

THE TALL SHIPS RACES SUNDERLAND 2018

The following provides you with lots of useful information to help you plan your visit

ABOUT THE EVENT - WHERE, WHEN AND WHAT'S HAPPENING

1. Where are The Tall Ships Races being held in 2018?

This month-long, international event kicks off in style in Sunderland, when, after an exciting 5-day festival, the Tall Ships fleet races to Esbjerg, Denmark. The ships 'cruise in company' to Stavanger in Norway and Race 2 will take the Races to their conclusion in Harlingen, Netherlands.



2. What are the dates for The Tall Ships Races 2018?

The spectacular Tall Ships will visit four beautiful ports over July and in to August, they are:

Sunderland: 10th – 14th July

Esbjerg: 18th – 21st July

Stavanger: 26th -29th July

Harlingen: 3rd – 6th August

3. When is the event in Sunderland?

The amazing event will take place from 10th – 14th July. The ships should all have arrived by midday on Wednesday 11th. Sunderland is privileged to be the first host port and only UK port in The Tall Ships Races 2018. Visitors will enjoy the spectacle of the magnificent Tall Ships alongside an exciting five day programme of culture and entertainment.

You may have seen some literature that the event was to open on the 11th but as this is such a fantastic opportunity for people to see these amazing ships we wanted to give as much time as possible for people to experience the event. Go to question number 8 for event opening times

4. What is included in the cultural programme?

There is a fantastic programme across the 5 days in various locations.

Find out all about the exciting programme of entertainment here

<https://www.tallshipssunderland.com/programme> and on our social media channels.

Follow us on Twitter - @TallShipsSund,

Get the latest updates on Facebook – TallShipsRacesSunderland

And share your pics on Instagram - tallshipssunderland

5. Is the event free?

Yes, the event is the largest free event in the UK this year.

6. Where is Sunderland?

The city of Sunderland is located in North East England. It is a coastal city at the mouth of the River Wear with adjoining award winning beaches of Roker and Seaburn.

7. Is the event just in one place in Sunderland?

No, the event is split into 4 event zones in close proximity to the river, Port and award winning beaches:

Event Zone A – The Port of Sunderland (South of River)

Event Zone B – Town Moor and East End (South of River)

Event Zone C – St Peter's (North of River)

Event Zone D – Seafront (Saturday 14th July only) (North of River)

8. How can I get there?

There are many ways look on our 'How to get here' page

<https://www.tallshipssunderland.com/sunderland-2018/how-to-get-here>

Getting to Sunderland: Distance and suggested route from:

TOWN/ CITY	DISTANCE
Durham	14 miles via A690
Newcastle	15 miles via A184
Middlesbrough	30 miles via A19
Whitby	64 miles via A171 and A19
Carlisle	73 miles via A69
Leeds	91 miles via A19 and A1M
Edinburgh	132 miles via A1
Manchester	139 miles via M62 and A19

9. What are the opening hours for the event?

Please see table below for individual Event Zone daily opening times:

THE TALL SHIPS RACES 2018 – SUNDERLAND – OPENING TIMES					
	Tuesday 10 th July	Wednesday 11th July	Thursday 12 th July	Friday 13 th July	Saturday 14 th July
Zone A - Port of Sunderland	4pm –10pm	10am –10pm	10am –10pm	10am –10pm	10am-6pm
Zone B - Town Moor and East End	10am-10pm	10am-10pm	10am-10pm	10am-10pm	10am-6pm
Zone C – St Peter's	10am-10pm	10am-10pm	10am-10pm	10am-10pm	10am-9pm
Zone D – Seafront	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10am-9pm

10. Will there be a souvenir event guide available to buy?

Yes, a souvenir event guide will be available to buy at locations across all Event Zones over the course of the event.

There will also be the opportunity to buy the souvenir event guide in advance from July 2nd at Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens, National Glass Centre and online at www.tallshipsunderland.com

The cost will be £5

The Souvenir Event Guide will include full details of all the participating Tall Ships and maps with details of what will be in each Event Zone.

