

CULTURA REGATTA 2011 – BALTIC SEA
REGATTA 1: KLAIPEDA - TURKU
REGATTA 2: TURKU – GDYNIA
& Pre- and After voyage
onboard TALL SHIP JACOB MEINDERT

The Baltic Sea is the Jacob Meindert's home base. The ship is quick, manoeuvrable and sails close to the water surface, just like a real pirate ship. This makes sailing with the Jacob Meindert a spectacular experience and gives a dynamic feel to the ship. Other ships better watch out when you race by at high speeds!



- > 20 Trainees from several countries
- > Sailing from Rostock (Germany) to Klaipeda (Lithuania) via Turku (Finland) to Gdynia (Poland) and Kiel (Germany)
- > Several voyages between 15 August – 9 September 2011
- > 2 Regatta's: from Klaipeda to Turku or Turku to Gdynia
- > No experience required
- > How to join? Please sign up via: www.atseasailtraining.com

THE REGATTA

Sail Training International is organizing a special Regatta in 2011 to mark the Finnish city of Turku's year as the European Capital of Culture. The Culture 2011 Tall Ships Regatta will be timed to follow on from The Tall Ships Races 2011 and so extend the Tall Ships festival season into September.

Klaipeda (Lithuania) and Gdynia (Poland) have agreed to join forces with Turku to create two races that will have no age restriction but will feature the cultural activities and highlights of each city. The event will start in Klaipeda from where the fleet will race to Turku and then race to Gdynia.

Each of the cities will be required to recruit a minimum of 25 trainees to take part in the event with the emphasis placed on cultural groups such as dance troupes, bands, artists and singers. It is envisaged that during the port visits, the crews will enjoy visits to the cultural highlights of each city. Vessels that took part in The Tall Ships Races Baltic 2009 will already be aware of the warm and friendly atmospheres of these three ports. A similar welcome can be assured in 2011.



JACOB MEINDERT & CREW

A Swiss captain and a small crew of Dutch, German and Danish sailors; this ship has an international vibe, that's for sure! Captain Andy Manser ensures a good atmosphere and plenty of action aboard this traditional rigged topsail schooner which has two impressive yard sails above the first schooner sail. The interior is cosy and comfortable, with nine cabins and a few communal showers. The dayroom is spacious with nice lounge couches and tables and offers enough room to relax. The galley is well equipped and guarantees a good share of healthy meals. The Jacob Meindert is perfect for those who want to improve their sailing skills, because the ropes are easy to handle and there is a strong focus on Sail Training. After this trip, climbing a mast will be a piece of cake for you.

PROGRAMME OUTLINE - THE FIRST CULTURA REGATTA

The first regatta starts on the 20th August 2011 in the port of **Klaipeda** (Lithuania), the final port from The Tall Ships Races 2009. Klaipeda has literally fallen in love with the Tall Ships fleet, and is impatient to offer a warm welcome once again. A unique combination of culture, nature and history will make the four days that the ships are in port fly by. If you have never been to Klaipeda, this will be the perfect opportunity. Ships berthed in the very centre of the old town, will be provided with quality services. You will find museums, galleries and recreational attractions, a variety of pubs, restaurants, shops and on top of all that - a spectacular programme!

Upon your arrival you will be introduced to the mentors, crew and other participants. After this introduction you will receive the safety instructions and the bunks will be assigned. Be sure not to miss the fire works! The port has been planning to prepare the city for the event for years, so don't be surprised; all efforts have been made to create a great spectacle! It's not out of the ordinary when you watch the fireworks explode above the water surface together with half a million other people. The next day is the kick-off of the first Race with the 'Parade of Sail', an incredibly impressive entry of the complete fleet of Tall Ships, Small Ships and Yachts. All around, you will see masts & sails and you are part of this all. Besides the fleet there are hundreds of thousands of spectators on shore or in the countless smaller barges.

The race is the main part of your voyage, so the crew and trainees have to work together closely on board. During your shift things can get quite hectic. In case of a storm the sails need to be taken down and when the storm dies down, all the sails need to be rigged again. It is also possible that there is hardly anything to do and then there is plenty of time to relax, and you can, for example, enjoy yourself on the quarter-deck with a guitar singing until sunset. Isn't life great? In between the watch keeping there is also enough time to read, get to know each other or simply enjoy the great view and with a bit of luck you will see dolphins jumping alongside of the bow! Our goal is to organise group activities at least once a day for the people who like this - varying from playing hints to singing - to get to know each other better.

On 25 of August ships will moor in the harbour of **Turku** (Finland). Turku will be the European Capital of Culture in 2011 together with Tallinn. The Capital of Culture programme is the EU's most significant culturally initiative with great international awareness. Thousands of different people from Turku and from all over Finland will participate in the implementation of the Capital of Culture. In addition to local and regional participants, The Tall Ships Regatta weekend is one of the top weekends in the official programme including a massive open air circus, ancient fire nights in the Turku Archipelago and much more.

