

Pirates of the Caribbean and other Tall Ships visit Belfast

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Belfast, NORTHERN IRELAND: Pirates of the Caribbean Tall Ship “HMS Bounty”, which featured in Pirates of the Caribbean II: Dead Man's Chest, filmed in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Dominica and The Bahamas, docked with 40 other boats, as part of the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009.

Vessels taking part in the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge 2009 have travelled over 7,000 nautical miles around the North Atlantic Ocean. The race follows the traditional trading route of sailing ships over the centuries.

The voyage started in April at Vigo, Spain stopping at the following ports: Tenerife, Canary Islands; Hamilton, Bermuda; Charleston, USA; Boston, USA; and Halifax, Canada, before finishing in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

The public had the opportunity to visit some of the larger boats along with live music, continental markets, fun fair and various exhibitions. Each night culminated with a large fireworks display in the port.

Training ship for the Portuguese Navy, “The Sagres” hosted a reception, planned by Ms Cecilia Whiteside, Portuguese Consul in Northern Ireland, for 140 invited dignitaries and guests.



L-R: Ms Suzanne Hill, Dr Christopher Stange – Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines in Northern Ireland, Ms Cecilia Whiteside – Portuguese Consul, Mr Pedro Proenca Mendes – Commander of the Sagres and Mrs Margaret Lee – Hon. Consul for New Zealand

Dr Christopher Stange, Hon. Consul for St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) had the honour to attend the event on behalf of the Government of SVG. He commented on the delightful multicultural event and the boost to tourism and the local economy. Around 700,000 people crowded the city's docks for the biggest event ever staged on the island of Ireland. This included holiday-makers who will visit Belfast for the special occasion.

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