt), in addition to charter flights. www.aena.es

- By sea, Vigo is an essential port of call for the largest ocean liners in the world, whose passengers make use of their time to enjoy and visit the city. The marina and the natural protection provided by the estuary mean that vessels with any draft size can be moored in the port of Vigo.

TENERIFE: Arrival/Transfer Information

By air. Some useful links to find a flight:

<http://www.clickair.com/view/default.aspx?lang=2>

<http://www.cheapestflights.co.uk/flights/flightreturnsearch.asp>

<http://www.flightline.co.uk/fly-to/search.php>

Information and timetables for bus connections with the two airports on the island of Tenerife can be found using the following links:

"Tenerife Norte (Reina Sofía)": <http://www.titsa.com/lineas.asp?codigoldioma=en>

"Tenerife Sur (Los Rodeos)" : <http://www.titsa.com/default.asp>

"Tenerife Norte" is about 15 Km from Santa Cruz de Tenerife

"Tenerife Sur" is about 65 Km from Santa Cruz de Tenerife

HAMILTON (Bermuda): Arrival/Transfer Information

There are direct flights via Gatwick, Boston, New York, Atlanta, Toronto, and others gateways, some not daily (eg Halifax). One of the best website for finding the cheapest route is www.expedia.com.

Transfer time from the airport to the ship is approximately 35 minutes. You must notify by telephone (Tel: +1 441 296 2238 or +1 441 300 0343) or e-mail: info@tallships.bm your arrival so that you can be met and transported to the ships at no charge.

NOTE: There is no currency exchange at the airport and all incoming passengers need to have US \$ upon arrival. Bermuda has its own dollars which are on a par with the US \$ and can be used everywhere on the island.

More information at: <http://www.tallshipsbermuda.com>

CHARLESTON: Arrival/Transfer Information

There are many ways to get to, from, and around the Charleston area. Here you will find several modes of transportation available to you during your visit. A variety of services are available to help you get the most out of your Charleston area visit. The Charleston Area Convention and Visitor Bureau is an excellent resource (<http://www.charlestoncvb.com/>).

Request a Charleston Area Official Visitors Guide here.
<http://www.charlestoncvb.com/visitors/visitorguide.html>

Location

The Charleston area is located on the coast of South Carolina, midway between Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head Island. It is easily accessible by car...I-26 has its eastern terminus in Charleston and connects with I-20, I-85, I-40, I-77 and I-95 from the north. US Highway 17, the coastal north-south route, runs through Charleston and connects with I-95 from the south.

Getting Here by Air

Charleston International Airport offers jet service from Air Canada, Delta Airlines Inc., Atlantic Southeast Airline/Delta Connection, Northwest Airlines, Comair Inc./Delta Connection, United Express, Continental Airlines, US Airways, and AirTran. Charleston International Airport is located 12 miles from historic downtown Charleston and near the intersection of I-26 and I-526.

The following link will provide you with the latest flight schedules for every airline offering non-stop service to and from Charleston
<http://www.charlestoncvb.com/visitors/flights.html>

Once you are at the Airport

Travelling from the Charleston International Airport to the Passenger Terminal (location of Class A ships at dock) or the Charleston Maritime Center (location of Class B, C, & D ships at dock) is easy. As you depart the terminal a taxi stand offers service with standard size automobiles and vans. The address of both docking locations is listed below. If you would like to pre-book your ground transportation, contact Yellow Cab +1 843-577-6565. For groups travelling together that require a vehicle larger than a van, contact Absolutely Charleston at www.absolutelycharleston.com for bus or trolley service. You can also reach them by phone at +1 843-747-4448.

Please make sure you know where your ship will be docked before travelling to Charleston, as there are multiple venues for docking and they are not necessarily within walking distance of each other.

Location of Class A ships at dock

Union Pier Passenger Terminal
196 Concord Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Liaisons provided by Charleston will need to know of all arrivals and departures at Union Pier Terminal as this is a secured port facility with regulations on entry.

Location of Class B, C, and D ships at dock

Charleston Maritime Center
10 Wharfside Street
Charleston, SC 29401

A shuttle service will run between all event locations in Charleston and Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina during the open event 26-28 June.

Train Service

Amtrak provides regular passenger train service to the Charleston area from other major cities such as Boston, New York and Washington D.C.

1-800-USA-RAIL (1-800-872-7245) or www.amtrak.com

Tourist Information Once You Are Here

Charleston Visitor Center

375 Meeting Street

Charleston, SC 29403

Phone: +1 843-853-8000

Open 8:30am-5:30pm daily. Trained staff is available to answer questions and provide assistance. Free brochures, maps and restrooms. Local publications and tour and attraction tickets are available for sale.

