

Press-Release Hanse Sail



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The 21st Hanse Sail August 11th to 14th 2011 was a maritime highlight

The Hanse Sail Rostock is one of the biggest maritime festivals with of traditional sailing ships and museum ships in the world. Since 1991, the maritime public festival takes place annually on the 2. weekend in August. About 250 participating ships attract one million visitors to come.

The 21st edition of Hanse Sail was an exceptional maritime festival, in particular by the attractiveness of the registered traditional sailing ships and museum ships. More than a dozen windjammers was counted: so many as never before.

Stars of the this year's Hanse Sail were the 90 years-old "Sedov" and the 85 years-old "Kruzenshtern" (both Russia). The oldest full-rigged sailing ship, the "Sorlandet" (1927, Norway) was one of the most visited guest ships. The organizers welcomed the sail training ship "Gorch Fock" (German Navy, the stylish clipper "Stad Amsterdam" (2000, Netherlands) or the full-rigged ships "Dar Młodzieży" (1982, Poland) and its sister "Mir" (1987, Russia). The barque with the green sails, the famous German "Alexander von Humboldt" took the opportunity to say goodbye to her friends in eastern Germany. She's 105 years old, for sale and going to be replaced by the "Alex II" already this year. The windjammer-fleet was completed by the 100 years-old "Eye of the Wind" (Denmark), the German "Roald Amundsen" (1952) or even the Dutch barque "Artemis" (1926). The French gaff ketch "Notre-Dame des Flots" (1942) was special welcomed, because traditional vessels from Europe's Atlantic coast a rare guests in Baltic waters, who knows why?

But a Hollywood star took most attention: the "Bounty", a well done replica, constructed 1961 for the legendary "Mutiny on Bounty" with Marlon Brando, crossed the Atlantic to participate in Baltic's most popular event for traditional ships.

22nd Hanse Sail Rostock will take place August 9th to 12th 2012.

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