

# THE TALL SHIPS RACES

## ABERDEEN 2025

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#### HOST PARTNERS





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# 1. TRAINEES



# TRAINEES – Recruitment

## Recruitment

This was a contractual requirement and reputationally important for Aberdeen with Sail Training International, ship operators and other host ports. Traditionally recruiting trainees from disadvantaged and marginalised backgrounds is very difficult for all Host Ports so this area was a focus for 2024.

- 41 presentations were delivered in schools, youth clubs, children's care homes and colleges in the City and Shire
- 40% of all sign-ups were as a direct result of this activity
- Trainee Working Group included
  - Ocean Youth Trust
  - Association of Sail Training Organisations
  - Sea Cadets
  - Previous youth sail trainees
- 673 applications received





# TRAINEES – Application & Selection

- All applications were **scored using a matrix** designed by Aberdeen City Council economists
- Fully funded applications were **considered by physical barriers, care experience and financial barriers**. Scores were ranked and the top 100 were most eligible for a fully funded place.
- The applications were then **considered by a selection panel** of Project Officers, a sailing expert from Ocean Youth Trust and the Council's Senior Project Officer for Employability and Skills.
- The selection panel **scored applicants' personal statements** using three criteria: the **impact** the experience would have on their life, their **enthusiasm** to take part in the Tall Ships Races, and the **skills** they would bring to the ship.
- This scoring, combined with the economists scoring, **produced the top 100 applicants** eligible for a fully funded place.
- Self funded applicants were assessed on their personal statements only, rating potential impact, enthusiasm and skills.





# TRAINEES – Events & Engagement

## Weekly Q&A Calls: Tuesdays at 4.30pm

- A platform for trainees and parents to ask questions and engage in all things Tall Ships Races.

## Welcome Day – Saturday 5th April

- Trainees introduced to Team Aberdeen
- Explored motivations for joining
- Next steps: passport info, dietary requirements

## Discovery Day – Saturday 17th May

- Introduced to fellow trainees on their ship
- Team building activities
- Team Charter
- CV development

## Ahoy Adventure – Saturday 28th June

- Sailing kit collection
- Ropework and knot skills
- Travel arrangements
- Q&A





# TRAINEES - Travel & Safeguarding

## SAFEGUARDING AND WELFARE

- All travel plans to Dunkirk and home from Kristiansand were produced in consultation with Aberdeen City Council's educational visits lead.
- The Safeguarding Management Plan was informed by previous host port learnings and travel agency Windseeker's safeguarding protocol for ships.
- 9 chaperones joined 141 trainees to Dunkirk, 6 chaperones joined 97 trainees home from Kristiansand
- All chaperones that accompanied trainees during their travel held a PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups clearance).
- Chaperones included Tall Ships Project Managers, Ship Liaison Officers, School Teachers, Aberdeen Ambassadors, Port of Aberdeen staff and Youth Workers



## TRAVEL PLANNING

- Sail Trainees were assisted with passport applications
- Funded trainees had passport costs covered by the programme
- Sail Trainees purchased their own travel insurance
- Sail Trainees applied for the GHIC card, free from the NHS



# TRAINEES - Metrics

Metric	Breakdown
Totals	Target: 100 Total: 244
Funding	Fully Funded: 111 Self Funded: 133
Gender	Male: 133 Female: 106 Non-binary: 5
Ages	15-17: 161 18-25: 83
Race	Race 2 (Dunkirk – Aberdeen): 145 Race 3 (Aberdeen – Kristiansand): 99
Trainee Cost	£2000 includes travel, ship fees, agency fees, uniform, training, admin, hardship funds Ships receive approx £1,040 per trainee directly as income

## AWARD WINNER!

Aberdeen-funded trainee Keiran Side was selected over 5,700 other trainees to receive the Torbay Cup for his outstanding contribution and personal development.

The Captain of his ship the Gulden Leeuw wrote a detailed account of why Keiran should win citing his extraordinary effort, outstanding contribution and how he had overcome personal challenge to make remarkable progress.

