



**THE TALL SHIPS RACES**  
**Lerwick 2023**

organised by *Sail Training International*

# Events PROGRAMME

# Cruise *in* Company

18 - 26 JULY 2023



*...waiting to welcome you ashore*



# Welcome TO SCOTLAND

A spectacular selection of incredible locations awaits the Tall Ships fleet on their arrival to the Scottish Mainland and Northern Isles on the Cruise in Company route of the 2023 Race series:  
***Join us for an amazing adventure!***

The Cruise in Company leg between Fredrikstad and Lerwick will provide an exciting opportunity for the participating crews of the Tall Ships Races 2023 to explore the coastlines, towns and villages of the Norwegian and Scottish Coastlines.



This programme details the adventures and activities awaiting your crew in the Scottish Guest Harbours.

A Cruise in Company is not a competitive event, but instead offers hospitality, friendship and shared experiences for crews and communities to enjoy together.

Each Guest Harbour has provided a programme of activities which allows ships' crew to engage with the local community's culture, heritage, food and drink and public entertainment. Many activities are specifically offered for crew members, with other events inclusive of the public as a way to celebrate the opportunity of inviting vessels from the Tall Ships Races into city or rural locations.

Guest Harbours welcome the opportunity to host ships on the Cruise in Company and share the hospitality and friendship of their communities. The programme of activities on offer is set out in this programme and you are invited to join in our extended Tall Ships welcome.

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## Scottish Guest Harbours will vary in size, capacity and facilities.

Aberdeen is a larger city harbour, where Stromness, Cullivoe and Baltasound are smaller village harbours – all offering a warm welcome and good berthing.

There will be no berthing charges at any of the Guest Harbours, though advance booking is required to ensure space is available and reserved. Shore power facilities may vary and advance notification of requirements should be given. Fresh water will be available in all locations.

It is taken for granted that all participating ships have the necessary insurance required by UK and international law.



## Border Force

### UK Border Entry Requirements

GAC will provide free assistance with UK Border Force reporting requirements for entering UK ports on the Cruise in Company. Ships will have a single point of contact, regardless of initial entry to a Guest Harbour or the port of Lerwick.



Harbour	Class Quay Capacity <i>(pending availability)</i>				Safe/Inside Harbour Anchorage <i>(all Classes)</i>	Berthing Depth (m)	Pilot Available	Tug Available
	A	B	C	D				
SCOTLAND Aberdeen	o	o	o	o	-	6m	Book	Book
ORKNEY Stromness	o	o	o	o	o	4.5-6m	Book	Book
SHETLAND Cullivoe	o	o	o	o	o	6m	-	-
SHETLAND Baltasound	o	o	o	o	o	5m	-	-

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Each Guest Harbour has a main contact, listed here, to answer any direct questions you may have in regard to their activities programme.

Bookings for berthing should be made directly with these contacts for Aberdeen and Stromness locations, and with the Shetland Islands Council Ports and Harbours Team for Cullivoe and Baltasound berthing. These teams will be able to provide you with information on berth sizes and shoreside facilities.

Bookings should be made as early as possible to secure your berth in the Guest Harbour(s) of your choice.

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# OUR FRIENDLY LOCALS CAN'T WAIT TO WELCOME YOU



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Welcome to the Tall Ships 2023, calling at Shetland, Orkney and Aberdeen. Uncover 5,000 years of history, watch our wonderful wildlife and discover the unique heritage of the Shetland Islands and Orkney Islands. Or explore the sparkling city of Aberdeen, with its splendid parks, cultural attractions and beach front. Find out about what to see and do locally, by calling into our VisitScotland iCentres in Lerwick, Kirkwall and Aberdeen.

**With so much to see and do, one visit is never enough!**

**SCOTLAND  
IS CALLING**

**VISITSCOTLAND.COM**

Alongside our social programme, there are some benefits for you to enjoy during your stay:

- ✓ **FREE bus travel with First Bus**
- ✓ **FREE access to Aberdeen Art Gallery and museums**
- ✓ **Exclusive food deals at city centre eateries**
- ✓ **City Ambassadors to help you find whatever you need**

Aberdeen has loads of things to enjoy, but we've also planned a range of activities with our friends across the city.

