

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE SAIL TRAINING INTERNATIONAL SHIPS COUNCIL
HELD IN HALMSTAD, SWEDEN
ON THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2016**

Present

Adam Jasser	Pogoria
Ali Alhosni	Shabab Oman II
Artem Fedkin	FSUE Rosmorport STS Nadezhda
Asser Amdisen	Georg Stage
Becky Treneer	Ships Council Secretariat
Bjarke Wahlqvist	Georg Stage
Dan Moreland	Picton Castle
Darren Nags	Jubilee Sailing Trust
David Beavan	Leila
Dirk Gunst	Tomidi
Einar Corwin	Christian Radich/ExCom
Frankie Hartwell	Maybe Sailing
Gerben Nab	Oosterschelde
Haakon Vatle	Statsraad Lehmkuhl/ExCom
Harko Lambarts	Europa
Helen Swallow	Maybe Sailing
Helle B. Jespersen	Georg Stage
Jan Miles	Pride of Baltimore/ExCom
Jens Middendorf	Alexander Van Humboldt II
Jürgen Hinrichs	Alexander Van Humboldt II
Leif Ervolder	LOA
Lena Mäkler	STI Trustee
Leo Eckerman	Tre Kroner af Stockholm
Lucy Gross	ASTO/ExCom
Madis Rallman	STA Estonia
Maggie Ostler	Picton Castle
Margus Zahharov	STA Estonia/St Iv
Maureen Overdevest	Eendracht
Mirjam Postuma-Renkema	Gulden Leeuw
Nancy Richardson	LA Maritime Institute: Irving Johnson & Exy Johnson
Nanda Overdevest	Eendracht
Natalie Petrova	Admiral Makarov State University of Maritime and Inland Shipping
Nicolay Kulagin	FSUE Rosmorport STS Mir
Paul Bishop	Ships Council Secretariat
Paul Van Ommen	STI Trustee
Pedro Mendes	Aporvela/ExCom
Robert Postuma	Gulden Leeuw
Sarah Parry	STV Windward Bound
Stefan Abrahamsson	STA Finland/ SY Vahine/ TS Helena
Stephen Moss	STS Young Endeavour
Steve Swallow	Maybe Sailing
Sune Blinkenberg	Sorlandet

Toby Marris	Chairman ExCom/Jolie Brise
Tony Cummings	Spirit of Adventure
Victoria Marich	STS MIR and yacht Akela
Vladimir Marius	Shtandart

In Attendance

Gwyn Brown	Sail Training International
Keith Robinson	Company Secretary, Sail Training International
Mike Bowles	Sail Training International
Raul Mimbacas	Race Chairman, Sail Training International
Ross MacDonald	Trustee, Sail Training International

1. Welcome and Introduction

Toby Marris welcomed members to the meeting and other sail training vessel operators. He gave an update on events since Quebec and Lisbon meetings. He emphasized that the Ships Council is designed to be inclusive and open for all members and said that new members were encouraged to join.

New members of the ExCom were introduced to the group

- Jan Miles Pride of Baltimore – Small Ships forum
- Paul VanOmmen – STI trustee
- Haakon Vatile – Statsraad Lehmkuhl Managing Director – Tall Ships Forum

The report of the meeting in Lisbon was discussed. (Please go to the following link to download the report: <http://www.sailtraininginternational.org/vessels/tall-ships-forum>)

2. Election Process

Toby Marris informed the members of the 2017 election process which would be launched in February for April. An election notice will be issued in February and those interested were invited to come forward.

3. Ships Council Website

Einar Corwin explained the process of using the STI website Ships Council members area and encourage members to use it as a resource and to contribute any useful information. Members can contact STI staff to obtain a login and password to access the members SSF and TSF pages. The members' pages will be updated and improved by STI staff over the coming months.

4. Emergency Response Systems

Paul Bishop gave an overview of the process and actions involved during Tall Ships Races from STI, ports and vessels. He advised all members to have crisis response plans, of which the majority of ships already did. A summary of STI's Emergency Response Plan will be posted in the members' area of the website together with an example of a vessels operator's crisis plan.

5. Sail on Board

Sally Titmus from Sail Training International introduced Sail on board; the new marketing scheme to encourage people of all ages to sail on board and become involved in Sail Training.

She explained the process behind the new scheme, discussed statistics and encouraged members to send in correct information and images for their own vessel page within the www.sailonboard.com site. There will be an optional booking agent for any enquiries that come through the website. Further details of this will be published once confirmed. Feedback from members and vessel operators is welcome and encouraged.

A few concerns from the membership about how the booking system would work regarding fees and trainee placement. These were discussed and resolved amongst the room. A positive response to this marketing initiative overall. STI is open to comments and advice from the Ships Council to improve Sail on Board campaign and website and make it more workable for all members.

6. Near Misses

Pedro Mendez gave an overview of accident and investigations, causes and sources and how as a group by sharing information we can prevent similar situations and learn from these events.

Toby Marris gave an example that occurred with Jolie Brise in 2016

Paul Van Ommen led a useful group discussion about learning from near misses, following this suggestion that was raised in the Lisbon Ships Council meeting in July.

An overview of ships near misses and incidents were shown and highlighted and members spoke openly about these.

It was discussed that captains and vessel operators should both report such incidents. The Ships Council members should share information that is relevant to everyone in a confidential and sensitive manner.

Concerns over the impact of the media and internet were raised should such information be published and it was agreed to share information and best practices among a closed membership group. The view as to remain anonymous or not when reporting was equally split among the group so it was agreed that the vessel's name could be added voluntarily.

It was agreed that the ExCom would manage this for now with Asser Amdisen, Jan Miles and Einar Corwin should form a working group should develop a useful format of reporting near misses. All vessel operators were encouraged to share near misses which could be published on the secure members section of the STI website.

Einar Corwin thanked members for their time and contribution on this important and worthwhile topic.

7. Date of the next meetings

The next planned meeting will be on Friday 31st March in Southampton. Members were very welcome to attend and forward any agenda items to the ExCom.