14 NEWS

### Sailor Keiran’s on top of the world as Tall Ships winner



PLAIN SAILING: Keiran Side impressed his Tall Ships Race skipper enough to land the Torbay Cup for best trainee.  
BY IENNA COATE





# TRAINEES – Feedback Survey

Overall, my confidence has improved massively. Summer of 2025 was the BEST, all thanks to getting such a great opportunity. P.S, I love you Team Aberdeen

The programme gave me the confidence to step outside the comfortable life I had built for myself and make a massive change by going to university in a new city. It's a huge step, and I don't think I would have been able to take it without the confidence and self-belief I gained from this experience.

Its something that would stay with anyone forever, and it will give you stories to tell for years to come. I know these are all very generic things that you'll hear everyone say, but it truly is impossible to put something this life changing into words.

I have autism and was made welcome and felt included the experience has made me realise that I can do anything.

I honestly just want to thank you all so much for this opportunity, it has been the most exciting thing I've ever done and likely will ever do in my life. Nothing could ever compare to the memories I've made and people I've met.

It has encouraged me to volunteer more and help others

It has motivated me to say yes to every opportunity I get and reach out to more people

99% of trainees felt well supported by the Tall Ships teams throughout the Sail Trainee Programme

98% of sail trainees think the programme has had a positive impact on their lives

91% of sail trainees reported their confidence and self-esteem had grown

67% of sail trainees described the experience as life changing





# 2. VOLUNTEERS





# VOLUNTEERS – Recruitment

- Early engagement saw volunteers attend events across the city and wider region raising awareness of the event and volunteering opportunities. The wide variety is shown in the table.
- The involvement of specialist sail training and other third sector organisations was vital to the success of the entire programme from recruitment to recognition and reward.
- 1400 applications received with 320 volunteers recruited to ‘Team Aberdeen’

<b>Ocean Youth Trust</b> <b>Association of Sail Training Organisations</b> <b>Royal Yacht Club</b> <b>Sea Cadets</b> <b>Royal National Lifeboat Institution</b>	<b>Association of Voluntary Organisations, etc</b>  <b>AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF FULL LIST</b>
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<b>Community Councils</b> <b>Youth Clubs</b> <b>Port of Aberdeen</b> <b>Big Belmont Bash</b> <b>University of Aberdeen</b> <b>Deen Divas</b> <b>Aberdeen Football Club</b> <b>Union Square</b> <b>Schools – City &amp; Shire</b> <b>Robert Gordons College</b> <b>RACH</b> <b>Aberdeen Art Gallery</b>	<b>Aberdeen Inspired</b> <b>Bon Accord</b> <b>Grampian Pride</b> <b>Braemar Highland Games</b> <b>Alzheimer Scotland</b> <b>NorthLink Ferries</b> <b>Van Gogh Live</b> <b>TECA</b> <b>Aberdeen Highland Games</b> <b>VisitAberdeenshire</b> <b>Discovery Dundee</b> <b>Port Soy Boat Festival</b>
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# VOLUNTEERS – Programme

- Volunteers joined 'Team Aberdeen' – a brand that was used successfully throughout the event to generate inclusivity and group pride
- A volunteer welcome event at Pittodrie brought the whole team together to galvanise them in advance of the event
- Dorry the Dolphin became a key part of the event outreach programme and a focus for the volunteer team
- Familiarisation visits to the event site helped volunteers to better understand the event areas and their roles
- A volunteer welfare centre was established for the team's use throughout the event
- Team Aberdeen kit helped to make the team feel unified, identifiable and fully part of the event
- Reward and recognition included souvenirs, Lord Provost certificates, awards, and a Team Aberdeen Wrap Party on the final day celebrating individual and collective success of the team in delivering the Tall Ships event





# VOLUNTEERS – Feedback Survey

I LOVED being a part of it. It was such an amazing thing for the city and I feel really proud to have played a part of it. I've certainly gained lots of experience from it and learning for other volunteering.

Speaking with visitors from all over the world and local areas. Meeting fellow volunteers and being part of Team Aberdeen. In general, it was a memories for life experience with a terrific team.