What better place to stay for a couple of days of sport, cultural activities and of course the Crew Parade when all the crews will present themselves to the city! It is an exuberant party, especially when the crews of the Mexican Cuahtémoc and the Indonesian ships make their introduction; with their energetic music bands they know how to create a great party vibe! The Parade moves onto the big stage where awards will be presented in the presence of a dignitary, like a mayor, a prime minister or even a king! The number of awards is gigantic; there are not only trophies for the fastest ships, but also for the most entertaining team. All participants of the Tall Ships' Race celebrate the race ending together in style with a wild Crew Party, which comes to life with big bands, DJ's and great food. The voyage of the first Regatta will end up at the 27th and we hope all people of the Regatta look back at a great and excited race!



THE SECOND CULTURA REGATTA

The second Cultura Regatta starts on the 27th august 2011 in the port of **Turku** and the next day will be the parade of Sail outside the harbour. You will race across the Baltic Sea to the south to **Gdynia**, Poland. A beautiful city!

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

As the same as the first Regatta, upon your arrival you will be introduced to the mentors, crew and other participants. After this introduction you will receive the safety instructions and the bunks will be assigned. Be sure not to miss the fire works! The port has been planning to prepare the city for the event for years, so don't be surprised; all efforts have been made to create a great spectacle! It's not out of the ordinary when you watch the fireworks explode above the water surface together with half a million other people. The next day after breakfast is the kick-off of the second Regatta with the 'Parade of Sail', an incredibly impressive entry of the complete fleet of Tall Ships, Small Ships and Yachts. All around, you will see masts & sails and you are part of this all. Besides the fleet there are hundreds of thousands of spectators on shore or in the countless smaller barges.



On board you will be divided into three watches. This means that you will also be on watch during the night sometimes. You will all learn to set the sails, to steer the vessel, to help the cook with the meals and to clean the ship inside and out. You do this during your watch, but also when it is necessary outside of your watch. It is good to work together and take care of the ship. It is a challenge to set a good racing time, but there will be a good mood on board and you will become part of the crew like a real trainee. When on watch there will be 2 crewmembers to help and guide you and a watch officer to take care of the navigation while you manage the sails.

Anyone who is lucky enough to have visited Gdynia during one of the four Tall Ships Races held in the city knows its love of sailing. It could be best felt during the last race, in 2009, when 2.5 million visitors went to admire the beauty of the fleet. The Tall Ships and their crews are always given the red carpet treatment in Gdynia, so if you visit in September 2011 during The Culture 2011 Tall Ships Regatta you will definitely feel like a star and love the unique atmosphere of this event. Gdynia, known as "Poland's Sailing Capital", is a young, modern, and bustling city immersed in the scenic coastal landscape. It is naturally beautiful, yet also culturally rich. There are many other interesting culture spots in Gdynia, such as The Museum of the City of Gdynia, Planetarium, Motor Museum, or Gdynia Aquarium – an unusual zoo where you can explore the mysteries hidden deep in the oceans without getting wet. Something exceptional is the architecture of the city centre; it is a unique example of 20th-century modernism with ship-like buildings that have typical porthole windows and curves that can be seen on nearly every corner. In the city of fair winds, among open-minded and friendly Gdynia residents and tourists you will feel at home. There will also be an opportunity to challenge the crew from other ships through sports, walk the crew parade through the whole city and last but not least, there is a crew party for everybody onboard the participating ships.

On the 2nd day in harbor the voyage will end at 09.00 hour. You will look back on a once in a lifetime experience! For people who want to sail on, there is also the possibility of joining the Jacob Meindert to Kiel.

DATA AND COSTS

| JACOB MEINDERT 2011 | | CULTURE REGATTA | | | |
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| LEG | START DATE | END DATE | DAYS | ADULTS >26 | YOUNGSTERS 15-25 |
| Pre- voyage + Culture Regatta 1 Rostock - Klaipeda – Turku | 15-8-2011 | 27-8-2011 | 12 | € 1.055,00 | € 885,00 |
| Culture Regatta 1: Klaipeda (LT) – Turku (FI) | 20-8-2011 | 27-8-2011 | 7 | € 695,00 | € 555,00 |
| Culture Regatta 2: Turku (FI) – Gdynia (PL) | 27-8-2011 | 4-9-2011 | 8 | € 770,00 | € 610,00 |
| Culture Regatta 2 + aftervoyage: Turku (FI) – Gdynia (PL) - Kiel (DE) | 27-8-2011 | 9-9-2011 | 13 | € 1.055,00 | € 885,00 |



KEY POINTS

- > **Jacob Meindert; topsail schooner - 39 meters.**
- > **2 REGATTA'S and 2 VOYAGES between 20 August – 4 September 2011**
- > **20 trainees, open for all ages, minimum age 15 years**
- > **Different European and other nationalities.**
- > **Sailing from Rostock (Germany) - Klaipeda (Lithuania) via Turku (Finland) to Gdynia (Poland) and back to Kiel (Germany)**
- > **Official language aboard: English.**
- > **One-off registration costs of €25.**
- > **All prices are excluding transportation from and to the ports.**
- > **Transfers need to be booked separately by participants.**
- > **You can contact other participants using Facebook.**

> **More background information about the vessel you can find at the website.**

HOW TO JOIN?

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