



# Maritime Blue Tall Ship Voyage

## Terms and Conditions for Participants (Trainees)

### Voyage Details

Seattle to San Francisco aboard the *Statsraad Lehmkuhl*

Departure: October 27, 2025

Duration: 8 nights / 9 days

## WELCOME ABOARD

Thank you for joining Washington Maritime Blue for this extraordinary journey aboard the historic *Statsraad Lehmkuhl*. Please read the terms and conditions and code of conduct before purchasing a ticket. By purchasing a ticket you agree to the following terms.

Questions about the Terms and Conditions should be directed to [devon@maritimeblue.org](mailto:devon@maritimeblue.org)

# TRAINEE TICKETING CONTRACT, AGREEMENT, AND LIABILITY WAIVER

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**1. AGREEMENT TO TERMS** By purchasing a ticket and/or participating in the voyage aboard the Statsraad Lehmkuhl ("Voyage"), the individual ("Trainee") agrees to the terms outlined in this Trainee Ticketing Contract ("Agreement"). This Agreement forms a binding contract between Trainee and Washington Maritime Blue ("Company").

**2. VOYAGE DESCRIPTION** The voyage is a maritime adventure on the Statsraad Lehmkuhl from Seattle, WA to San Francisco, CA. Activities may include sailing participation, ship maintenance, educational programming, and shore excursions, depending on weather and operational conditions.

**3. TICKET PRICE AND PAYMENT** Ticket prices are determined by the tiered pricing structure at the time of purchase. Full payment is required at the time of ticket purchase. Ticket purchases are non-refundable after August 17, 2025, except in cases where the voyage is canceled by the Company.

## 4. CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

- Trainee-initiated cancellations before August 17, 2025: 50% refund of amounts paid.
- Trainee-initiated cancellations after August 17, 2025: No refund.
- Voyage cancellation by Company: Full refund.
- Company is not responsible for any incidental costs incurred by the Trainee (e.g., travel arrangements, insurance).

**5. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK** Trainee voluntarily assumes all risks associated with sailing, including but not limited to injury, illness, property loss, death, rough weather, ship movement, and other inherent dangers of ocean travel. Trainee agrees to release and hold harmless the Company, its officers, employees, volunteers, affiliates, and the Statsraad Lehmkuhl from any and all claims.

**6. BAGGAGE LIMITATIONS** Trainee understands and agrees that storage space on board is limited. Baggage is limited to one small duffel or suitcase and one personal item. Oversized or excess luggage may be denied boarding.

**7. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** Trainee is responsible for the care and custody of their personal belongings at all times. Company is not liable for loss, theft, or damage to any trainee property.

**8. MEDICAL CONDITIONS** Trainee affirms they are physically fit to participate in a maritime voyage. Trainee must disclose any medical conditions, allergies, or special needs during registration. Company reserves the right to deny participation if medical needs cannot be safely accommodated.

**9. BEHAVIOR AND CODE OF CONDUCT** Trainee agrees to:

- Respect ship crew, fellow trainees, and staff.
- Abide by safety instructions and ship regulations.
- Refrain from illegal drug use.
- Moderate alcohol consumption (subject to ship rules).
- Avoid behavior that endangers themselves or others. Failure to comply may result in removal from the voyage without refund.

**10. YOUTH PASSENGERS (AGE 15-17)** Trainees aged 15-17 must:

- Travel with a parent/guardian, or
- Submit a signed Parental Consent Form and Medical Authorization Form. Unaccompanied minors may be required to participate in chaperoned groups.

**11. IMAGE RELEASE** Trainee grants permission to Company to use photographs, videos, and testimonials for marketing, documentation, or educational purposes, unless they opt out in writing before departure.

**12. COVID-19 / HEALTH PROTOCOLS** Trainee agrees to comply with any health and safety protocols that may be in place at the time of the voyage, including but not limited to testing, vaccination, and mask-wearing requirements, if applicable.

**13. INDEMNIFICATION** Trainee agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Company, its affiliates, and its employees from any loss, liability, damage, or costs arising from their participation in the voyage or from their violation of this Agreement.

**14. FORCE MAJEURE** Company shall not be liable for delay or failure to perform its obligations if such delay or failure is caused by events beyond reasonable control, including but not limited to natural disasters, governmental actions, epidemics, labor disputes, mechanical failures, or acts of terrorism.

**15. TRAVEL INSURANCE RECOMMENDATION** Company strongly recommends that Trainees purchase comprehensive travel insurance to cover unexpected cancellations, medical emergencies, and trip interruptions.

**16. TICKET TRANSFERABILITY** Tickets are non-transferable without the prior written approval of the Company. Any transfer requests must be made no later than September 15, 2025.

**17. DENIAL OF BOARDING** Company reserves the right to deny boarding to any Trainee who fails to comply with payment obligations, health protocols, conduct expectations, or other terms of this Agreement.

**18. EVENT CHANGES** Company reserves the right to modify the itinerary, schedule, ports of call, or programming due to weather, safety concerns, operational requirements, or other circumstances beyond its control, without refund obligation.

**19. ACCESSIBILITY** Trainee understands that the Statsraad Lehmkuhl is a historic sailing vessel with physical access limitations, including stairs, narrow corridors, and uneven surfaces. The ship may not be fully accessible to individuals with mobility impairments.

**20. LATE ARRIVAL POLICY** Trainees must arrive at the designated embarkation point by the specified time. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of passage without refund. The ship will depart as scheduled and cannot wait for late arrivals.

**21. CONTACT INFORMATION** For any questions or concerns related to this Agreement, please contact Washington Maritime Blue at [bjorn@maritimeblue.org](mailto:bjorn@maritimeblue.org).

**22. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, USA. Any legal action or proceeding shall be brought exclusively in the courts located in King County, Washington.

**23. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** By purchasing a ticket and/or boarding the Statsraad Lehmkuhl, Trainee acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agreed to all terms contained in this Agreement.

# CODE OF CONDUCT

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**All trainees, including Youth Participants, agree to the following:**

### General Conduct

- Treat all crew, staff, and fellow trainees with respect and courtesy.
- Follow all instructions from ship officers, crew, and designated voyage leaders.
- Participate in assigned ship duties, educational sessions, and safety drills.
- Maintain cleanliness in all shared spaces and cabins.

### Behavior Standards

- No possession or use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping devices, or illegal substances by any participant under 21.
- No disruptive, aggressive, threatening, or harassing behavior.
- No entering restricted areas without permission.
- Comply with designated quiet hours and curfew policies.

### Safety

- Always wear appropriate footwear on deck.
- Use harnesses, life vests, and safety equipment when required.
- Immediately report any injuries, unsafe conditions, or incidents to staff.

### Shore Excursions

- Use the buddy system at all times.
- Follow chaperone or group leader instructions.
- Return to ship at the assigned time.

### Youth-Specific Rules

- Youth must remain under supervision of their assigned chaperone.
- Youth must adhere to curfews and group movement policies.
- Any significant misconduct may result in removal from the Voyage at Parent/Guardian expense.

### Violation of Code of Conduct

Violation of any of the above policies may result in:

- Verbal warning
  - Restriction of privileges and/or confinement to quarters
  - Notification of Parent/Guardian
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By adhering to these behavior expectations, we ensure a safe, respectful, and rewarding adventure for everyone aboard the Statsraad Lehmkuhl.