*We will add even more before you arrive, but here's a daily taster:*

# Welcome to Aberdeen!

Aberdeen is the capital of Northeast Scotland and has a rich maritime history. The port was established in 1136 by King David I and is the oldest existing business in Britain.

Aberdeen has loads to see and do, from the sweeping beachfront and city parks, to unique granite architecture, and a host of cafes, bars, shops and attractions.



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# Aberdeen SCOTLAND



## Friday 21 JULY

A welcome to the City Plus Orientation followed by a NuArt Tour (*time permitting*)

Get to know the city with a guided tour of our amazing street art, created by award-winning street artists from around the world as part of the annual NuArt Festival.

**17:00** | Explore Aberdeen Maritime Museum

Impressive scale model of a North Sea oil platform to our ships plans and models.

**18:00** | Dinner at the Maritime Museum

A welcome dinner in the café on the ground floor for sail trainees. Dinner for crew in the top floor gallery.

**19:00** | City Ghost Tour

Join your guide for a spooky 90-minute tour of Aberdeen's bloody history and haunted corners.

**20:30** | Free Time



## Saturday 22 JULY

A welcome to the City Plus Orientation

**11:00 – 17:00** | Drop-in Adventure Golf

Enjoy two rounds of Adventure Golf at Codona's Amusement Park at Aberdeen Beach. Try the Pirate Adventure outdoor course or head to the Congo course inside. Or best of all, try your hand at both!

**11:00** | NuArt Tour

Take a tour of Aberdeen's amazing street art, created by award-winning artists from around the world as part of the annual NuArt Festival.

**11:00 – 17:00** | Aberdeen Sport Village

Free passes to drop in to enjoy these world-class facilities, from the Olympic pool and high diving boards, to gym, football hall and sports courts. A programme of drop-in sessions and mini tournaments will be available before arrival.

**12:00** | Art Gallery Tour

Get your culture fix with a 30-minute tour of the gallery's nationally significant collection.

**13:00** | Tote Printing

Try your hand at screen printing at Aberdeen Art Gallery in this artist-led session. Print your very own tote with a nautical twist.

**14:00** | Art Gallery Tour

Get your culture fix with a 30-minute tour of the gallery's nationally significant collection.



**Circus Vegas**

Visit the big top on Queens Links beside the beach. Show stopping performances abound in this classic circus with a high-octane twist. Featuring dare devil performances and extreme acts, alongside clowning, high wire, and aerial acrobatics.

**14:00** | **FIRST PERFORMANCE**

*(70 tickets available – sign-up required)*

**17:00** | **SECOND PERFORMANCE**

*(70 tickets available – sign-up required)*

**19:30** | **Beach Ballroom Ceilidh**

Dinner with traditional Scottish band and ceilidh dancing at the Beach Ballroom. Includes separate dining and Brew Dog Rum tasting for senior crew.

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### 10:00 | 11:00 | 12:00

#### Tours of Aberdeen Art Gallery

Get your culture fix with a 30-minute tour of the gallery's nationally significant collection.

### 12:30 – 14:00 |

#### Buffet Lunch at Aberdeen Art Gallery

Arrive for lunch at any time, served in the Cowdray Hall.



# Stromness ORKNEY

## Welcome to Stromness!

Dating from the 17th century, Stromness owes its origins to its excellent harbour. Stromness is a picturesque and bustling small town, shaped by the sea. A safe haven in Viking times, a whaling and fishing port, a base for divers diving the wrecks of the German High Seas fleet in Scapa Flow and a ferry gateway to Scotland, the town's maritime heritage is unparalleled.

*For all tours, transport will be subject to availability.*



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### Thursday 20 JULY

Depending on arrival timings of ships  
*Flexible Timings:*

Guided Tours through the Streets of Stromness

Giving a history of the town and its relationship with Maritime history.

Welcome Gathering at the Pier Arts Centre

For senior crew with drinks and canapés.

Afternoon/Evening coach to Kirkwall  
Visit to St Magnus Cathedral and walk about.



