

# Las Palmas de Gran Canaria receives in May 11 large sailboats of the Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta

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In May, Las Palmas de Gran Canaria receives eleven large sailboats participating in the Rendez-Vous 2017 Tall Ships Regatta: a transatlantic test in which ships form young sailors sailing. The regatta, organized by Sail Training International, commemorates the 150th anniversary of Canada in this edition and will be a very special preview for a new edition of FIMAR, the International Sea Fair organized every year by Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, From the 12 to the 14 of this same month of May.

The scale that will make this race in the capital of Gran Canaria was presented this morning by the councilors of Tourism and Ciudad de Mar, Pedro Quevedo and José Eduardo Ramírez, respectively; The president of the Port Authority of Las Palmas, Luis Ibarra and the insular councilor of Tourism, Ines Jiménez.

The sailboats keep even free places for the young people of the islands who want to enroll in them and cross the Atlantic. The website with all the information is <https://www.sailonboard.com/>.

The route of this unique voyage has left Royal Greenwich (England), and has one of its main points of concentration of ships in Sines (Portugal). From the luso dock the boats leave the next May 1, to reach the capital of Gran Canaria between 6 and 9 of the same month. Sailboats will dock at the Santa Catalina Pier and the Muelle Deportivo.

The public can enjoy this visual spectacle in the capital and will have the opportunity to board aboard one of these ships,

Sagres, during their stay.

Councilor for Tourism, Pedro Quevedo, said that the Tall Ships Regatta reaffirms in its passage through the island, the capital of Gran Canaria "as a prominent nautical destination, just in the year in which it has been declared Atlantic City."

The boats waiting for the city in May are Class A sailing ships Belem (France), Nadezhda (Russia), Sagres (Portugal) and Wylde Swan (Holland); The B class Atyla (Spain) and the British Blue Clipper and Jolie Brise (United Kingdom); Class C Vahine (Latvia); And class D Peter von Danzig (Germany), Rona II (United Kingdom) and Vahine (Finland). The ships will continue to the ports of Bermuda, Boston, Halifax and Québec, after stopping at Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, before crossing the Atlantic to the French pier at Le Havre.

Most of these boats will begin to leave the capital of Gran Canaria between Sunday 7 and Tuesday 9 May, after 48 hours of stopover.

The Port Authority of Las Palmas assumes the reception of these vessels and joins Sail Training International in the organization of this stop in the transatlantic regatta. For its part, the City of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria will encourage the reception of the crews of these school boats, providing different activities for citizens and young sailors, at an event that also collaborates with the Gran Canaria Tourist Board.

The activities of dynamization, on Sunday May 7, will feature children's activities, batucadas and Canarian music in charge of the parranda of Municipal Guaguas. The public will be able to interact with the sailors and visit one of the sailboats, Sagres.

Sail Trainig International, Sail on Board, is an organization dedicated to the training of young sailors on large sailboats, with specific programs in which it is possible to perform great regattas at a cost adapted to the needs of this public. It works closely with the most relevant schools on the world map. Among its tasks are the organization of these great regattas, but also the publication of teaching materials and the organization of conferences and seminars on navigation. Its history goes back to the decade of the 50's, and has already accumulated a long history as a consolidated international entity in the world of navigation.

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria welcomes these sailboats as a consolidated nautical destination. The city, home to the Royal Yacht Club of Gran Canaria (birthplace of Olympic medalists and an entity with great social impact in the city), has been hosting the Atlantic Rallie for Cruises (the popular ARC regatta) for more than two decades. Of the prestigious Mini Transat, one of the most extreme sport events of the international calendar, in which the rematistas cross the Atlantic alone. In addition, the capital of Gran Canaria is destined for some of the travesias that depart from the French pier of La

Rochelle, such as the Minitransat in 2017 and 2019. A whole agenda that in recent years has highlighted in the global calendar of navigation to the Port of Las Palmas and a city connected to the sea, increasingly turned to the reception of this unique nautical tourism.