It was just so wonderful to be part of the team! To have been selected/ trained/ felt valued and welcomed. An incredible time in my life I will never forget. On the CV now and something I will treasure forever.

I think volunteering at Tall Ships has really helped me to speak more openly and keep more calm at big events like Tall Ships 2025

The highlight was seeing everybody (all ages) so so happy and excited to be at Tall Ships 2025

Great to see a major event organised and hosted in Aberdeen, enjoyed the chance to be part of it.

My confidence has been boosted, I feel that I've done something really worthwhile

Overall volunteer  
experience rated at 4.4  
stars

91% of volunteers  
thought that there  
Team Aberdeen kit  
promoted the event

87% of volunteers  
felt valued

86% of volunteers  
felt that they had a  
tangible impact on  
the event





# 3. EDUCATION





# EDUCATION – Learning Packs

For all Primary Schools in Aberdeen, alongside a condensed version for independent schools and Primary Schools in Aberdeenshire. The packs were a specially developed programme of maritime-related activities related to key themes of the event and meeting curriculum aims around arts, culture and STEM. Activities included:

- History and Significance of Tall Ships
- Life of a Sailor: Navigation, sailing skills and more
- Ships Ahoy! Play based learning ideas
- Maritime Culture and Traditions
- Marine Wildlife
- Water Safety
- Paper Boats Activity
- Activities for sensory learners





# EDUCATION – Treasure Boxes

All city Primary Schools received a treasure chest in April containing materials in support of the Learning Packs with an additional box developed for Orchard Brae.

Materials included fiction and non-fiction books, nautical flag charts, a reproduction map of the Port, educational games, rope for sailing knots, and a Captain's hat!





# EDUCATION – Adopt a Ship!

Every Primary School adopted a Tall Ship from the fleet coming to Aberdeen. This was key to strengthening pupil and family engagement with the event, and fostering the international friendship and understanding so crucial to the aims of the Tall Ships Races.

All Primary Schools chose to adopt a ship and received an Adoption Certificate and Ship Information Sheet. They were encouraged to learn more about the history and crew by connecting with the ship through emails, video or letters. They were also able to follow their ship's location through a marine tracking website. Pupils were encouraged to develop projects and share presentations about their adopted ship with the wider school community.

Engaging directly with Captains and crew members aimed to inspire a future generation of sailors and applicants to the Tall Ships Races.

## ADOPT A SHIP

The Adopt a Ship program allows classes to establish a connection with one of the Tall Ships participating in the Aberdeen 2025 races.



### HOW IT WORKS:

- Step 1** Schools will be entered into the Adopt A Ship Programme and will be matched with a Tall Ship through a number generator.
- Step 2** Each school will receive an Adoption Certificate and Ship Information Sheet, including contact details for the ship's captain.
- Step 3** Learn more about the history, crew, and journeys through updates from the ship's crew through emails, videos, or letters.
- Step 4** Track your ship's journey through the [YB tracking website](#).
- Step 5** Pupils can develop projects and presentations about their adopted ship to share with the school community.



# EDUCATION – Anthem & Big Sing!

The Youth Music Service commissioned an anthem to celebrate the Races returning to Aberdeen. Local emerging composer Clara-Jane Maunder wrote the anthem 'A Sea Journey' which focused on feelings of nostalgia and returning home and features prominent city landmarks.

The anthem was first performed by a primary school children's choir at the Cowdray Hall in March before an audience of 150 people, and received good coverage including a package from STV News. One young singer describing the performance on stage as 'the happiest moment of my life'!

The anthem was performed again at The Big Sing in Duthie Park in May with over 3000 pupils participating accompanied by a youth orchestra wearing their sailor hats. French schools from Aberdeen's twin-city Clermont-Ferrand joined the event through videocall and sang together with the children from Aberdeen in a nod to the Tall Ships voyage from Dunkirk.





# EDUCATION – Anthem & Big Sing!





# EDUCATION – Art Competition

This wide-ranging competition to create a Tall Ships artwork had 2490 entries from 34 Primary and 5 Secondary Schools, including Orchard Brae. This is a remarkable number for any city competition and the entries showed the breadth and depth of the programme with many young people drawing or painting their school's adopted ship.