11. Who is funding the event and who are the event sponsors?

The event is funded by Sunderland City Council.

Arts Council England, Heritage Lottery Fund and Sir James Knott Trust have part-funded the cultural and entertainment programme, and the volunteer programme.

The event is sponsored by DFDS, Gentoo, Tees Valley Combined Authority, Northumbrian Water, EZ Dock, Everyone Active, Northern Railway, Hilton Garden Inn Sunderland, Station Taxis, Together for Children, The Bridges Shopping Centre, Newcastle International Airport and Tyne Gangways

THE PRACTICAL THINGS

12. Are the Event Zones fully accessible?

We will be doing everything possible to make all Event Zones accessible for those with restricted mobility.

13. Is the event suitable for children?

Absolutely! There will be lots to do for all ages; we have a number of children's fun fair rides, huge observation wheel with fantastic views and fun sporting activities that may include Swing ball, hula hoops, tug of war and Connect 4 all held between 4pm until 7pm on every day of the event at the Multi Use Games Area at Zone C.

Remember there will be a lot of people at the event, so make sure that you keep a close eye on little ones to avoid becoming separated.

Children's wristbands will be available from all Information Points to record your contact details in the case of your child going missing.

14. What else is there to see and do?

All Event Zones will offer a broad range of entertainment for all ages. The stages at St Peters (Event Zone C) and Town Moor (Event Zone B) will be filled with local acts, and the city will take the opportunity to showcase its heritage and cultural offers.

There will be fireworks on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 9.30pm from the Port area and as part of the Friday evening spectacular performance at the Wearmouth Bridge, which will be in clear view for visitors on both sides of the river.

15. Is there somewhere to eat?

Yes, there will be food and drinks available to buy at all Event Zones. We would also encourage visitors to explore the city to discover its fantastic cafes, restaurants and bars. Check out the See It Do It website for more details

<http://www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk>

16. Will there be picnic areas available if I want to bring my own food and drinks?

Yes there will be picnic seating available at Event Zone B and grassed areas at Event Zones C and D.

17. Can I bring alcohol?

Yes you can bring your own alcohol to the Event Zones, alcohol will also be available to purchase at concessions across all Event Zones. Please note this is a family event so please drink responsibly.

18. Can I bring my dog?

Dogs will not be allowed into Event Zone A, however assistance dogs will be allowed access into that zone. Well-behaved dogs will have access to all other Event Zones. Please keep all dogs on leads.

19. Will there be toilets available in each Event Zone?

Yes, toilet facilities will be available on every Event Zone including accessible toilets and baby change facilities. Locations of toilets will be clearly marked on the Event Zone Maps.

20. Will there be Changing Places facilities available?

There will be Changing Places facilities providing extra equipment and space for those that need it:

National Glass Centre (within Event Zone C) Liberty Way SR6 0GL

Opening times: Monday – Sunday 10am–10pm

Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens (Sunderland City Centre) SR1 1PP

Opening times: Monday - Saturday 10am - 4pm/ Sunday - 12noon - 4pm

Marine Walk (within Event Zone D) Roker, SR6 0PL

24 hour access to a Changing Places facility, access is with a RADAR key and a key code

Find out details of Changing Places toilet locations at: http://www.changing-places.org/find_a_toilet.aspx

21. Will there be a sign language interpretation service at the event?

Yes, a British Sign Language Interpreter can be found at the Information Point within Event Zone A.

22. Will there be First Aid in each Event Zone?

Yes, there will be First Aid points located on all Event Zones and location details can be found on large maps within each Event Zone, in the free visitor map, in the Souvenir Event Guide and online at www.tallshipssunderland.com The First Aid points will be clearly marked.

23. What should I do if I lose a member of my family or friends?

Should you lose a member of your group please contact the nearest Event Steward, Volunteer (wearing lime green) or member of Event Staff (wearing red) who will be clearly identifiable with their designation written on their uniform and holding official event identification. Lost Person Points can be found on large maps within each Event Zone, in the free visitor map, in the souvenir event guide and online at www.tallshipssunderland.com The Lost Person Points will be clearly marked.

