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## THE TALL SHIPS IN SZCZECIN



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## 3 months

We are just 92 days from the final of the Tall Ships Races! Preparations for this event are gaining momentum. Crews are training before going afloat on the Baltic waters, and the team of organisers is carefully arranging for the shore events. More details on the following pages.

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# They will moor in Szczecin

**Szczecin will host tall ships for the fourth time, but this year's event is exceptional. The pandemic has grounded many vessels in harbours, but applications are still coming in, though the official call is over.**

**Who will we see?**

**Dar Młodzieży** a three-mast B-95 Polish school sailing ship (frigate), successor to the *Lwów* and the *Dar Pomorza*. The sailing ship was built at the Lenin Shipyard in Gdańsk in 1981, partly crowd-funded. The commissioning ceremony was held on 4th July 1982. Helena Jurkiewicz, wife of Kazimierz Jurkiewicz, meritorious commander of the “*Dar Pomorza*”, Master Mariner, became her sponsor during the naval christening. In 1983, she took part in the sailing ships rally in Japan, and a year later in the Canadian Tall Ships Races. In 1987–1988, commanded by Leszek Wiktorowicz Master Mariner, she circumnavigated the globe around Cape Horn. In 1992, she celebrated the 500th anniversary of discovering America with a cruise to the USA.

