



Press Release – Wednesday, July 30

Welcome to the first day of Tall Ships Races Kristiansand 2025!

Tall Ships Races are back in Kristiansand, and both locals and visitors are sure to notice! With a rich and varied program of activities, talks, and concerts from 11 AM until after midnight, no one will be going home disappointed.

The day kicks off with freediving and wraps up with a magical midnight concert featuring Southern Norway's own golden voice, Helene Bøksle, at the top of Odderøya—with panoramic views stretching from Randesund to Søgne!

Between those two highlights, there's a sea of activities for all ages to dive into—making this the most inclusive celebration the city has ever seen.

[Programme](#) (choose English)

Don't miss the opening celebration on the main stage at 4 PM! Then at 5 PM, Hennig-Olsen Ice Cream will present a spectacular stunt—perhaps even the world's biggest boat-shaped ice cream?

But maybe the biggest draw: all day long, you'll have the chance to get up close with the magnificent ships participating in this year's race. 48 ships from 17 different nations will be docked around Lagmannsholmen. Some will be open to visitors at certain times, while others can be admired and photographed from the pier.

Onboard the ships will be 2,000 young trainees—including 150 from the Sørlandet region. Kristiansand municipality is sending these young people off on a life-changing experience where they'll learn to sail, build confidence, work as a team, and make friendships across borders.

"Wondering about the best way to get to the city and the festival area, where to buy food and drinks, or other practical details? Check out [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (choose English)

our Frequently Asked Questions."

Welcome—and enjoy!