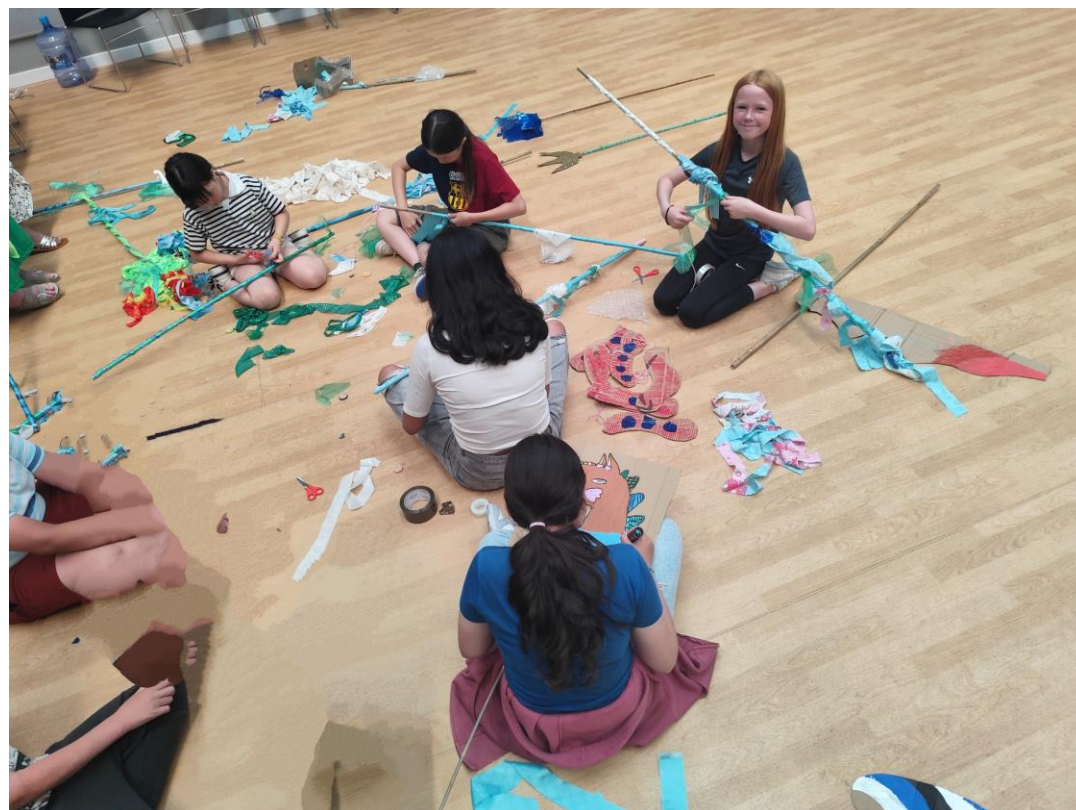
Winning entries for all age groups were displayed on the quayside at the event for thousands of visitors to enjoy.





