

## **International Race kicks off in Vigo, Spain - Tall Ships Nova Scotia bound!**

The first leg of the international Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge (TSAC) Race kicks off April 30th from Vigo, Spain to Tenerife in the Canary Islands. TSAC is a series of sailing races, cruises, crew rallies and maritime festivals at ports surrounding the Atlantic ocean.

Organized by Sail Training International (STI) in collaboration with the American Sail Training Association (ASTA), the race will cross the Atlantic for Hamilton, Bermuda, setting sail the remainder of the Atlantic coast ports, first stopping in Charleston, South Carolina, then onto Boston, Mass., arriving in Halifax July 16 and departing for the final leg of the race July 20th, scheduled to arrive in Belfast Ireland, August 13-16th.

Among the international vessels signed on for the Halifax leg of the race is one of the world's largest vessels in her class. The Russian Tall Ship, Kruzenshtern, is a four masted barque that was built in 1926 and calls on Kaliningrad and Murmansk, as her home ports. Other ships include; Belle Poule, France; Capitan Miranda, Uruguay; Cisne Branco, Brazil; Concordia, Barbados; Eagle, USA; Etoile, France; Europa The Netherlands; Fazisi, U.S.A; Jolie Brise UK; Mystic USA; Peter von Danzig Germany; Rona II UK; Spirit of Bermuda, Bermuda; Tecla Netherlands; Urania Netherlands; and the Xsaar, of Belgium among many others. The international fleet will be docked in Halifax from July 16-20th and various ports throughout Nova Scotia from July 20th-August 1st.