

Sail Training International Race Team Biographies

The Race Chairman has overall responsibility for the organisation and management of all aspects of The Tall Ships Races 2019. They Chair the Race Committee and Emergency Management Committee (if required) and are the main point of contact with the local authorities and the host port management committee. As the principal spokesperson for The Tall Ships Races 2019, and Sail Training International's representative, the Chairman is available for interviews with the media and formal presentations and speeches. They are also Sail Training International's representative at social events and all formal occasions associated with The Tall Ships Races 2019.



Knut Western, Race Director (Aalborg, Fredrikstad)

Knut is a yacht enthusiast and has been involved with the Tall Ships Races since 1997, occasionally participating as a "trainee".

He has a higher university degree from a humanistic faculty and is retired from his position as head of information with Fredrikstad City Council. He was Chairman of the Norwegian Sail Training Association 2005-2009.



Einar Corwin, Race Director (Bergen, Aarhus)

Einar is a Naval Architect with a passion for sailing and sail training. He was the Director of the Norwegian Class A Tall Ship Christian Radich from 2004 until 2018 when he retired.

He has crossed the Atlantic twice with Christian Radich, has also sailed as a trainee on board Statsraad Lehmkuhl and Eendracht, and been a board member of Norwegian Sail Training Association for 10 years.

Paul Bishop, Race Director (Aalborg, Fredrikstad)



Paul joined Sail Training International (STI) in July 2006 from UK Sail Training (ASTO) where he was Business Manager. Prior to that he was the Director of the Rona Sailing Trust for nine years and the Operations for the Island Cruising Club based in Salcombe, Devon.

As Race Director, he is responsible for advising on all technical aspects of sail training within STI, future race planning and liaising with Host Ports on the infrastructure, in-port facilities and port programme for the Tall Ships Races and Regattas.

Ben Stuart, Race Director (Bergen, Aarhus)



Ben joined Sail Training International (STI) in October 2017. He comes from Malta, where he was the Director of Malta's national maritime college. Ben is the founder and chairman of the Malta Sail Training Association, and has been involved in organising a number of sailing races in the Mediterranean.

As Race Director, he is responsible for advising on all technical aspects of sail training within STI, future race planning and liaising with Host Ports on the infrastructure, in-port facilities and port programme for the Tall Ships Races and Regattas.

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