# EDUCATION – Creative Learning

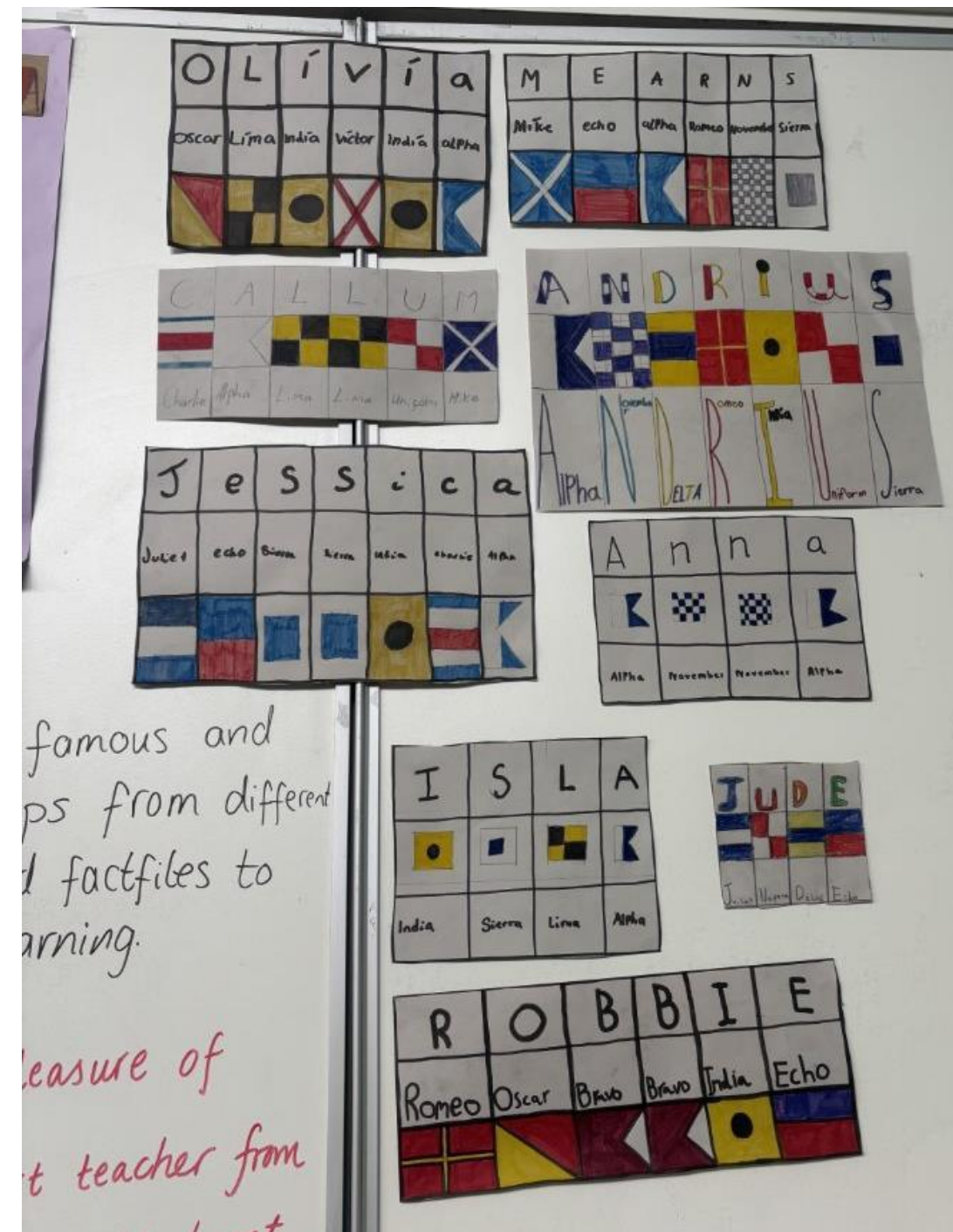
- The Creative Learning Team worked with Aberdeen Young Ambassadors to develop a 3-week 'Fish n' Ships' programme for young people aged 10-15.
- This took place using full-day activities in July, easing the poverty gap for families in need of childcare during the school summer holidays.
- Graduating students from Grays School of Art delivered the creative sessions giving them valuable experience in youth arts programmes.
- The workshops explored maritime heritage and ecology – in particular plastics pollution.
- Outcomes included public engagement around the city swapping artworks for non-recyclable plastics and working from a Fish n' Ships van parked at the beach for the Red Arrows and Parade of Sail.





# EDUCATION – Engagement Notes

There are too many examples of excellent work to include but they range from a P1 classroom converted into a Tall Ship, to class visits to the Monsters of the Deep exhibition at Aberdeen Art Gallery, to a miniature Tall Ships STEM challenge, wall charts, porthole artwork on paper plates, nautical flag spelling and visits from mascot Dorry.





