

Tall Ships Races International Ltd the Host Ports of The Tall Ships Races 2021 Event Announcement

Following the announcement by the Finnish government that their current COVID-19 travel restrictions will remain, Tall Ships Races International Ltd. (TSRIL) and the Host Ports of The Tall Ships Races 2021: Klaipeda, Turku, Tallinn, Mariehamn and Szczecin, have jointly agreed that The Tall Ships Races 2021 cannot take place.

We announce this decision with much regret and sadness, but recognise the complex challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. All parties had hoped by this stage the pandemic would be further under control allowing for the successful return to international travel and of the Tall Ships fleet, but this has not been the case.

As organisers of The Tall Ships Races, TSRIL and our Host Port partners are committed to providing safe events for trainees, staff, volunteers, vessel operators, partners and visitors alike. With this in mind, we hope that everyone affected by this decision will understand and appreciate the circumstances which have led to it.

Whist racing between the different countries will not be possible, we are working closely with the Host Ports to confirm each of their individual arrangements in light of this news, and a further announcement will follow shortly with details of any alternative arrangements for the in-port dates planned for The Tall Ships Races 2021.

TSRIL would like to extend our warm thanks to the Host Ports and all other parties for their hard work to date in preparation for the event and subsequent efforts in coming to this resolution.

We all wish to see the Tall Ships Races return to the Baltic in its trademark spectacular fashion and are committed in the coming weeks to establish when this will be possible.