

International Sail Training and Tall Ships Conference 2010, Stavanger

We are now going to conduct the Sail Training International awards ceremony by asking Françoise to come and help me, and by inviting Nigel Rowe as President of Sail Training International to present the prizes.

1. 'Best Newcomer' Tall Ships Races and Regattas Trophy

This annual trophy is presented to the 'best newcomer' in any of The Tall Ships Races and Regattas that Sail Training runs that year. With four events, the Garibaldi Tall Ships Regatta, the Historical Seas Tall Ships Regatta, The Tall Ships Races 2010 and the North Sea Tall Ships Regatta there were many worthy candidates but the 'Best Newcomer' award for 2010 goes to a vessel that participated in the Historical Seas Tall Ships Regatta:

Mythos (Greece)

Accepted by Robin Snouck Hurgroinje **Race Chairman, Historical Seas TSR**

2. Great Loyalty Tall Ships Races and Regattas Trophy

This annual trophy is awarded to the vessel which has shown 'great loyalty' in any of The Tall Ships Races and Regattas that Sail Training runs that year. This goes to a vessel that has been entering our races on a regular basis since the first race over half a century ago. The 'Great Loyalty' award for 2010 goes to:

Christian Radich (Norway)

Accepted by **Einar Corwin**

3. Boston Teapot Trophy

The Boston Teapot Trophy is awarded to the ship which, at any time between 1 October and 30 September, covers the greatest distance in any period of 124hrs, which is 5 days and 4 hours WITH a sail training crew on board.

There were five very respectable entries during this year from ships and most had achieved over 1,000 nautical miles but the winning ship covered a phenomenal calculated Great Circle distance of 1,443 in the 124 hour period between 23:00 27 November and 03:00 3 Dec 2009, which has broken the previous record of 1,394 miles set in 1995 by *Kaiwo Maru*

Statsraad Lehmkuhl (Norway)

Sail Training International introduced six new annual awards in 2007 to recognise a wider range of individuals and organisations that have made a significant contribution to sail training during the past year.

4. Sail Training Volunteer of the Year

This award was donated by Admiral Rothsay Swan and is presented to a volunteer in the sail training movement who has made an extraordinary contribution to the organisation they serve.

This person has been one of the two Caravela Vera Cruz's captains since 1991, he sailed to Brazil with his sail training vessel and has participated in past Tall Ships Races. This year he captained the caravel, as a volunteer, for more than two months and a total of more than 2,500 nautical miles. He is one of Aporvela's most active volunteers. He is considered a thoughtful and inspiring captain and a role model for the young trainees that sail on the caravel.

Joao Lucio da Costa Lopes (Aporvela, Portugal)

5. Young Sail Training Volunteer of the Year

This award was donated by Janka Bielak and is also presented to a young volunteer who has made an extraordinary contribution to the organisation they serve.

A young man who is highly motivated member of the voluntary crew of this sail training organisation based in Germany. He has taken part at many sailing trips in the last few years such as the "classroom under sails" project. He is an excellent example to other young volunteers

Andreas Grotevent (Thor Heyerdhal, Germany)

6. Sail Trainer of the Year (Professional)

This award was donated by the family and friends of the late Captain Paul Canter and is awarded to professional sail trainers to encourage high-performing individuals who deliver sail training to young people.

He has had a very long and distinguished seafaring career which has included time as master of the replicas *Bounty* and *Endeavour*. He is a specialist in square rig and was responsible for the design, layout, construction and operation of the rig of *Spirit of New Zealand*, which was commissioned in July 1986, and which he has spent most of his time on.

In August 2008, following a restructuring of the Trust's sailing and management team, he accepted the new position of Senior Master and Marine Director where he is today.

Stephen Fisher
Chairman, Spirit of Adventure Trust

Our Trust has attracted some remarkable people over the years, but none more so than him: professional seafarer, specialist rigger, historian, crew trainer and inspirational Captain to thousands of New Zealand teenagers (and adult crew) who have sailed with him on a ten-day or five-day voyage.