24. Will there be security at the event?

Yes there will be security in all Event Zones throughout the event. Please note random bag searches will be in operation.

25. Is there any event merchandise available to purchase?

Yes, merchandise will be available to buy at the official merchandise outlets located across the Event Zones and will be available to purchase online www.tallshipssunderland.com

26. Is there a cash point within the Event Zones?

Yes a cash point will be located in Event Zones A and C, these are clearly identified within event literature and on the large Event Zone maps. Numerous cash points can also be found in Sunderland City Centre.

27. I'd like to visit the Event for more than one day where can I stay overnight?

There are loads of hotels and guest houses in Sunderland; the See It Do It website provides all the information that you need

<http://www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk/where-to-stay>

GREAT THINGS TO SEE AND DO AT THE EVENT

28. Other than the Ships what's happening in the Event Zones?

Loads and loads - too much to list here, there is something happening from 10am until 10pm across the 5 days in various locations.

Find out all about the exciting programme of entertainment here

<https://www.tallshipssunderland.com/programme> and on our social media channels.

29. What is the Crew Parade and when is it?

Starting at 3pm departing from Burdon Road in Sunderland City Centre the heart of Sunderland is set to come alive in a vibrant explosion of colour, music and youthful exuberance on Thursday (12 July) as the crews of the 55 vessels visiting The Tall Ships Races Sunderland 2018 take part in a spectacular Crew Parade. Spectators can expect to see trainees from over 16 countries express their unique identity through creative costumes, songs and choreographed dance routines in what promises to be a fantastic carnival atmosphere. The parade will finish at St Peter's (Event Zone C) with a prize-giving ceremony at 4.30pm.

30. What is the Welcome Parade and when is it?

The Welcome Parade is taking place on Wednesday 11 July and its purpose is to welcome the Tall Ships to Sunderland. The parade is aimed primarily at groups and schools in the historic East area of the city where there is a strong history and heritage of parades in this area. The area is also known for its historic links to shipbuilding and is one of the oldest parts of the city of Sunderland.

Sunderland City Council have commissioned Community Interest Company the Creative Seed CIC which specialises in carnival events and parades to provide a carnival roadshow. We have over 20 community groups and schools involved who are preparing their own displays to ensure the parade reflects the diversity and rich heritage of the city.

The Welcome Parade will be starting at 6pm on the Town Moor, partying along the Port and ending at the Observation Wheel on Barrack Street ending at approximately 7.30pm.

31. Are there fireworks – if so when?

Fireworks will take place at 9.30pm on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th.

On Friday 13th at 9.00pm a spectacular artistic performance will take place over the River Wear incorporating a pyrotechnics display

THE STARS OF THE SHOW - THE SHIPS!

32. How many ships will there be?

In total 55 Tall Ships have registered to come to Sunderland and many of these are Class A and Class B, that means they are some of the larger ships from the global Tall Ships fleet. They promise to provide event visitors with a fantastic spectacle that will remain in their memories for many years to come.

33. Where can I find out about all of the ships?

You can access information about all of the ships online at <https://www.tallshipssunderland.com/race/ships> and more detailed information can be found in the official souvenir event guide available to purchase across all Event Zones for £5. The guide will also be available to purchase one week prior to the event in The Bridges Shopping Centre, Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens, National Glass Centre and online at www.tallshipssunderland.com

34. When will they sail in?

The fleet must be assembled in the Port of Sunderland by midday on Wednesday 11 July 2018. Owing to the unpredictable nature of sailing conditions and the vast distances that some of the ships will be traveling to get to Sunderland, some are likely to arrive up to two days early.

35. Where have the ships come from?

Vessels are welcome from across the globe and the North Sea route for the 2018 race series is attractive to European vessels with Poland, Germany, France, The Netherlands and Norway being well represented at Sunderland along with Russia, India and Spain among others.