# 4. DISCOVERY ZONE





# DISCOVERY ZONE

## ZONE PARTNERS

- **University of Aberdeen**
- **North East Scotland College**
- **Skills Development Scotland**
- **MacDuff Marine Aquarium**
- **Aberdeen Line 200 Heritage Group**
- **Aberdeen Science Centre**
- **Sea Cadets**
- **Royal National Lifeboat Institution**
- **Gordon Highlanders Museum**
- **Aberdeen Archives**
- **TechFest**
- **Norco Energy**

The Discovery Zone on the Castlegate was a great success for the event and project partners.

It attracted around 60,000 visits to a wide-range of educational activities for families and helped to disperse activity around the event site and bring the tall ships experience into the city centre.

There were additional live performances by groups including Rock Choir, Silver City Singers, Love RaRa, Granite City Brass, a commissioned promenade dance work by City Moves funded by a grant from UK Shared Prosperity Fund, and street performers including mermaids and pirates.





# MILITARY VILLAGE– Overview

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- Attendance in Union Terrace Gardens was 26,500.
- Main attraction was the scale model Chinook helicopter from the Royal Air Force
- There were numerous tents from the RAF and other armed forces, with a focus on STEM activity as well as information about careers available within the services.
- Flight Lieutenant George Morris, who co-ordinated the armed services involvement, thanked the team in writing for keeping everything running smoothly, safeguarding the site during the limited protest activity, and the Council for use of the ‘hugely impressive, well situated and useful site’.
- Limited protest was expected and this was dealt with by stewards onsite. The perimeter control of the site made this relatively straightforward, and it was certainly a better location for this activity than the Discovery Zone as originally planned
- The RAF are keen to return to other Aberdeen-based events in future



# 5. SPORT & ENTERTAINMENT





# CULTURE – Festival of the Sea

- Festival delivered by city creative partners (see right) and Full Programme, Appendix C
- Opportunity to participate without a direct clash with Tall Ships fleet visit
- Festival co-ordination and central comms activity delivered by Aberdeen City Council and the Art Gallery team with true Team Aberdeen wraparound from partners
- 5 exhibitions and 33 further activities including storytelling, holiday camps, trails, art and creative writing, workshops, dance, theatre and music
- Highlights
  - Monsters of the Deep at Aberdeen Art Gallery
  - Tales of the Tall Ships at Aberdeen Maritime Museum
  - Stepping in Screen: David Cass – Tall Ships Commission at the Music Hall
  - Clan Cancer Support Bookbench Trail feat. 12 Tall Ships Benches funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund
  - Pirates! by Scottish Dance Theatre at His Majesty's Theatre
  - Coastal Discovery events around Greyhope Bay

Aberdeen Art Gallery  
Aberdeen Arts Centre  
Aberdeen City Libraries  
Aberdeen Maritime Museum  
Aberdeen Sports Village  
Aberdeen Young Ambassadors  
Citymoves Dance Agency  
Clan Cancer Support  
Deemouth Artist Studios  
Fittie Community Development Trust  
Greyhope Bay Centre  
Harbour Voices Choir  
His Majesty's Theatre  
Music Hall  
Old Aberdeen Library  
Open Road  
Pushing Out the Boat  
Stonehaven Folk Festival  
Torry Community Library  
University of Aberdeen



# FREE DAYTIME PROGRAMME



19-22 July 2025  
**TALL SHIPS ABERDEEN**  
**QUAYSIDE CONCERTS**  
THE TALL SHIPS RACES  
Aberdeen 2025  
organised by Sail Training International

**FREE PROGRAMME**  
**SATURDAY 19 JULY**

**MAIN STAGE**  
PETERSON SEABASE

Ellie Beaton Trio // Frank Thomson Dance Band Duo  
Laura Harrington & Friends // AberGaitas  
Mearns Singers // SC&T Youth Ensemble

**TRANSIT STAGE**  
REGENT QUAY

The Funky Red Pandas // Gerry Jablonski Band  
Aberdeen City Music School Jazz Ensemble // Jackill  
The Riverlite Band + guests // Nuna (Solo)

