

INS TARANGINI



INS Tarangini Departs for “Lokayan-2015”

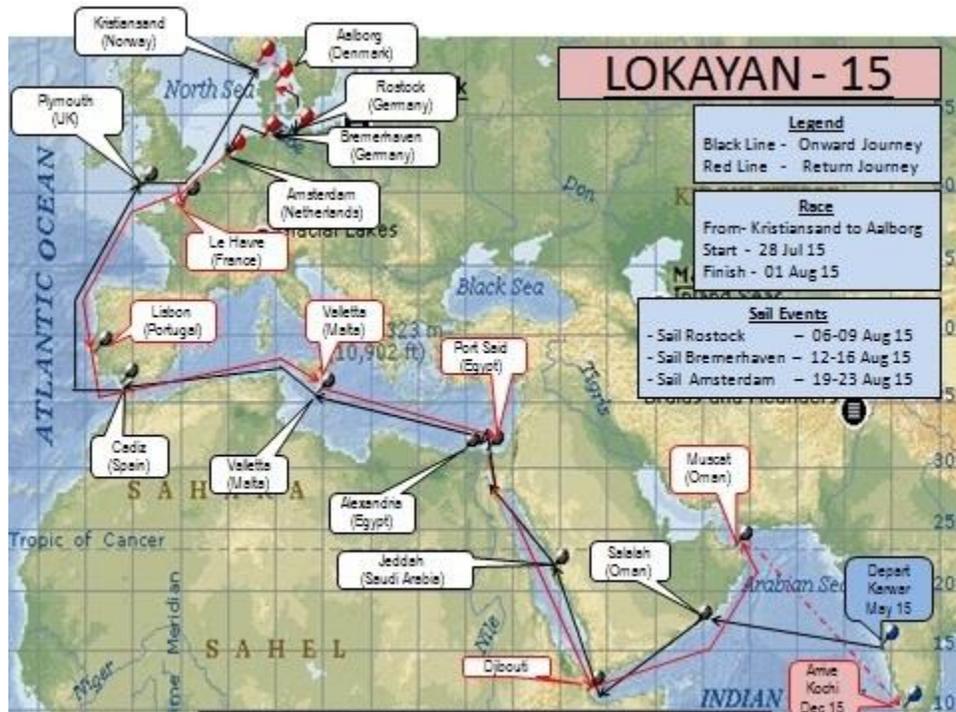
Indian Naval Ship *Tarangini*, the Sail Training Ship of Indian Navy will be arriving in Kristiansand, Norway around July 25. The Sail ship will be in the port city till July 28 before participating in the Tall Ship Race from Kristiansand to Aalborg, Denmark.

On 27 Apr 15, INS *Tarangini* left Kochi on an eight month voyage through Europe to participate in the annual Tall Ship Races and other events organised under the aegis of Sail Training International. During these eight months the ship will travel approximately 17 000 miles under sail through the Red Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the North Sea. The ship will, during her voyage will visit 17 ports in 14 countries as an embodiment of Indian Navy’s broadening reach for the purpose of securing a safe maritime environment besides being a goodwill ambassador towards enhancing diplomatic relations. The theme for LOKAYAN -15 has thus been chosen as “TACKING FOR A BROADER REACH”.. In addition to the Tall Ship Races in Europe the ship is also scheduled to participate in first ever race with the newly acquired Oman Navy’s Sail Training Ship *Shabab Al Oman*, from Muscat in Oman to Kochi in India.

INS *Tarangini*, a three masted barque, built in Goa Shipyard Ltd and commissioned on 11 Nov 1997, is manned by 06 officers, 40 sailors and 30 trainees. It was constructed in Goa to a design by the British naval architect Colin Mudie, and launched on 1 December 1995. In 2003-04, she became the first Indian naval ship to circumnavigate the globe. The Navy believes that training onboard these ships is the best method of instilling among the trainees the indefinable ‘sea-sense’ and respect for elements of nature which are inseparable from safe and successful seafaring. *Tarangini*, thus provides an ideal setting for first-hand experience of the natural elements towards imparting training

The ship last sailed to Europe in 2005 with the aim of ‘strengthening the bridges of friendship across the seas’. She called at 16 ports in 13 countries covering a distance

of over 15,000 nautical miles. She participated in the International Fleet Review and International Festival of the Sea at Portsmouth, tall ship races organized by Sail Training International, Sail Bremerhaven and the Sail Amsterdam Sea Festival before returning to India. Tarangini won The Royal Thames Yacht Club Challenge Trophy in 2005 at Europe and stood third in Youth Sailing Division in 2007 in the USA



This year's Tall Ship Races will be conducted primarily off the coast of United Kingdom, Norway, Denmark, Germany and Netherlands. INS Tarangini will also participate in the associated sail events such as Sail Rostock, Sail Bremerhaven in Germany and Sail Amsterdam in the Netherlands. About 300 Sail ships of various sizes from all over the world are expected to participate in this year's events. Tarangini comes under the category of a Class 'A' Sail Ships, the largest of the sailing fleet. During this voyage, the Indian trainees would also get an opportunity to sail on foreign vessels as part of exchange of trainees.

During the last 15 years Tarangini has participated in 13 expeditions sailing over 188,000 nautical miles (348,000 km; 216,000 mi), remaining at sea for over 2,100 days, visiting 74 ports in 39 countries and transforming young naval cadets into mariners.