36. How tall are the ships?

The ships all vary in size, however the tallest Tall Ship that will visit Sunderland is the Mir standing at 50.9 metres high, this ship will be located in Event Zone A at Corporation Quay.

37. Can I go on the ships?

Yes, the ships will be open to provide free access to the public during event opening hours, however they will need to close in order to conduct crew change overs, pre-race administration and some vessels will be hosting hospitality events in the afternoons and evenings – some of these events will be ticketed and will be available for public sale. We will do our best to post updates on social media about ship opening times and any vessels that have short queues.

38. Is there disabled access on ships?

Accessing Tall Ships inevitably involves negotiating steep slopes and many steps, however the Tall Ship STS Lord Nelson will be present at the event and has been purpose built to give people with disabilities the opportunity to experience sail training, and will welcome disabled visitors aboard to enjoy a full tour of the deck and the quarters below deck.

39. How do I book a day sail or a deck event on the ships?

You can make the most of your visit to see the Tall Ships and get on-board to experience an unforgettable deck party or set sail on one of the magnificent ships to enjoy a unique 2 hour day sail out to sea, you can also enjoy a VIP cruise and be part of the Parade of Sail – an exclusive opportunity to be part of one of the highlights of the event. You can find out more about the opportunities to get on-board and enjoy a day sail or deck event at <https://www.tallshipssunderland.com/hospitality>

40. When will the Tall Ships sail out of Sunderland?

At around 2.30pm on Saturday 14th July 2018, the ships will start moving out from the River Wear and the Port of Sunderland to congregate at sea for the spectacular Parade of Sail. The prime viewing location for this will be Roker and Seaburn at Event Zone D. The ships will be sailing north, up to and in line with Souter Point, to unfurl their sails before turning back south-east to the start line which will be roughly due east from the Roker Pier and Lighthouse

41. Where are the best views of the ships?

You will have fantastic views of the ships from many places including Zones A, C and D as well as from the Wearmouth Bridge and National Glass Centre, Don't forget Zone D on Saturday for the Parade of Sail!

The Observation wheel located at the show field next to the main Port entrance will have the most amazing views of all the ships and city. Please note a charge will apply.

42. Are there any Sunderland residents sailing on the Tall Ships from Sunderland to Esbjerg?

Yes, over 120 Sunderland residents will set sail on a Tall Ship adventure to Esbjerg, they will then take part in the festivities in Esbjerg including the Crew Parade and enjoying what is sure to be a warm welcome from the Danish people. All Sail Trainees are listed in the Souvenir Event Guide, read more about them at www.tallshipssunderland.com

43. How can I find out how the races are progressing when the Tall Ships leave Sunderland?

When the Race commences you can have fun tracking your favourite ships and following the progress of the Tall Ships at www.sailtraininginternational.org/yb-satellite-tracking

44. How do I find out more about The Tall Ships Races?

You can find out lots of useful information about The Tall Ships Races and Sail Training as an activity at www.sailtraininginternational.org and www.sailtraininginternational.org/sailonboard

EVERYTHING ABOUT PARKING

45. Are there any Park and Ride sites?

An extensive Park and Ride plan is in place and tickets are available to purchase through the website at <https://www.tallshipssunderland.com/shop/parking>

There are 5 Park and Ride car parks, details are shown in the table below:

<u>Park and Ride Site Location</u>	<u>Buses will operate TO Event Zones</u>	<u>Buses will operate FROM Event Zones</u> <u>Note – buses will run if there are still queues</u>	<u>Drop Off Tue ONLY</u>	<u>Drop Off Wed to Fri</u>	<u>Drop Off Sat ONLY</u>
Deptford Terrace SR4 6DF	TUES: 10am – 8.30pm WED: 9.30am – 8.30pm THUR: 9.30am – 8.30pm FRI: 9.30am – 8.30pm SAT: 9.30am – 8.30pm	TUES: 10.30am – 10pm WED: 10am – 11pm THUR: 10am – 11pm FRI: 10am – 11pm SAT: 10am – 9pm	Event Zone B – Town Moor	Event Zone B – Town Moor	Event Zone C – St Peter's
Downhill SR5 4BB	WED: 9.30am – 8.30pm THUR: 9.30am – 8.30pm FRI: 9.30am – 8.30pm SAT: 9.30am – 8.30pm	WED: 10am – 11pm THUR: 10am – 11pm FRI: 10am – 11pm SAT: 10am – 9pm	N/A	For Zones A & B (drop off at Zone B Town Moor)	Event Zone D – Seafront
Herrington Country Park DH4 7EL	WED: 9.30am – 8.30pm THUR: 9.30am – 8.30pm FRI: 9.30am – 8.30pm SAT: 9.30am – 8.30pm	WED: 10am – 11pm THUR: 10am – 11pm FRI: 10am – 11pm SAT: 10am – 9pm	N/A	For Zones A & B (drop off at Zone B Town Moor)	Event Zone C – St Peter's
Fulwell Quarry SR5 1JT	TUES: 10am – 8.30pm WED: 9.30am – 8.30pm THUR: 9.30am – 8.30pm FRI: 9.30am – 8.30pm SAT: 9.30am – 8.30pm	TUES: 10.30am – 10pm WED: 10am – 11pm THUR: 10am – 11pm FRI: 10am – 11pm SAT: 10am – 9pm	Event Zone C – St Peter's	Event Zone C – St Peter's	Event Zone D – Seafront
Seaburn Camp SR6 8AA	WED: 9.30am – 8.30pm THUR: 9.30am – 8.30pm FRI: 9.30am – 8.30pm SAT: 9.30am – 8.30pm	WED: 10am – 11pm THUR: 10am – 11pm FRI: 10am – 11pm SAT: 10am – 9pm	N/A	Event Zone C – St Peter's	Event Zone D – Seafront

All Park and Ride sites will open 30 minutes before the first bus departs.

Note: 24hour security will operate at Park and Ride sites for the duration of the event.

Overnight parking will not be accommodated

46. Can I pre-book my Park and Ride ticket/s?

Yes, pre-book your Park and Ride tickets at a reduced cost of £10. Buy your ticket online here: www.tallshipssunderland.com/shop/parking

The charge covers up to 5 people on the Park and Ride bus to the Event Zones. The pre-booked Park and Ride ticket also includes use of the event shuttle bus for all car

passengers, which operates on a hop-on, hop-off basis, between Event Zone C and Event Zone A, throughout the event.

Additional Park and Ride tickets will be charged at £4 per person. Children aged 4 and under travel free of charge.

47. Can I purchase a Park and Ride ticket on the day?

Yes, tickets bought on the day will be charged at £4 per passenger. This enables you to park your car and to ride on the event shuttle bus.

48. Is there a Park and Walk facility?

Yes, details are shown in the table below.

DAY	PARK AND WALK SITE LOCATION	OPENING TIMES
TUESDAY 10TH	Not available	Not available
WEDNESDAY 11TH	Sunderland Association Football Club Stadium Of Light, Sunderland, Tyne And Wear, SR5 1SU	9.30am – 11pm
THURSDAY 12TH	Sunderland Association Football Club Stadium Of Light, Sunderland, Tyne And Wear, SR5 1SU	9.30am – 11pm
FRIDAY 13TH	Sunderland Association Football Club Stadium Of Light, Sunderland, Tyne And Wear, SR5 1SU	9.30am – 11pm
SATURDAY 14TH	Seaburn Camp Whitburn Road Seaburn Sunderland SR6 8AA	9.30am – 9pm

Premium Park and Walk is available at Zone C

Premium PRE BOOK price per car - £15. Includes shuttle bus ticket for driver and up to 4 passengers for full day.