+ LATE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT - Ross Graham  
[TALLSHIPSABERDEEN.COM/CONCERTS](https://tallshipsaberdeen.com/concerts)



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**FREE PROGRAMME**  
**SUNDAY 20 JULY**

**MAIN STAGE**  
PETERSON SEABASE

Fell Line // Tripple  
The Paddy Buchanan Band // Polish-Scottish Song Group  
Aberdeen City Music Service Ensemble


**TRANSIT STAGE**  
REGENT QUAY

Nathan Somevi Band // Melodie & the Chillers  
AiiTee & Nathan Somevi // Los Acousticos Bandidos  
Ewa Langiewicz Band

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**FREE PROGRAMME**  
**MONDAY 21 JULY**

**MAIN STAGE**  
PETERSON SEABASE

Arthur Coates & Kerran Cotterell // Iona Fyfe  
ACE Voices // Madame Tsunami Duo // Albacapella

**TRANSIT STAGE**  
REGENT QUAY

Titans // Granite City Blues Band // Matthew Kilner Electric Band  
Chef & Guest // Mathers & Wares  
Gentlemen of Jazz // Guarana Street Drummers

+ LATE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT - David Angus & Elphen

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**FREE PROGRAMME**  
**TUESDAY 22 JULY**

**MAIN STAGE**  
PETERSON SEABASE

Aberdeen Strathspey and Reel Society  
The Country Quines  
Aberdeen Chorus of Sweet Adelines

**TRANSIT STAGE**  
REGENT QUAY

Jingo  
The Richard Bailey Trio

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# QUAYSIDE CONCERTS - Background

- A large area and mainstage was a contractual requirement of the Tall Ships bid in order to host the crew prizegiving.
- As detailed in the Tall Ships Report in August 2024 REF this resulted in a large cost (approaching £250k) with no income to offset it.
- Permission was granted for Officers to seek major acts, turning the 7000-capacity space into a revenue stream to support the event and reduce costs.
- It was later decided to make the Tidelines gig a £5 minimum donation to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution instead of a paid event.
- Kilimanjaro Live Ltd were secured as booking support agent which resulted in the premium line-up (right)
- Tickets were sold through Ticketmaster, with allocations for Aberdeen Performing Arts and city hotels to encourage overnight stay packages with tickets.



18-21 July 2025  
TALL SHIPS ABERDEEN  
**QUAYSIDE CONCERTS**  
THE TALL SHIPS RACES  
Aberdeen 2025  
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FRIDAY 18 JULY  
**DEACON BLUE**  
BROOKE COMBE // LITTLE KICKS

SATURDAY 19 JULY  
**MINISTRY OF SOUND CLASSICAL**  
PAUL OAKENFOLD // LOOK BUSY COLLECTIVE

RNLI ABERDEEN CHARITABLE EVENT!  
SUNDAY 20 JULY  
**TIDE LINES**  
CALUM BOWIE

MONDAY 21 JULY  
**KAISER CHIEFS**  
GLASVEGAS // THE CAPOLLOS

Peterson Seabase, Regent Quay  
Tickets available from:  
**TALLSHIPSABERDEEN.COM/CONCERTS**



# QUAYSIDE CONCERTS - Outcomes



- All concerts sold out with 22,000 tickets sold
- Direct revenue of £171,000
- £31,000 raised for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution
- Additional income from bars and food concessions at Peterson Seabase
- £20,000 value of sponsor support from Tennents saved bar operating costs
- Ticket sales exceeded music industry expectations as well as national trends for volume and speed
- 300 customers facilitated on the Accessible Viewing Platform which was funded by Event Scotland
- Paid social media advertising had nearly 2m impressions with a unique reach of 600k – growing awareness of the wider event alongside the gig series

Date	Main Act	Support	Ticket Sales
18 July	Deacon Blue	Brook Combe & Little Kicks	6500
19 July	Ministry of Sound Orchestra	Paul Oakenfold & Look Busy Collective	5000
20 July	Tidelines	Calum Bowie	5500
21 July	Kaiser Chiefs	Glasvegas & The Capollos	5000