He embodies the Spirit ethic of service, citizenship, team-work and dedication to safety. The Trust is delighted he is continuing to serve with us in an expanded role as Marine Director.

Captain Paul Leppington (Spirit of Adventure Trust, New Zealand)

7. Young Sail Trainer of the Year (Professional)

This award was donated by Tom Gotchberg and is presented to high-performing young individuals who deliver sail training programmes.

This award goes to someone who is only 23 of age but has been a skipper of a number of Polish sail training vessels that have entered our races and regattas every year since 2007:

2007 Baltic TSR – Gedania, 2008 Funchal TSR – Gedania, 2009 Baltic TSR – Sharki (winner of the friendship trophy) 2010 Historical Seas TSR - Matti

She is highly motivated and an excellent example to her trainee crew. She also is clearly committed to the ideals of sail training and The Tall Ships Races:

Magda Makowska (Poland)

8. Sail Training Organisation of the Year (Small Vessels)

This award was donated by friends of the late Vicki Scott and is also awarded to an organisation that operates a smaller sail training vessel for demonstrating excellence in 'innovation' and 'best practice' in sail training for young people

This sail training charity has celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. It operates three 18 to 22 metre purpose built sail training Bermudan ketches and one smaller training yacht used to train its 400 volunteers that take around, 2,000 people to sea each year. Their focus is on providing 5-day voyages at a subsidised cost of around £100 per week (including a crew rugby shirt) making it one of the most affordable and accessible sail training organisations in our community. A regular participant in The Tall Ships Races its volunteers have put together no less than five trans-Atlantic Tall Ships Race campaigns during its long history. It also runs special voyages for the visually and hearing impaired and for those with severe learning difficulties.

Rona Sailing Project (UK)

9. Sail Training Organisation of the Year (Large vessels)

This award was donated by the Black Pearl Sail Training Trust in the US, in memory of Barclay Warburton III, founder of the American Sail Training Association and is awarded to an organisation that operates a large sail training vessel for demonstrating excellence in 'innovation' and 'best practice' in sail training for young people.

This foundation has been running youth training programs, predominately 15-25 year olds for extended periods of time since 1986.

Currently, the program is endorsed by the Curriculum Council of their country, allowing participants in their final years of schooling to use the program to gain graduation accreditation points. This provides a strong appeal to schools, as well as individuals, who participate in a 5 day or longer voyage.

The Foundation also offers an Ultimate Challenge - ocean adventure voyages specifically for youth with physical, intellectual and/or sensory limitations, this program is well received by the community for the safe, supportive environment it provides. These voyages allow friendships to be formed, but also encourage learning new skills and significant increases in self-confidence in participants.

This foundation has six fundamental values that create the core and influence how their programmes are managed. These values are safety and wellbeing, respect and integrity, inclusivity, passion and adventure, empowerment, and, sustainability. These values are portrayed to all those who participate in their sail training voyages:

Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation (Australia)

10. Outstanding Contribution to Sail Training for Young People

And now to the final award - for 'Outstanding contribution to sail training for young people' (Affectionately known as 'Robin's hat').

For the first time this is awarded jointly, to two individuals who have driven a new sail training vessel project forward against all odds: an increasingly challenging regulatory framework, during one of the worst economic downturns in recent decades and a tragic personal loss to all involved in this ambitious project and indeed to the international sail training community as a whole.

This project is an outstanding example in how a concept and design has been incorporated the ability to deliver a superb commercial package of day-sailing and deck receptions with sail training voyages

for young people. The most impressive thing is that sail training is at the heart of all that this organisation does and that the ability to deliver a high level of corporate hospitality is a means of making this possible. As with all impressive organisations, there is a terrific team of many inspiring and dedicated individuals but this award goes to the two special people who have made it happen:

Hinke de Vries and Captain Jurgens Hanekom (Wylde Swan)