



SET SAIL FOR AN ACTION-PACKED TALL SHIPS WEEKEND!

The magnificent Tall Ships return to the River Mersey this Bank Holiday weekend for the **Three Festivals Tall Ships Regatta**, which runs from 25 - 28 May.

During the festival, Wirral and Liverpool are hosting an exciting line-up of family-friendly events to celebrate our maritime connections – past, present and future. Wirral's waterfront will ring with the sounds of the sea, with specially commissioned creative performances by local groups as well as internationally renowned artists. The programme of entertainment and events has been organised by Wirral Council as part of the **Imagine Wirral** initiative.

To see the Tall Ships in all their glory, New Brighton will be the place to be on **Monday 28 May**. The ships will be making their way onto the river for the Parade of Sail before sailing into Liverpool Bay for the start of their race to Dublin.

Read on to find out more about what's in store for the Tall Ships weekend. You can find more information on the [Imagine Wirral](#) website, follow [@ImagineWirral](#) on Twitter for updates, and use #TallShipsWirral.

WHAT'S ON

There's something for everyone over the festival weekend and all events and activities are FREE.

BIRKENHEAD

ANIMATED SQUARE

Hamilton Square

Sunday 27 May - Open from 6pm - late



Birkenhead Town Hall becomes the canvas for a spectacular 3D projection by award-winning Illuminos inspired by Birkenhead's people, places and history. Before the unmissable main event, there will be stunning one-off performances from specially commissioned artists and community groups in and around Hamilton Square, as well as a selection of quality food and drink stalls and creative and circus activities.

NEW BRIGHTON

SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE SEA

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 May 11am - 4pm

Marine Point and Marine Lake



While the Tall Ships are resting in port over in Liverpool, you'll find a shoal of family-friendly workshops and watery-themed performers in New Brighton, including giant sea creatures, and even some surprising ships funnels!

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

From Friday 25 May, Marine Point

Lighting the Bottle ceremony: Saturday 26 May, 6.30pm onwards at Marine Lake



Be sure to add your message to artist Lulu Quinn's beautiful 'Message in a Bottle' installation at Marine Point on Friday 25 May before it floats into position on Marine Lake before the sun sets on Saturday 26 May.

This thought-provoking work carries a poignant environmental message about the impact of plastic on our seas.

Join us to see the bottle light up with the help of beautiful water ballerinas and a real life mermaid.

PARADE OF SAIL DAY

Monday 28 May, all day

Wirral Waterfront & New Brighton



Live music from local choirs and artists and spectacular street theatre performances will be taking place along the promenade from Seacombe to New Brighton, as we wave farewell to the magnificent vessels and their crews.

Follow the Parade of Song, take a ride on a very special life boat, say hello to a living mermaid or have a selfie with sea creatures on the shore - come and join the maritime magic for a day you will never forget!

CONTINENTAL FOOD MARKET

Saturday 26 May, 10am - 8pm

Sunday 27 & Monday 28 May, 10am - 6pm



Grab a bite to eat from the food and drink market, offering a taste of foreign shores along New Brighton's Ian Fraser Walk.



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