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## **Go North East says goodbye planes, hello ships**

As we waved goodbye to the Red Arrows flying over Sunderland for another year, our events team already has its eyes on the next large scale event we are supporting – the Tall Ships Festival in Blyth.

Thanks to the strong reputation we have built for delivering well-run public transport at large scale public events, we have won a new opportunity to support The Tall Ships Regatta at the Port of Blyth on August Bank Holiday.

The Sunderland Airshow was again a big success and we provided a total of 76 buses over the three-day weekend to get visitors in and out of the event, safely and smoothly.

For the Tall Ships event on Friday 26 - Monday 29 August, we will be delivering a Park & Ride scheme and providing additional buses for the 309 service.

Up to 30 of the largest and most spectacular Tall Ships in the world will sail into Blyth for a fantastic four-day festival. There will be lots to see and do with 1.5 miles of entertainment, food and drink, nightly fireworks, live music and grand parades.

If you are attending the event, you can plan your journey on our Cobalt Clipper 309 bus. There are additional 309 buses running throughout the Tall Ships event.

- [Cobalt Clipper Information](#)
- [Timetable for 309 during Tall Ships event](#)

Development manager at Go North East, Mark Ellis said: "Go North East has a great reputation across the North East for providing dedicated transport solutions for big events that attract thousands of visitors to the region.

"We're delighted that Sunderland International Airshow was a great success again this year, with our Park & Ride services being crucial in delivering high volumes of customers to the event from four sites across the City.

"We've also enjoyed welcoming visitors to Kynren at Bishop Auckland and our new Castles Express buses have given people the wow factor with their leather seats, tables and free onboard WiFi."

Councillor Val Tyler, Cabinet member for Arts, Leisure and Culture at Northumberland County Council, said: "The Tall Ships Regatta is the biggest event ever to be held in the county and we are delighted to be working in partnership with Go North East on the Park and Ride provision.

"There will be no event parking in Blyth during the Regatta and residents and visitors travelling in a vehicle to the event can pre-book their Park and Ride

tickets now at a discounted rate at the Tall Ships Blyth website:

<http://www.tallshipsblyth2016.com/parkandride#info>

In September Go North East will be providing buses for the annual Great North Run, helping transport thousands of runners and supporters throughout the event.

The bus operator is also currently delivering support at the open air show, Kyren, in Bishop Auckland, where it is helping get guests from the car parks to the theatre.

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