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HOST PORTS ANNOUNCED FOR THE TALL SHIPS' RACES 2011

Organisers of The Tall Ships' Races today announced five host ports in Germany, Ireland, Norway and the UK for the Tall Ships' Races 2011

The start port will be Waterford, Ireland. From there the fleet will race to Greenock in Scotland. The fleet will then cruise-in-company to Lerwick in the Shetlands from where the fleet will race across the North Sea to Stavanger in Norway, to be followed by a third race to Cuxhaven in Germany.

This unusual combination of five ports and three races provides the first opportunity for The Tall Ships' Races fleet to sail around the west coast of Ireland to Greenock, as well as a testing race across the North Sea to Stavanger and down to Cuxhaven. The cruise-in-company from Greenock to Lerwick in the Shetland Islands will include some beautiful scenery around the Western Isles.

Firm dates have yet to be agreed, but it is likely the start from Waterford will be in late June, with the finish in Cuxhaven in early August.

Jostein Haukali, Chairman of Tall Ships Races (Europe) Limited, a wholly owned company of Sail Training International, said: "There were many excellent ports bidding to host the Race Series in 2011 which provided us with quite a selection challenge and one of the reasons we decided to include five in this race series. The ports we finally selected offer a good combination and all have shown keen interest in furthering sail training in their regions and countries - and sail training for young people is what these Races are all about."

Dates and more detail on planned arrangements will be announced later in the year.

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