

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL SHIPS COUNCIL  
HELD IN LA CORUNA, SPAIN  
ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2014**

**Present**

<i>Adam Jasser</i>	<i>Pogoria</i>
<i>Alfonso Garzon</i>	<i>Atyla</i>
<i>Anders Leckven</i>	<i>Statsraad Lehmkuhl</i>
<i>Andy Spark</i>	<i>Jubilee Sailing Trust</i>
<i>Anna Krawczyk</i>	<i>Kapitan Borchardt</i>
<i>Antonio Sao Marco</i>	<i>Santa Maria Manuela</i>
<i>Asser Amdisen</i>	<i>George Stage</i>
<i>David Goodwin</i>	<i>Bermuda Sloop Foundation</i>
<i>Dirk Gunst</i>	<i>Tomidi</i>
<i>Einar Corwin</i>	<i>Christian Radich</i>
<i>Emanuel Petersson</i>	<i>Gotheborg</i>
<i>Fernando Gil Vazquez</i>	<i>Juan de Langara</i>
<i>Frank Vlaun</i>	<i>V&amp;S Charters</i>
<i>Frankie Hartwell</i>	<i>Maybe</i>
<i>Fredrik Jessing</i>	<i>Gunilla</i>
<i>Helen Swallow</i>	<i>Maybe</i>
<i>Helle Barner Jespersen</i>	<i>Georg Stage</i>
<i>Ignacio Hornes Amenedo</i>	<i>Juan de Langara</i>
<i>Jaap van der Rest</i>	<i>Van der Rest Sailing Charter BV</i>
<i>Jens Middendorf</i>	<i>Alexander Von Humboldt II</i>
<i>Jesper Amholt</i>	<i>Chairman, DSTA</i>
<i>Joao Lucio Costa Lopes</i>	<i>Aporvela</i>
<i>Jorge Paiao</i>	<i>Santa Maria Manuela</i>
<i>Josher Berger</i>	<i>Adventuress</i>
<i>Katarzyna Musynska</i>	<i>Dar Mlodziezy</i>
<i>Klaas Gaastra</i>	<i>Europa</i>
<i>Laura Franks</i>	<i>A+ Academy</i>
<i>Leentje Toering</i>	<i>Europa</i>
<i>Leszek Dziadek</i>	<i>ORP Iskra</i>
<i>Lucy Gross</i>	<i>Ships Council, Sail Training International</i>
<i>Malcolm Riley</i>	<i>Lady Nelson</i>
<i>Mark Todd</i>	<i>John Laing</i>
<i>Maureen Overdeest</i>	<i>Eendracht</i>
<i>Mirjam Postuma-Renkema</i>	<i>Gulden Leeuw</i>
<i>Monique Touw</i>	<i>Morgenster</i>
<i>Natalia Petrova</i>	<i>Mir</i>
<i>Nick Fleming</i>	<i>OYT Scotland</i>
<i>Paul Bishop</i>	<i>Secretary, Ships Council, Sail Training International</i>
<i>Pedro Mendes</i>	<i>Ships Council, Sail Training International</i>
<i>Per Filip Sommerstedt</i>	<i>Sorlandet</i>
<i>Peter Alexandersson</i>	<i>Gotheborg</i>
<i>Peter Campbell</i>	<i>Swan of Shetland</i>
<i>Peter Renshaw</i>	<i>Spirit of Adventure Trust</i>
<i>Piotr Kulczycki</i>	<i>Ships Council, Sail Training International</i>

<i>Plamen Swestarow</i>	<i>Royal Helena</i>
<i>Richard Sloomweg</i>	<i>Stad Amsterdam</i>
<i>Robert Postuma</i>	<i>Gulden Leeuw</i>
<i>Robyn Elkington</i>	<i>Windward Passage, STA Queensland</i>
<i>Rodrigo De La Serna</i>	<i>Atyla</i>
<i>Roland Berendsen</i>	<i>Stad Amsterdam</i>
<i>Stephen Moss</i>	<i>Young Endeavour</i>
<i>Steve Swallow</i>	<i>Maybe</i>
<i>Stuart Birnie</i>	<i>STANZ</i>
<i>Terje Smith</i>	<i>Liv</i>
<i>Toby Marris</i>	<i>Ships Council, Sail Training International</i>
<i>Uwe Delfs Jespersen</i>	<i>Ships Council, Sail Training International</i>
<i>Victoria Marich</i>	<i>Mir</i>
<i>Vladimir Martus</i>	<i>Shtandart</i>