Premium PRICE TO PAY ON THE DAY per car - £25

Does not include shuttle bus

DAY	PREMIUM PARK AND WALK SITE LOCATION	OPENING TIMES
TUESDAY 10TH	St Peter's University East, Event Zone C	10am – 10pm
WEDNESDAY 11TH	St Peter's University East, Event Zone C	9.30am – 11pm
THURSDAY 12TH	St Peter's University East, Event Zone C	9.30am – 11pm
FRIDAY 13TH	St Peter's University East, Event Zone C	9.30am – 11pm
SATURDAY 14TH	St Peter's University East, Event Zone C	9.30am – 9pm

49. Where is there parking for Blue Badge holders?

There will be a designated Blue Badge holder parking at Event Zone C, St Peters.

Pre-booked Blue Badge Parking tickets cost £10 per day. These spaces are accessible (equivalent to one and a half standard size spaces)

Blue Badge Parking tickets purchased on the day will cost £20 per day (subject to availability)

Accessible 'Hop-on, hop-off' event shuttle bus services will be in operation to transport visitors between Event Zones C and B. The ticket is included in the cost of the pre-booked Blue Badge Parking tickets.

50. Can we get any Park and Ride bus back to our car park?

No, different buses will go to different car parks. Bus numbers will correspond with the Park and Ride site number i.e. Site 1 will be bus PR1. There will be clear signage at each pick up/drop off location and bus staff will be on hand to offer advice to passengers.

51. Is there Coach Parking and how much is it?

Yes, Coach Parking is at Stadium of Light, Hay Street, SR5 1BG.

Event Zone drop off points will be available for coaches and Event Zones are within walking distance from the Coach Park.

Pre-booked coach parking tickets cost £40 per day.
Please note spaces are 3.5m x 14m.

Coach Parking tickets purchased on the day will be charged at £60 per day (subject to availability)

There will be capacity for up to 35 coaches. Early booking is recommended.

Coach passengers will need to purchase event shuttle bus tickets for the day if required

52. How do I purchase Coach Parking tickets?

Coach Park tickets are available to purchase online at the event website
<https://www.tallshipssunderland.com/shop/parking>

53. Do Coach Parking costs include VAT and will we be issued with a receipt on the day or if we book on-line in advance?

Prices are inclusive of VAT, receipts will be issued with your booking confirmation when booking in advance, or issued to the driver when paying on the day.

54. How far is it to walk to the Event Zones from the Coach Park?

Event Zone C is within 600m (0.4 mile) walking distance and Event Zone A is within 1.7km (1.1 miles).

55. Where can coaches drop off and pick up near the event?

Coaches can either drop off at St Peter's Way or Barrack Street Entrance. You need to complete the 'further coach information sheet' when booking your coach parking space this will allow you access the drop off points.

56. Are there free toilet facilities for passenger/drivers to use at the Coach Park?

Yes there will be temporary toilet facilities located within the Coach Parking area.

GETTING AROUND THE EVENT ZONES

57. Will there be event shuttle buses operating between the Event Zones?

Yes, there will be multiple event shuttle buses operating on a continuous loop with a bus approximately every 10 minutes from Zone B (short walk from Zone A) to Zone C. On Saturday an event shuttle bus will operate every 10 minutes between Event Zones B, C and D Please be advised that you may be required to queue at busy times.

58. Will the event shuttle buses be free?

Children under aged 4 years and below will travel free, however passengers aged 5 and over will need to purchase a 'Tall Ships Day Ticket' priced at £2.00 per person per day. You can use the event shuttle bus as many times as you wish on the day you have purchased a ticket for.

59. Can we use the event shuttle bus between Event Zones if we haven't parked in a Park and Ride site?

Yes, event shuttle bus travel tickets will be available to purchase on the bus at £2 per person per day.

60. How far is it to walk between Event Zones?

Please see table below which shows walking distance between each event zone and approximately the time that should take when walking at a medium pace.

