

Tall Ships' Races (formerly *Operation Sail*) is a rally of the world's greatest sailing-vessels, mostly connected with regattas and occasional spectacles and shows, organized by The Sail Training Association with the aim of popularizing the idea of education of youth on board of large sailing-ships. It is held since 1938 and gathers the largest sailing-vessels cruising the seas and oceans.

Inseparably from the Tall Ships' Race, short wave amateurs promote their activity. Short-wave communicators, co-operating with Rally organizers activate their radio stations, linking the noble ideas of youth naval education with activity over the ether waves. Polish radio amateurs also add their efforts to cultivate this tradition. In 1992 the amateur radio station with the call-sign of SP0OSG and in 2003 a station with the SN0OSG call-sign were active on the air. Both stations were operated by radio amateurs from the Maritime Radio Club *Szkuner* (SP2ZIE) from Gdynia.

In 2009 sailing-ships will start the Tall Ships' Races 2009 regatta by calling at Polish ports between 2 – 5 July. Again, several thousand sails will flap at Gdynia harbour. Polish radio amateurs will also pack on their sails on ether waves, disseminating the good news about the noble event among their friends all over the globe. In order to render this years' Sail Rally more attractive we have decided to invite all hams to a common 'party on the air'; this will certainly help us to meet the most magnificent sailing-vessels and Gdynia, our beautiful city.

We present below the rules of the planned activity on the air, in which every licensed radio amateur or short-wave listener may take part and which will enable them to obtain a commemorative certificate and even a Frigate Captain's trophy.

RULES OF THE "TALL SHIPS' RACES GDYNIA 2009 ON THE AIR" GAME

1. Designation: Tall Ships' Races Gdynia 2009 on the Air
2. Purpose: Popularization of naval education and Tall Ship's racers regatta and the town of Gdynia.
3. Organizers: Maritime Radio Club *Szkuner* SP2ZIE at the Maritime University in Gdynia, PZK Regional Division of Pomorze, Gdynia Municipal Office, Organizer's Radio Station SN2009TSR.
4. Patronate: Rector of the Maritime University in Gdynia.
5. Period: **July 1st to July 7th, 2009.**
6. Frequency bands and emissions; any
7. Participating radio stations:

No.	Prefix	Suffix	Operator	No. of masts	Sailing-ship*	Country Flag
1	SN09	T	SP2AVE	IV masts	Sedov	Russia
2	SN09	A	SP2IST	III masts	Estelle	Finland
3	SN09	L	SP2UUU	II masts	Tre Kronor Af Stockholm	Sweden
4	SP09	L	SP2PMW	I mast	Rupel	Belgium
5	SN09	S	SP2UU	I mast	St IV	Estonia
6	SN09	H	SQ2RH	I mast	Astrid	Netherlands
7	SN09	I	SQ2IHP	I mast	Etoile Horizon	France
8	SN09	P	SP2AYC	II masts	Georg Stage	Denmark
9	SP09	S	SP2PZH	III masts	Statsraad Lehmkuhl	Norway
10	SN09	R	SP2IQW	III masts	Brabander	Lithuania
11	SP09	A	SP2YRY	I mast	Kaliakra	Bulgaria
12	SN09	C	SP2QOY	II masts	Lord Nelson	England
13	SN09	E	SP2GCE	I mast	Runaway	Italy
14	SQ09	S	SP2YWL	IV masts	Alexander von Humboldt	Germany
15	SN50ZAGLE		SQ5GLB	II masts	Spaniel	Latvia
16	SN2009TSR		SP2ZIE	Joker	Dar Młodzieży	Poland

* The largest number of masts sailing-vessels each of the participating countries do not correspond to the quantity of masts in the game.

8. Procedure: the purpose is to „sink“ on the ether waves an appropriate number of masts (i.e. to conduct QSOs with stations marked with names of sailing-ships having the proper number of masts – the “Joker” station stands for any missing number of masts from 1 to 4.
9. Scoring:
 - I. Frigate Class
 - a) SP stations – 20 masts
 - b) Stations outside SP – 15 masts
 - c) VHF stations – 10 masts
 - II. Brigantine Class
 - a) SP stations – 15 masts
 - b) Stations outside SP – 10 masts
 - c) VHF stations - 10 masts
 - III. Schooner Class
 - a) SP stations - 10 masts
 - b) Stations outside SP – 8 masts
 - c) VHF stations – 5 masts
10. Stations which conduct QSOs with all participating stations, completing the name of the Rally consisting of suffixes, and with the Organizer's station, receive the Frigate Captain's Trophy.
11. The certificate is available to SWL stations.
12. Applications, exclusively in electronic form, should be mailed until August 1st 2009 to: sp2zie@gmail.com
13. Applications should be made according to the GCR list.
14. Confirmation of QSOs by QSL cards is not required. Verification of contacts will occur through checks of participating station logs.
15. The certificate is issued free and is issued in electronic form. The certificate will be mailed to the e-mail address indicated in the application, not later than December 31st, 2009.

We invite you to join the fun of the game and we wish you sinking all masts !