***In Attendance***

<i>Bridget Hogan</i>	<i>Nautical Institute</i>
<i>Doug Prothero</i>	<i>Chairman, Sail Training International</i>
<i>Gwyn Brown</i>	<i>Chief Operating Officer, Sail Training International</i>
<i>John Etheridge</i>	<i>Nautical Institute</i>
<i>John Richardson</i>	<i>Trustee</i>
<i>Mike Rauworth</i>	<i>Tall Ships America</i>
<i>Richard Tefsen</i>	<i>Sailmaster BV</i>
<i>Stephan Kramer</i>	<i>Rood Boven Groen</i>
<i>Steven Gosling</i>	<i>Nautical Institute</i>
<i>Terry Davies</i>	<i>Trustee, Sail Training International</i>

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

Toby Marris welcomed members to the meeting.

The Minutes of the Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising that were not covered by the agenda.

He explained the new structure of the Ships Council, Tall Ships Forum and Small Ships Forum and he outlined the benefits of being a member. The 73 members of the CATSF had been given automatic membership of the new TSF. 21 small vessel operators had applied for membership of the SSF which was confirmed:

- Atyla (Netherlands)
- Bylina (Russia)
- Donald Searle (UK)
- Jean de la Lune (UK)
- Johanna Lucretia (UK)
- John Laing (UK)
- Jolie Brise (UK)
- Juan De Langara (Spain)
- Lady Nelson (AUS)
- Maybe (UK)
- Merrilyn (UK)
- Rona II (UK)
- South Passage (AUS)
- St Iv (Estonia)
- Swan of Shetland (UK)
- Tecla (Netherlands)
- Tomidi (Belgium)
- Urania (Netherlands)
- Vesta (Estonia)
- Zenobe Gramme (Belgium)

Uwe Jespersen provided a summary of the key work that had been covered by the former CATSF which included:

- Special Purpose Ships Code.
- Sail Training International Trainee Logbook.
- Working with Flag States and IMO through the International Shipping Federation as an Associate Member.
- Starting to develop and promote Traditional Seamanship. He reported that there might be an opportunity to do this through UNESCO and the 'Intangible Skills of Mankind Project'.
- European Maritime Heritage (on areas of common concern).
- Rig Maintenance.
- Sail Training Programmes.

Toby Marris reported on the 'Think Tank' meeting that took place in Woolwich on 3 September. He explained that this meeting was represented by a number vessel operators, host ports, event managers and members of STI and the objective was to review how STI runs its Tall Ships Races and Regattas. The report of this meeting will form the basis for the next phase and will be opened up to a wider group. More details would be reported during the Conference.

As part of this meeting, there were discussions around the different needs of Military, Commercial and Charity sail training vessels. Pedro Mendes outlined some differences and invited members to help him develop a paper on this subject to get a better understanding of the different group needs.

Uwe Jespersen highlighted the request from the last meeting to have commercial matters on all future meeting agendas.

## **2. International Sail Endorsement Scheme (ISES)**

Steven Gosling from the Nautical Institute reported on the ISES that had recently been launched.

Please go to <http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/vessels/tall-ships-forum> to download his presentation.

There was concern expressed by some members on whether the consultation process for this scheme should have been wider. Doug Prothero reminded the members that this project was conceived during the Flag State seminar and conference in 2011 with the members input and he confirmed that the Working Group had members representing a comprehensive spread of countries and regions. He emphasized that this was a voluntary scheme and would not replace any national schemes that were already in place.

Uwe Jespersen thanked Steven Gosling and others in the WG for all the work that they had put into this scheme.

## **3. Tall Ships Careers Working Groups Update**

Asser Amdisen, Chairman of the WG, reported that the WG only had two members at present, he and Peter Renshaw, and he invited additional members to join. Lucy Gross volunteered. He explained that the first task of the WG would be to identify the problems and issues that existed for young people trying to create a career in sail training.

#### **4. Safety On Board Working Group Update**

Pedro Mendes, Chairman of the WG, updated the meeting. He said that it was the objective of the WG to share good practice in all areas that might concern safety (pre-voyage information and briefings, sharing incident reports and developing examples of standard check lists.) Klaas Gaastra volunteered to join the WG.

#### **5. Sail Training Programmes**

Uwe Jespersen invited members to join the newly formed Sail Training Programme WG. Robin Snouck Hurgronje said that STA Netherlands had developed a STP which had taken a lot of investment and was working well. Uwe Jespersen explained that the idea was not to impose an STP on organisations but to exchange ideas, share best practice and to promote the good work that already existed around the world. The members were asked to complete a questionnaire on this subject.

#### **6. Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in Southampton, UK. Further details are published on the website.