## Friday 21 JULY

**10:00** | Guided Tours to Orkney World Heritage Sites  
Guides and coaches provided free of charge. Limited availability so pre-booking advised at [www.orkney.com](http://www.orkney.com)

**10:30** | Visit to Kirkwall and St Magnus Cathedral  
For crew and trainees, coaches provided.

**10:30** | Fun Swimming Gala  
At Stromness Swimming Pool.  
(*Under 18's only*).

**10:00 – 14:00** | Stromness Maritime Museum  
Open to Tall Ship Crews. Private tour by Museum Curator. Timings are flexible.  
[www.stromnessmuseum.org.uk](http://www.stromnessmuseum.org.uk)

**14:00** | Live Music at Pierhead  
Local musicians.

**18:30** | Stromness Royal British Legion Pipe band and Pier Head.

**19:00** | TBC - Three-Legged Fancy-Dress Beer Race.  
Drink a pint of beer at each stop.  
(*Over 18's only*).



## Saturday 22 JULY

**10:00 – 14:00** | Stromness Maritime Museum  
Open to Tall Ship Crews. Private tour by Museum Curator. Timings are flexible.  
[www.stromnessmuseum.org.uk](http://www.stromnessmuseum.org.uk)

**10:00** | Guided Tours to Orkney World Heritage Sites  
Guides and coaches provided free of charge. Limited availability so pre-booking advised at [www.orkney.com](http://www.orkney.com)

**11:00** | Speed Pool Competition  
At Stromness Community Centre. Pool cues provided. Trophy for the winner.

**11:00** | Fun Harbour Swim  
In Stromness Harbour. (*Over 16's only*)

**16:00** | Football Match between Crews and Local Players  
At the Market Green, Stromness.  
Including a penalty shootout competition. Prizes to be won.

**19:00** | Fancy Dress Parade  
Tall Ships Crews are invited to take part in a parade through the streets of Stromness accompanied by the Stromness Royal British Legion Pipe Band and Shetland Jarl Squad. Fancy Dress or ship uniforms may be worn by Tall Ship Crews and ship banners etc. are welcome.

**20:30** | Open Air Dance and the Stromness Pier Head with Live Music  
All invited.

**22:00** | Fireworks Display

## Sunday 23 JULY

**Family Open Day on Tall Ships**  
An opportunity for ships to welcome the public on board and generate revenue from ticket sales and on-board sales.

**Live Music provided by Stromness Cruise in Company committee**

**Open-Air Concert at Stromness Pier Head**  
Orkney Youth and Reel and Strathspey.



# Cullivoe YELL

## Welcome to Cullivoe, Yell!

A warm welcome awaits in Yell, and its main port of Cullivoe where the varied programme of events organised, will have something for everyone.

Sail Yell will play host at the guest port of Cullivoe for the Cruise in Company leg of the Tall Ships Races 2023.

Our programme of planned events is as follows:



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information



### Sunday 23 JULY

Sail cruise for local yachts from Baltasound/Uyeasound to Cullivoe leaving Unst 10:00 to arrive at Cullivoe harbour mid-afternoon – to link in with UnstFest.

**13:00** | Sail Yell Opening

**15:00** | Church Service at  
Gloup Memorial

**14:00 – 18:00** | Market Place  
Sales stalls including local crafts.

**14:00 – 18:00** | Bairns Tent  
With crafts/activities for children.

#### FOOD AVAILABLE

**14:00 – 18:00** | Fish and Chips

**14:00 – 17:00** | Tea/Coffee  
& Home Bakes

**18:00 – 22:00** | BBQ

**14:00 – 00:00** | Bar Facilities

#### LIVE MUSIC

**13:00 – 19:00** | Day Bands *FREE* entry

**20:00 – 00:00\*** | Rack and Ruin  
*supporting No Sweat*

**\*FREE FOR CREWS** *Tickets on the gate:*  
Adults **£5.00** | Under 18s **FREE**

## Monday 24 JULY

08:00 | Morning Yoga with Kate

09:00 | Fitness Class

09:30 | Drawing Class

11:00 – 18:00 | Market Place  
Sales stalls including local crafts.

11:00 – 18:00 | Bairns Tent  
With crafts/activities for children.

