

# Sail Training on board Wylde Swan

A EUROPEAN UNION INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Between GERMANY and POLAND

28th of May - 11th of June 2012

Have you ever dreamed of sailing on a Tall Ship?  
At Sea Sail Training gives you a taste of life on board a Tall Ship. No experience needed! Together with your teammates from all over Europe, you will be introduced to all aspects of ocean-sailing. A professional crew will teach you about navigation, sailing rules and manoeuvring. Enjoy teamwork whilst learning to depend on yourself, make new friends and party together at the famous Tall Ship festivals. A once in a lifetime experience!

- > A Special European Union Exchange
- > Sail the fast Wylde Swan
- > Make friends for life
- > Open to trainees of 15 - 25 years
- > Learn about yourself and other trainees
- > 5 Participating countries: Poland, Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden and Germany
- > No experience needed
- > Kiel (DE) - Szczecin (PL)
- > Via Aarhus (DK) and Gotenborg (SE)
- > 28 May – 11 June 2012: 14 days
- > How to join? Please sign up via [www.atseasailtraining.com](http://www.atseasailtraining.com)

## GETTING AROUND

Coming from Kiel in Germany, you will sail around Denmark, go through Kattengat and visit some of the beautiful places along your way.

The main stop-overs will be Gotenborg in Sweden, Aarhus in Denmark and finishing your tour in Szczecin in Poland. Gotenborg is known as the biggest port of Sweden. The city centre still has a lot of her old looks and is an enchanting place.

Aarhus is one of Denmark's oldest cities. It is situated at the end of the river A and the harbour is in the old city centre. It used to be one of the big Viking ports, a trading place for those traveling the seas.

## THE WYLDE SWAN

The Wylde Swan is the largest Top Sail Schooner in the world. In 1920 she was built as a steam trawler, bringing in Herring from the North sea to shore. The hull was built to make her fast a so called "market chaser", the first one ashore with the catch got the best market price.

When 2 experts in rebuilding ships, Willem Sligting and his wife Hinke De Vries saw the hull they immediately saw the potential for turning this old lady into a fast, modern sail training ship. They gave the ship a second youth and this is your chance to join on this fantastic vessel.





## THE CREW

The captain Jurgens Hanekom and his crew are professionally prepared to act as sailing tutors. The crewmates are well trained and all have been educated on a nautical college and done the STCW safety trainings. The captain has been a sailor for many years and knows how to sail a race.

## THE ACCOMODATION

The enormous mainhold where the herring was stowed, has been transformed into a very modern sleeping area with both bunks and hammocks, but also a huge table so you can sit there and relax play cards and get to know each other. All meals are served upstairs in the pantry, which also functions as a classroom or a place to hang out and relax when you're not on watch.

The atmosphere all around is warm with a lot of wood but still very modern. A very traditional ship with a very modern look.

## WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE?!

This is a special programme, organised in collaboration with the European organisation 'Youth in Action'. As well as sailing the vessel, you will decide for yourselves which extra activities you would like organised on board and in the ports. Prior to the race, all the participants in each country will meet in May to prepare the day to day programme and you can start getting to know each other.

On board you will organize special games and evenings where you will be able to share national foods, talk about national traditions and learn about other cultures. There will be mentors on board to help with ideas.

ADVENTURE for  
EVERYBODY



## KITLIST

> *Papers and insurance:* You need to have a valid passport or identity card, copy of insurance papers (health insurance and travel insurance).

> *Insurance:* we expect each participant to have his or her own liability insurance and medical insurance valid in your country. We also expect every trainee to have travel insurance.

> *Clothing:* For your voyage it is important to bring warm and waterproof clothing. Although it is summer, it can be cold at night. For a full list of what to bring aboard, please check the separate packing List.

> *More ideas:* photography and film equipment, sunglasses, hat to cover your head in the sun, personal medicines, toiletries, small backpack for port visits, musical instruments and song books. Please remember there is limited storage on the ship.

## Program outline

> Your Tall Ships Adventure starts on Monday the 28th of May at 18.00 hours on board the Wylde Swan in the harbour of Kiel. When you arrive you will get to know the ship, mentors, crew and the other trainees. After a warm welcome, the Captain's introduction and safety briefing, you will have time to spend a pleasant evening on board or in port. Should your travel schedule cause you to arrive before 18.00 hours, you are welcome to store your bags aboard and have a look around the town.

> The next morning the ship will leave the harbour and start her wandering journey. After breakfast, you will be introduced to how everything works on the deck of the ship. Together with the crew, you will get the ship ready to leave the harbour and set the first sails.

> There is enough time during this journey to have a good look around and really enjoy the elements. The wind and the weather will decide where you will sail next and how long it will take to get there.

> This might mean that you will sail during the day and the night. You will be divided into three watches. This means that you will also be on watch during the night. You will learn to set the sails, to steer the vessel, you will help the cook with the meals and clean the ship inside and out. You do this during your watch, but also, if necessary, outside

On board you have to work together and take care of the ship. It is a challenge to set a good sailing time, there will be a good mood on board and you will become part of the crew like a real trainee. While on watch there will be professional crew to help and guide you and a watch officer to take care of the navigation while you manage the sails.

> Life at sea can be hectic at times when the wind gets stronger or calms down, but there is always plenty of time to relax and read a book or sing together while the sun is setting. Life on a Tall Ship is great! Our goal is to organize group activities at least once a day – varying from playing games to singing – so everybody gets to know each other really well and feels part of one big team.

There is nothing too crazy for us; you are welcome to share your ideas!

> During the stay in the harbours you will have time to explore the city's and get a taste of the culture of the countries you will visit. Harbours that are on the list of possibilities are Arhus, Gotenborg and finishing in Szczecin. What cities will be visited will however depend on wind and weather.

> Your voyage will end on Monday the 11th of June at 10.00 in the morning. You will look back at a life changing-experience!



## COST AND VOYAGE

This year the voyage will start in Kiel (DE), and will finish in Szczecin (PL). The trip takes 14 days and starts on the 28th of May and will end at the 11th of June 2012.

The normal price for this voyage is €1260,- but for people in the age between 15-25 years there is a special price of €975,-. All prices include accommodation and all meals on board. Excluding transfers. 70% of the transfer costs will be sponsored. This means the costs of getting to the ship in Kiel and traveling home from Szczecin.

## STRUCTURE COST AND SPONSORSHIP

This special project coordinated by At Sea Sail Training is funded by the EU programme Youth in Action. This programme promotes cultural exchanges between young European people. They do so by covering a daily fee and 70% of the travelling costs.

Together with money from other funds we are able to offer you this programme at a reduced price. The price includes food and accommodation on the ship but excludes drinks at the bar and transportation to and from the ports. Transfers are available by way of discount airlines.



## KEY POINTS

- > Wylde Swan- Largest Top Sail Schooner- 62 meters;
- > 36 trainees and 12 crew;
- > Open for all trainees between 15 - 25 years old;
- > 5 Participating countries: Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Poland;
- > No sailing experience required;
- > Official language aboard: English;
- > One-off registration costs of €25;
- > All prices include accommodation, all meals, coffee, tea and milks, excluding drinks at the bar;
- > All prices are excluding transportation to and from the ports;
- > Transfers need to be booked independently by participants;
- > You can contact other participants using Facebook.

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