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**4 DAYS  
TO CELEBRATE  
THE WORLD'S  
FINEST TALL SHIPS!**

# **VOILES & LEGENDE**

**FROM JULY 10 TO 13 2025 - DUNKIRK**

**FREE**



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# EDITORIAL



## Sail Training International

Sail Training International is a global charity that provides experience-based learning through sail training and is also the organiser of the world-renowned Tall Ships Races (TSR).

For nearly 70 years, we've been the international voice of sail training, providing truly unique, life-changing opportunities for young people aged 15 to 25 from around the world, fostering confidence, resilience and giving them the chance to experience the adventure of life at sea.

The Tall Ships Races will be coming to France for the first time since 2012, in July 2025, and 200 young people will have the chance to set sail between Le Havre and Dunkirk, and between Dunkirk and Aberdeen in Scotland.

**"We're truly honoured that Dunkirk will be a host port for the 2025 edition."**



Hosting a leg of the world's most famous sail training tall ships race in Dunkirk makes perfect sense to us.

Through these four days of celebration and the historic gathering of 2000 sailors around the quays of the Citadel, we're celebrating the maritime identity of our city and our region. We're all very proud of this. It sums up our values of community, courage and openness to the world.

The second dimension of this "Legendary Sailing Ships" event, just as important in my view, is young people! Creating vocations, opening up new horizons, passing on knowledge... this has been one of the main objectives of SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL since the race was created, and the public policies we've been operating in Dunkirk for the past 10 years.

I personally wanted the 200 young apprentice sailors from Dunkirk who'll be setting sail in the TALL SHIPS RACE this year to be fully supported by our community. To make this exceptional experience truly accessible to all young people in our region. Along with these four days of seafaring celebration, discoveries and shows, which are entirely free.

From 10 to 13 July, come along and join the legend with us!

**Patrice Vergriete**

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*Mayor of Dunkirk*

*President of the Urban Community.*

