

WANTED: SHIPS LIAISON OFFICERS



In September 2008 the Port of Falmouth will be hosting the start of a major Tall Ships Regatta. The FUNCHAL 500 Tall Ships Regatta will involve some of the world's major Class A vessels and also a number of smaller ships. A total of around 30 vessels are expected to be involved.

In order for these ships to gain the full benefit of their involvement each vessel will need to have a nominated Liaison Officer for the duration of their stay in Falmouth. The larger Class A vessels will probably need to have two Liaison Officers.

We are now actively recruiting potential Liaison Officers for the Regatta. We need individuals that are primarily fit, resourceful, reliable and able to act on their own initiative. If you think that you could meet this challenge and wish to play a key role in the running of this event in Falmouth then please let us have your details as requested below. Here are some questions that you may have and their answers:

What does the Job involve?

You will be required to look after your ship operating through the Chief Liaison Officers Organisation for just about every aspect of their visit. It may involve such things as sorting out dock facilities, mail runs, trainee compassionate issues, transportation, attending functions and sports events, handling emergencies, or just about any thing else you can think of.

What is the commitment?

Once you have given us your details we will let you know if you have been selected and we will have a mass briefing for all nominated LO's and Assistant LO's sometime in May 2008. At the end of August 2008 we will have a training day where the LO'S will be allocated their ships, information packs distributed and detailed briefings and training will be given.

Some vessels will arrive up to 2 days before the start of the Regatta and we will need some LO's to man an advance LO organisation that will need to be active from Monday 8th September 2008. The main event starts on Wednesday 10 September and from that time until your ship departs you will be expected to be available for 24 hours/day to meet their needs and you may even have to live on board.

What's the Pay?

Nothing! However you will get a polo shirt to wear and keep. The real reward will be the active involvement in a major international sailing event in your area and the knowledge that your ship and its crew of young trainees have had the best possible time that you were able to give them during their stay in Falmouth. It will be a tremendous experience and with the 2012 Olympics just around the corner could even give you the credentials needed to get involved in other similar maritime events.

What Sort of People are you Looking For?

We need people who are basically fit and resourceful. They will need to be able to use their initiative and solve problems without constant referral, and be good communicators and able to feed back the important information up the chain. They also need to be fully committed to the job and obviously available through out the period. They will also need to own and be able to use a mobile phone!

I am not too confident that I could do the job by myself or I am not that fit – can you still use me?

We will need a pool of 40 – 45 Liaison Officers but we will also need quite a number of volunteers to assist them on a daily basis. So if you cannot give us the full commitment then we could still find a role for you. Let us have your details and we will let you know if we can use you; we will try to give every one who wants to be involved a meaningful job no matter what their ability. We will need a number of stewards and marshals during the event and if you feel you can help out then please also fill in a form.

I have some other questions

Please contact us by mail:

**Funchal 500 Tall Ships Regatta Liaison Team
Ashley House Marine
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Falmouth
TR11 4BG**

Or preferably by email, prefixing your message title: **Funchal 500 TSR LO Team**

ah.marine@gmail.com

In order to be registered as a Potential Liaison Officer or Assistant Liaison Officer please complete the following form and post or email it as above. We will contact you in due course

Many thanks

The Funchal 500 Tall Ships Regatta Liaison Team:

Ian Munday Peter Wheeler Anne Oliver

FUNCHAL 500 TALL SHIPS REGATTA LIAISON OFFICER APPLICATION FORM

Name	
Address	
Telephone Numbers	
Email	
Date of Birth	

Please give any details of any form of maritime experience you may have. Especially if you have any previous Tall Ship experience.	
Do you have any special skill or qualifications that may be useful? e.g. Languages	
Would you be available for the advanced Liaison Duties? (Sun 7 Sep onwards)	
Can you fully commit to the timescale – if not what could you do?	
Would you like to be considered for full LO or Assistant LO duties	
Do you have any health issues that may be relevant to LO duties?	

I would like to apply to be considered for Liaison Officer/Assistant Liaison Officer Duties (delete as appropriate) for the FUNCHAL 500 Tall Ships Regatta, Falmouth, September 2008

Name		Date	
Signature			

Please return completed forms by email (unsigned is OK) to ah.marine@gmail.com or by post to:

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