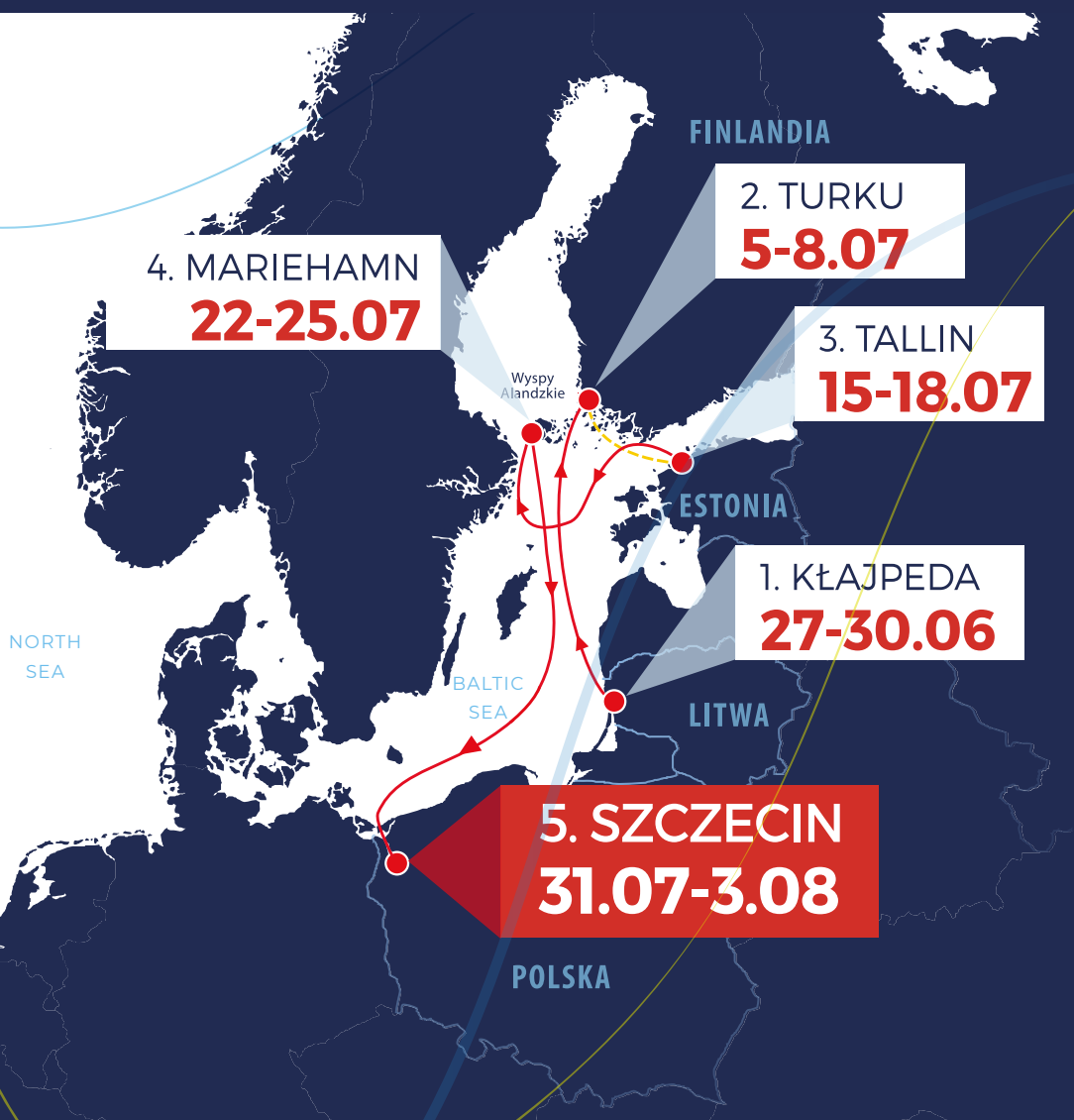


**Sztandart** is a replica of a frigate from 1703 – the flagship of the Russian fleet designed by Tsar Peter the Great and built with his participation. The sailing ship was restored on the initiative of Vladimir Martus, Russian historian, who became her first captain. The same materials and techniques were used for the construction as in the original. The nails (8,000 pieces) and fittings were hand-made, while the trees (250 pieces) were hand-cut in parks near St. Petersburg. The ship was christened on 30 May 1998 and launched on 4 September 1999. The first voyage took place on 24 June 2000.

**Belle-Poule** is a French schooner that was built in 1932 by Chantier Naval de Normandie in Fecamp for the French naval academy (École Navale). The fishing schooner is a reproduction of the vessels that sailed from the north coast of France to Iceland in the late 19th century. Belle Poule is used in training cadets in the craft of sailing and navigation on the high seas. The Naval Base in Brest, near the Naval Academy in Lanvéoc, is her home port. During World War II, the schooner was used by the French Naval Forces (FNFL) as a training ship stationed at Portsmouth (from 1940 to 1944).

**Tre Kronor af Stockholm** is modelled on the Gladan, a brig built in 1857 as a cargo navy ship. Gladan made two voyages as a supply ship for AF Nordenskiöld and expeditions to Spitsbergen and Greenland. Later, she served as a Navy training ship. Her time came in 1924, when she sank in Karlskrona harbour. Four gentlemen with a passion for beauty, navigation and sailing ships launched the Stockholm Brig project in 1993. The first designs were presented in 1994 and construction commenced in 1997.





## Did you know...

- the race will start on 27 June in Klaipeda, Lithuania;
- the first leg will cover 250 nautical miles;
- the shortest distance will be from Tallinn to Marienhamn (140 nautical miles);
- the longest distance will be covered by the participants of the third leg. From the capital of the Åland Islands to Szczecin, they will have 400 nautical miles to cover;
- a Cruise in Company, that is, a cruise of friendship, will take place between Turku and Tallinn.

## On the race course

TIME IS SHORT BEFORE THE START OF THE BALTIC SEA EVENT. IN TWO MONTHS' TIME, THE SAILING SHIPS WILL COMPETE FOR TROPHIES.



# Shore Arrangements

**SAILORS' FAIR** in mid-May: sales will begin of the trade stands that will make up the Sailors' Fair during the event. Ulica Jana z Kolna and Wały Chrobrego will abound with handicraft, local products and souvenirs. Stands are sold via the IAI sales platform. Details are available on our website.

**TRAINING:** The pandemic-related restrictions have slightly messed up our training calendar. In May, we will start a series of meetings with liaison officers, who are the lifeblood of the event. It will be intensive, but as usual nice and like in a family. At the same time, preparations for the crews of our units will begin. Representation of Szczecin in this year's regatta will count 138 people. They may expect a busy agenda.





# Music will fill the city

Onshore events will thrive. Participants of the 4th finals of the Tall Ships Races can embark on a genuine musical journey. Thanks to six stages located throughout the city, each visitor can enjoy music to their taste.

On **Solidarności Square**, in the vicinity of the Philharmonic building, **classical music** will resound. A little further on **Lotników Square** the rhythms of **Blues&Folk&Jazz** can be cherished. Moving across the city towards the **Jasne Błonia**, where the regatta stage will be located, you can also visit ulica Rayskiego, featuring a mobile stage with club music. The berth is also a can't-miss space. Live music will be performed on a promenade stage on **Wały Chrobrego**, and sea **shanties** will reach us from the decks of ships and Grodzka.

**Orła Białego Square** will offer a moment of relaxation on a deckchair, where an **open-air cinema** will be playing. The youngest will be welcome in the children's activity zone on **Mickiewicz Square**.



# Safety

Although Szczecin is holding the reunion for the fourth time already, this is the first time it has to face new safety rules. The key challenge in organising such a large event is to ensure the safety of the participants. The capital of Western Pomerania already staged its event in compliance with strict sanitary requirements last year, thus becoming a model for other cities. Drawing on this experience, the organisers have planned the programme with the greatest care so as to avoid large gatherings and provide all of the necessary preventive measures. And all in order for everyone to feel safe in Szczecin.





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