Other resources:

Charleston CVB www.charlestoncvb.com

Maps www.charlestoncvb.com/visitors/maps.html

Event Website: www.charlestonharborfest.org

Local Newspaper www.charleston.net

Delta Airlines www.delta.com

United Airlines www.united.com

Additional resources for crew will be offered in the Crew Lounge, including information on historic plantations, garden tours, dining, music, and more. Cultural and tourist activities for crew will be offered.

Please contact our office with any questions at +1 843-722-1030 ext 20

BOSTON: Arrival/Transfer Information

By Air

Boston Logan Airport (BOS)

Logan Airport is our city's main hub for travellers coming from long distances. Located just minutes away from Downtown Boston, this is the best-recommended airport for out of town visitors to fly into. http://www.airwise.com/airports/us/BOS/BOS_01.html

Other Airports within 100 miles...

TF Green, Providence Rhode Island (PVD)

Located in Providence Rhode Island, TF Green, is approximately 60 miles from Boston with Commuter Rail service (train) directly to South Station in downtown Boston.

<http://www.pvdairport.com/>

Manchester – Boston Regional Airport (MHT), New Hampshire

Strategically situated in the heart of New England, Manchester • Boston Regional Airport is located less than fifty miles north of Boston, Massachusetts. This airport also offers bus transportation to Boston's South Station.

<http://www.flymanchester.com/>

By Train

Amtrek

<http://www.amtrak.com/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=Amtrak/HomePage>

Amtrek Downeaster (coming from the North)

<http://www.amtrakdowneaster.com/portland.html>

By Bus/Coach

Greyhound

Greyhound Lines, Inc. is the largest provider of intercity bus transportation, serving more than 2,300 destinations with 13,000 daily departures across North America. www.greyhound.com

PeterPan

PeterPan Bus Lines provides transportation to and from many cities throughout the northeast region of the United States.

www.peterpanbus.com

ONCE YOU ARE HERE:

Boston is known as *America's Walking City*, so once you are settled in your hotel room or place of stay, put your sneakers on and see the sites by foot! If walking is not favorable to you, there are several other ways to get around. Below are our best modes of transportation from the airport and for getting around.

MBTA transportation offers travel by train, subway (T), bus and ferry

<http://www.mbta.com/>

Taxi Cabs

Boston Cab (617) 536-5010

City Cab (617) 536-5100

Town Taxi (617) 536-5000

Metro Cab (617) 782-5500

www.boston-cab.com

Car Service

Commonwealth Worldwide (617) 787-5575

www.commonwealthlimo.com

Dav El (617) 887-0800

www.davel.com

Water Taxi

Rowes Wharf Water Transport

Provides year round water transportation services to the entire Boston waterfront including an Airport Water Shuttle service between Rowes Wharf and Logan International Airport. Pay your fare on board, make a reservation by phone or order tickets online.

www.roweswharfwatertaxi.com

City Water Taxi

Provides service to the entire Boston waterfront. Pay fare on board, or order tickets online and travel to one of numerous stops.

www.citywatertaxi.com

Hotel-Airport Shuttle Service (dependant on hotel)

Check with the hotel you are staying at to see if they offer shuttle service to their guests.

VISITOR HOSPITALITY

The Greater Boston Convention & Visitor's Bureau is Boston's best resource for City 'hotspots' such as dining, shopping, entertainment and events. Visit their website to help plan your trip!
<http://www.bostonusa.com/>

*Please note. All the above information will be available at www.sailboston.com

HALIFAX: Arrival/Transfer Information

How to get to Halifax

Halifax, located in the Southern East coast of Nova Scotia is easily accessible by air, rail, coach, sea and road.

Useful Links:

<http://www.halifaxinfo.com/getting-here.php>

<http://novascotia.com/en/home/default.aspx>

<http://www.halifaxinfo.com/>

<http://www.destinationhalifax.com/>

<http://www.halifax.ca/>

<http://www.halifaxwebcam.ca/live/>

Trains & Bus Station:

The Halifax train and bus station is conveniently situated in the downtown Halifax area, and is just a 5 minute walk from the harbour. For further information about the train station, location, departure and arrival times please visit

<http://www.viarail.ca/train-stations/en-station-halifax-nova-scotia.html> or

http://www.viarail.ca/tourists/en_tour_dpop_hali.html

For further information regarding bus schedules, locations and fares please visit:

<http://www.smtbus.com/en/index.asp>

Airport:

Halifax Stanfield International Airport is located on 1 Bell Boulevard in Enfield, Nova Scotia, which is Exit 6 off of Highway 102. It is approximately 35 kilometres (22 miles) from downtown Halifax, and takes about 30 to 45 minutes to drive by car. The geographic coordinates are:

Latitude 44° - 52' - 51" North

Longitude 63° - 30' - 33" West

Useful Links

<http://www.hiaa.com>

<http://www.flyhalifax.com/>

<http://www.aircanada.com/en/home.html>

<http://www.westjet.com/>

How to get to the Halifax from the airport:

Taxi:

Taxi and limousine services are available curbside in the Domestic Arrivals area for all arriving flights. A one-way trip to Halifax city centre is \$53.00 (Canadian) by taxi or by limousine. For a list of drivers licensed at Halifax Stanfield International Airport, who offer pre-arranged service please visit:

http://www.hiaa.ca/images/pdf_files/2008/Prearranged%20List.pdf

Airport Bus:

Airporter Inc. provides shuttle service to and from various hotels in the Metro Halifax area. Core hours of operation are 6:00 a.m. to midnight daily. Regular rates for the Airporter service are \$18.00 (Canadian) one way. Children under 10 years of age accompanied by an adult ride for free. Click here to view the schedule http://www.hiaa.ca/images/pdf_files/2008/Airporter_Schedule_Summer_2008.pdf (subject to change without notice).

Coach:

Acadian Lines provides province-wide bus service, including service to and from Halifax Stanfield International Airport. For further information regarding bus schedules please visit: <http://www.smtbus.com/en/index.asp>

Shuttle Services:

Other shuttle buses operate from Halifax Stanfield International Airport to various destinations throughout Nova Scotia.

□ For further information about these services, please visit:

http://www.hiaa.ca/images/pdf_files/2008/ShuttleBus%202008.pdf

BELFAST: Arrival/Transfer Information

Belfast International Airport

To/from Belfast

- Airport Express 300 now operates a 24 hour service between the airport and Belfast with buses departing every 10 minutes throughout the day. The bus leaves from the bus stop located opposite the terminal exit.
- From the Airport to Belfast: All coaches will travel from the Airport via Templepatrick, M2 Motorway, Royal Avenue, Castle Place to Belfast Europa Buscentre.
- From Belfast to the Airport: From Belfast Europa Buscentre via Wellington Place, Donegall Place, Royal Avenue, M2 Motorway and Templepatrick to Belfast International Airport.

Approximate journey time 30-40 minutes subject to traffic conditions.

Your Airport Express 300 is waiting at the main exit. Please board when you leave the terminal. Services subject to withdrawal or revision in the event of flight cancellations or diversions and to alterations to Airline Schedules. A special timetable may operate on Public Holidays. Airport Express 300 departs Templepatrick approximately 7 minutes after Airport departure times

- The International Airport Taxi Company, official taxi operator for the airport, are available for hire outside the right hand door of the airport Exit lobby. Only taxis approved by BIA are permitted to use the taxi rank. A list of sample fares is displayed in the exit hall of the terminal building. The fare to Belfast City Centre is approximately £25.00. A taxi share scheme to Belfast is available for those who wish to use it.

Belfast City Airport –

The airport is located on the A2, Sydenham Bypass road between Belfast and Holywood, on the southern shore of Belfast Lough. Those approaching Belfast on the M1 or M2, should follow the signs to Belfast City Airport, leading to the A2 via the M3. Click here for help in planning your journey. Our postcode is BT3 9JH.

Approved taxis operate from the airport taxi rank directly outside the terminal building. The approximate cost to Belfast City Centre is £8.00. All of these taxis are wheelchair friendly.

Trains

A shuttle bus service operates between the Airport Terminal and the adjacent rail halt at Sydenham. Translink operate a twice hourly rail service (0600-2300) Monday-Friday to Central and Victoria Street Stations. The service is hourly on Sundays (0900-2200). The approximate cost to Central Station is £1.40. Connections are available from Central Station to the rest of the rail network in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic.

Buses

The Airport Express 600 operates every 20 minutes from the footbridge at Sydenham Halt to the Belfast Europa Bus Centre adjacent to the Europa Hotel, in the heart of the city. . The service, Flexibus route No. 600, operates between 06:00 and 22:05, and costs £2.20 for a return journey. No. 3 Metrobus operates every 20 minutes from Sydenham train station to City Hall and every 10 minutes between 09.00 and 17.30. It is a five-minute walk from Airport terminal to the bus stop. The "Airporter" service operates 9 coaches daily to Londonderry. For booking information, please telephone +44 (0) 28 7126 9996.

Useful Websites

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/tallships
www.gotobelfast.com
www.discovernorthernireland.com
www.belfast.net
www.belfastairport.com
www.belfastcityairport.com



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