



**BRIG ROALD AMUNDSEN**

**HEADING FOR AMERICA  
TO RACE  
ON THE GREAT LAKES**

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On board an everchanging mélange of people of all ages, from different nationalities and many walks of life unite as trainees and regulars form a crew and sail the brig, building strong teams and real bonds through hands-on experience. The regular crew is made up of enthusiastic volunteers. Some of them have nautical careers, others spend their 'normal' lives far away from the sea. But all are united by the fascination of sailtraining and traditional seamanship and dedicate their time to the charity operating the Sail Training vessel ROALD AMUNDSEN.

Join her, sail from Martinique up the American Coast to Halifax - cruise the western waters of the Atlantic for a lifetime experience, learning the ropes on a Windjammer and become truly part of the crew. She will reach Halifax during the first days of June, meet other vessels heading into the St Lawrence Seaway and set course to Montreal, where she is scheduled to arrive mid June. Significant voyage fee reductions are available for both voyages up to 50%.

ROALD AMUNDSEN offers Sail Training experiences for beginners as well as young and old salts. The Brig ROALD AMUNDSEN operates all year around with voyages lasting between one and three weeks.

She is crewed and maintained by a large group of enthusiastic regular crew members, entirely on a volunteer basis. Introducing first-time trainees to life at sea is part of the permanent program hand in hand with training & qualifying the regular crew. Leaving about 13k nautical miles annually in her wake, the ROALD AMUNDSEN trains about 400-500 people and is kept running and shipshape through approx. 5000 mandays of work donated by the group of regular crew members.

Join the Tall Ship on this side of the Atlantic - Welcome on board the ROALD AMUNDSEN, you're part of the crew!

Visit us at <http://www.sailtraining.de/index.php?id=28&L=1> and follow the crew through the wide open seas with the daily news feed at <http://www.sailtraining.de/tagesmeldungen.html?&L=1>

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Run by the LLaS e.V., a German charity organization, the Brig ROALD AMUNDSEN will be the only German Tall Ship to take part in this year's TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE®. Together with numerous other traditionally rigged ships from different countries she will make her way along the North American East Coast and through the St. Lawrence Seaway into the Great Lakes. In voyages the crew and trainees of all ages experience the practice of traditional seamanship and during harbor festivals enjoy the company and exchange with people from other nationalities.

The spectacular maritime event Great Lakes United TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® is organized by the American Sail Training Association (ASTA) with the support of US and Canadian harbors. From June to August ROALD AMUNDSEN will race all five Great Lakes and on her way will be guest in Toronto, Cleveland, Bay City, Duluth, Green Bay, and Chicago, visiting Erie and Montreal before setting sail to Europe again.

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## THE SHIP

*Brig ROALD AMUNDSEN* - a traditional ship that sails the seven seas, rigged as a brig in Wolgast, Germany in 1992 after extensive refitting of the hull; initially designed & built in Rosslau, Elbe in 1952 as a deep sea fish lugger, she served for the former East German military fleet in her first life.

Sails:	850m <sup>2</sup> (>1000 yd <sup>2</sup> ) on 18 sails
Sparred Length:	50.2 m / 164 ft
Total Mast Height:	34 m/111.6 ft
Draught:	4.2 m/13.8 ft
Engine:	220kw (300hp) diesel 8-cyl. Buckau Wolf
Trainees:	32
Regular Crew, Volunteers:	16
Home Port:	Eckernförde (Germany)

## LLaS e.V. - THE ASSOCIATION

Members:	approx. 1000
Regular Crew, trained to sail the ship:	approx 600
Trainees per year:	430 - 600
Registered: Ship's Office:	Hamburg, Germany Eckernförde, near Kiel on the Baltic Sea's coast, Germany
Status	non for profit, fiscally recognized as a charity



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## VOYAGE SCHEDULE:

Great Lakes United TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® 2010  
Great Lakes & St Lawrence Seaway

Toronto, Ontario	June 30 – July 4
Cleveland, Ohio	July 7 - 11
Bay City, Michigan	July 15 - 18
Duluth, Minnesota	July 29 – August 1
Green Bay, Wisconsin	August 12 - 15
Chicago, Illinois	August 24 – 29
Erie, Pennsylvania	September 9 - 12
Montreal, Quebec	September 16-19

For further information about the ship, the association LebenLernen auf Segelschiffen e.V. and the download of photos please visit our homepage  
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