12:00 | Book Bug

### FOOD AVAILABLE

08:00 – 11:00 | Breakfasts

12:00 – 18:00 | Fish and Chips

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*supporting Skelburn*

\*FREE FOR CREWS *Tickets on the gate:*

Adults £15.00 | Under 18s FREE



## Tuesday 25 JULY

08:00 | Morning Yoga with Kate

09:00 | Fitness Class

10:00 | Nature Walk and Bird Spotting

11:00 – 17:00 | Market Place  
Sales stalls including local crafts.

11:00 – 17:00 | Bairns Tent  
With crafts/activities for children.

12:00 | Book Bug

17:00 | Grand Prize Draw  
Sail Yell raffle draw.

### FOOD AVAILABLE

08:00 – 11:00 | Breakfasts

12:00 – 17:00 | Fish and Chips

12:00 – 17:00 | Tea/Coffee  
& Home Bakes

11:00 – 18:00 | Bar Facilities

### LIVE MUSIC

14:00 – 18:00 | Day Bands *Free entry*

18:00 – 20:00 | Family Dance Party  
with Peter Wood



Baltasound and Cullivoe can be considered as two stops in one, with activities in:

**BALTASOUND** – UNST mainly on Friday, Saturday, Sunday

**CULLIVOE** – YELL events on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

*Two islands in one weekend!*



For further updates scan the QR code or visit [www.sail yell.com](http://www.sail yell.com)

# Baltasound Unst

## Welcome to Baltasound, Unst!

We look forward to welcoming you to Unst, Britain's most northerly island. There will be plenty of entertainment and activities on offer for the exciting arrival of the Tall Ships to Shetland.

The full **UnstFest** program will be published mid-June and more activities will be added to the schedule. Scan the QR code for more details.



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Friday • Saturday • Sunday

Please book in advance as facilities may not be available at short notice.

### Visits to Unst Heritage Centre and/or Unst Boat Haven

The Unst Heritage Centre showcases crofting, traditional knitwear and lace, geology, the history of human habitation in Unst, and its Norse heritage and information on WW1, while the Unst Boat Haven is dedicated to the maritime history of Shetland boats.

### An Island Tour

Visiting key sites on Unst such as:

- Muness Castle
- Bobby's Bus Stop
- Viking Longhouse & Replica Longship
- Muckle Flugga Viewpoint.

Spotting Shetland Ponies, Highland Cattle, and other points of interest along the way.



## Friday 21 JULY

**14:00 – 16:00** | Keen of Hamar Guided Walk  
Explore the natural and cultural treasures of the Keen of Hamar and Hagdale.

**14:00 – 15:00** | RAF Skaw Talk  
Learn the history of RAF Skaw and the site of the Saxavord Spaceport.

**14:00 – 16:00** | Football Tournament at Unst Leisure Centre  
Outdoor five-a-side football, teams picked on the day.

**19:00** | Variety Concert at Haroldswick Hall.  
Showcasing Unst's finest talents!  
Limited tickets available - must be booked 24hr in advance.



## Saturday 22 JULY

**11:00 START** | Half Marathon  
Run the UK's most northerly half marathon individually or as part of a team.

**12:00 – 17:00** | BaltiSail 2023  
Live Music, Food, Entertainment, Bairn's Games and Refreshments.

**14:00 – 15:30** | Travel the Solar System in 90 minutes  
a guided walk on Wild Skies Planetary Trail.

**19:00** | Walking Carnival  
Parade around Baltasound, Dress Up and Get Creative with a Float.  
**Only 1 rule - NO Engines!**

**20:00 – TILL LATE** |  
Local Bands Playing at Baltasound Hall  
Tickets must be booked 24 hours in advance. Reduced charges apply for crew £5.00 U16 years & £7.50 17+ years.



## Sunday 23 JULY

**10:00 DEPARTURE** | Sail Cruise  
Sail between Baltasound and Cullivoe to join in with SailYell.

**12:00 – 13:00** | Sand Sculpture Competition at Norwick Beach  
Prizes for the most creative and spectacular sculpture created in 1 hour!

**13:30** | Saxavord Musical Sessions  
Local Musicians and Traditional Music.

**15:30** | Ukulele Concert  
Island Ukulele Youth Orchestra plays music from Islands around the globe.





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