ZONE	A Port of Sunderland	B Town Moor	C St Peter's	D Seafront
A Port of Sunderland	NOT APPLICABLE	0.6km/ 0.4miles 7 minutes	2.3km/ 1.4miles 31 minutes	4.2km/ 2.6 miles 60 minutes
B Town Moor and East End	0.6km/ 0.4miles 7 minutes	NOT APPLICABLE	2.2km/ 1.4miles 28 minutes	4.1km/ 2.6miles 54 minutes
C St Peter's	2.3km/ 1.4miles 31 minutes	2.2km/ 1.4miles 28 minutes	NOT APPLICABLE	2km/ 1.2 miles 25 minutes
D Seafront	4.2km/ 2.6 miles 60 minutes	4.1km/ 2.6 miles 54 minutes	2km/ 1.2 miles 25 minutes	NOT APPLICABLE

61. Which roads will be affected by the event?

Road closures will be announced at the end of June. Please check the event website www.tallshipsunderland.com for details.

62. Is there a train/bus station nearby?

Yes, Sunderland has a centrally located train station, bus interchange and metro rail service. All areas are well serviced by taxis. For more information on travel and transport questions, go to the event website

<https://www.tallshipssunderland.com/sunderland-2018/how-to-get-here>

63. Can I bring my bicycle?

Yes, you can bring your bicycle in to all Event Zones except Zone A at the Port of Sunderland, however there will be a Bicycle Hub to leave a bicycle adjacent to Event Zone A.

Bicycle Hubs will also be available at Event Zones B, C and D to leave bicycles.

Please note bicycles are left at all Bicycle Hubs at owners risk and should be locked securely with a lock that you will need to bring with you. Security personnel will be monitoring the facilities. Use of the facilities is free.

FINDING OUT MORE

64. Are there any promotional leaflets available?

Yes these are available on request. There are also posters available to download from the event website's resource centre:

<https://www.tallshipssunderland.com/download-resource-centre>

65. What else can I do in Sunderland during my visit?

Loads of things....from its heritage and history, wonderful parks and museums to its modern underground music scene there is enough to do in Sunderland to keep you busy for the entire summer holiday period. Check out the See It Do It website for more details <http://www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk>

66. Is there a shopping centre nearby?

Yes, The Bridges Shopping Centre is located in the heart of the city centre.

Opening Times are:

Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday: 9am – 5.30pm

Thursday: 9am – 8pm

Friday/ Saturday: 9am – 5.30pm

Sunday: 11am – 5pm

Website: <http://www.thebridges-shopping.com>

67. How can I keep up to date with information about the event?

We regularly update our website www.tallshipssunderland.com and social media accounts with key information. You can follow us on twitter - @TallShipsSund, Facebook – TallShipsRacesSunderland and Instagram - tallshipssunderland

You can sign up for our newsletter on the homepage of the event website to receive all the latest news <https://www.tallshipssunderland.com>

68. How can I support the event?

Plan to visit the event and tell your family and friends. Visiting the event, following the event social media channels, using the event hashtag #wearonboard in your posts and sharing information with your friends and family are all ways that you can support the event and make sure as many people as possible visit the event and enjoy it.

ANYTHING ELSE ?

69. Is there anything else happening within the area or wider region following the Tall Ships?

27 – 29 July Sunderland Airshow 2018 This spectacular event celebrates its 30th anniversary and is set to see the return of some of the favourite aircrafts, plus some exciting new additions for 2018. With a whole host of activity on the ground, and plenty of space to sit down and enjoy the spectacle, the 30th airshow is not to be missed. For full details visit www.seeitdoitsunderland.co.uk/sunderland-airshow-2018

22 June - 9 September - Great Exhibition of the North is a free, summer-long celebration of the North of England's pioneering spirit. For 80 days you can expect family-friendly fun, immersive experiences, hands-on activities and mind-expanding exploration.

This is the North of innovation, the North of design and art, the North of big ideas. Be dazzled and amazed, find out more at www.getnorth2018.com

70. All these Questions and Answers are great but I have a specific question – who can I contact?

Please email TallShipsProjectOffice@sunderland.gov.uk or call 0750 055 2085 and we will get back to you