- Tickets were held in reserve for all crew and trainees to attend the concerts for free
- Fewer were held on Sunday night due to the crew party held at the same time



# CREW SPORT & CULTURE PROGRAMME

**Tall Ships Aberdeen created an entire programme of events for 1700 international crew to enjoy a taste of Scottish hospitality!**

**The highlight event: Crew Sports Festival complete with Highland Games, football tournaments and table tennis hosted at Aberdeen Sports Village.**

## **Crew could also enjoy:**

- Seabird Safaris
- Pure Gym Group Exercise Classes
- Four Pillars presents LGBTQ+ Maritime History, Crafting, Yoga
- City Centre Walking Tours
- Aberdeen Art Gallery and Aberdeen Maritime Museum Tours
- Martial Arts Classes
- Pilates
- Maritime Careers Presentation, NESCOL
- Peacock Printmaking Studio Tour
- Kiltwear Try On
- ACE Voices Generational Choir Music Session
- Greyhope Bay and Fittie Beach Cleans
- Marine Operations Guided Tour
- Coastal Run by Cosmic Hillbashers
- Celebrating the Home of Norwegian Seafarers for 50 years
- RRS Discovery at the Planetarium, NESCOL





# OFFICIAL EVENTS PROGRAMME

These events are mostly contractual requirements for a Tall Ships Host Port, with the ask that each has a local flavour to give crew the full international experience.

- Ribbon Cutting – featuring a fanfare from the Band of His Majesty’s Royal Marines
- Official Opening Ceremony – organised by the Civic Team and including performances from youth groups and community choirs, as well as the Tall Ships Anthem. A real community welcome for the fleet and event visitors.
- Captain’s Dinner – held at the Music Hall for all Ship Captains and VIPs, including the His Excellency the Ambassador of Peru, and the mayors of Tall Ships Anchor Ports, Esbjerg and Harlingen alongside representatives from Ports of Lerwick and Antwerp. Guests experienced traditional ceilidh music and dancing and a whisky tasting
- The Crew Parade was a highlight of the official events with the parade taking place from Union Terrace past the Art Gallery, Marischal College and down to Peterson Seabase. It featured the Band of His Majesty’s Royal Marines, a pipe band and carnival acts as well as every ship in the fleet.





# OFFICIAL EVENTS PROGRAMME

- Townhouse Reception – organised by the Civic Team this saw VIPs invited to the Town House to view the Crew Parade. It included the Lord Lieutenants as well as representatives from the armed forces, Sea Cadets and Royal Marines.
- Prize Giving – an exuberant celebration of the Races and individual ship achievements and an opportunity for all of the vessels in the fleet to celebrate each others success. This took place on the main stage in Peterson Seabase, featured a live DJ and was compered by local media personality Lauren Mitchell
- Crew Party – held in the two transit sheds on Regent Quay this was a chance for the crews to relax and socialise after a long day with Crew Sports, Parade and Prize Giving. It featured Scottish food and drink on the quayside, traditional ceilidh music and dance from Laura Harrington and Friends, in Shed 1 as well as DJ sets and entertainment from Bongo's Bingo in Shed 2.
- The Red Arrows – not a contractual event, but an added spectacle for the city. Sadly the display was cut short due to adverse weather, but the crowds enjoyed a little of the excitement nonetheless.





# OFFICIAL EVENTS PROGRAMME

- Host Port Seminar – one Port each year hosts this full day workshop series for past, present and future Host Ports organised by the team from Sail Training International. Project organisers were asked to speak alongside sessions from STI. Held in the Cowdray Hall, this was a great opportunity for Aberdeen to show off the city and event organisation to international ports and organisers from across Europe and even Nova Scotia.
- Parade of Sail – the city turned out to bid a fine farewell to the fleet as they left Aberdeen for Kristiansand, or went on elsewhere. The spectacle was enjoyed by over 100,000 people with ships getting under sail once clear of the harbour.
- Blessing of the Sails – organised by the Civic team the blessing involved a variety of faiths and organisations from across the city. We know from Sail Training International that this was appreciated by the ships as they departed.





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