

WELCOME TO FINNISH NAVAL ACADEMY, SUOMENLINNA



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SWNC INFO

The SWNC-course starts on Tuesday 8th of October at 0815 hrs at the Finnish Naval Academy (FNA), Suomenlinna.

Here is the schedule for the first week:

Finnish Naval Academy Shallow Waters Navigation Course <small>* We reserve the right to and may change our course plans</small>		WEEK PLAN ¹	Week number: 42 / 2023
Time	Monday 7.10.	Tuesday 8.10.	Wednesday 9.10.
08.15	Arrival to naval academy/travelling day	Opening	(navigation brief, Voyage planning, Navigation plan exercise in simulator)
09.15			
10.15			
11.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12.00		4-6 Pre-voyage conference (Nautical charts, Aids to navigation, Chart work) Presentation of the simulator and navigation exercise (Determining position, Presentation of the simulator, Voyage planning, Navigation plan exercise)	Moving to the Upinniemi naval base.
13.00			
14.15			
16.30	Dinner	Dinner icebeaking	Dinner presentation of Fabian Wrede -class
Time	Thursday 10.10.	Friday 11.10.	NOTICES
08.15	Learning how to operate Fabian Wrede-class ship and mooring exercise	Nav brief. Navigation exercise at sea	Needed material: (from Naval Academy) - Pen and paper - Charts - Divider - Parallel ruler - Protractor triangle
09.15			
10.15			
11.00	Lunch Navigation plans for next day	Lunch	
12.00	Mooring and handling exercise	Plans for next weeks	
13.00	Voyage plan inspections/nav brief		
14.15		WEEKEND off duty	
16.30	Dinner Preparing to next day nav brief		
Suomenlinna		Course Leader LTSG Antti Kurkivuori	

The next two weeks we are at sea (from Monday 0800 hrs to Friday 1400 hrs) on the Wrede-class training vessel. The weekends are off duty.

Arriving in Helsinki and the Naval Academy, Suomenlinna

How to get there:

Suomenlinna is accessible only by water. A ferry service (HSL) runs from the Market Square to Suomenlinna throughout the year. [HSL is a joint local authority managing public transport and the transport system in the Helsinki region.](#)

Arriving by ferry:

If you take the morning ferry from Tallinn to Helsinki West Terminal. Take tram number 7 and buy an AB-zone ticket. The ticket is valid for 80 minutes. Travel to Helsinki Kauppatori and take the ferry to Suomenlinna. Timetables in [HSL ferry - Suomenlinna Official Website](#) I will meet you at the Suomenlinna on monday, so give me a call when you know your timetable and ETA.

Arriving by plane:

Kauppatori ferry station where you take the ferry to Suomenlinna. Remember to buy the ferry ticket from the ticket machine (you have to choose the ABC zone).

How to get to Helsinki Airport: You can arrive at Helsinki Airport easily by using public transportation train or bus or taxi. Transfer to the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport takes about 1 - 2 hours.

[To and from Helsinki Airport by car or using public transportation | Finavia](#)

Airport buses

Buses take you close to the terminals smoothly. There are various bus connections to the airport from Helsinki city centre. Airport buses, including Finnair City Bus have frequent daily connections to the airport. [Read more about buses.](#)

Airport train

Trains P and I operate daily from Helsinki city centre to the airport. [Read more about trains.](#)

Taxi

Various taxi agencies operate between the airport and Helsinki city centre, and other nearby towns. Please find out beforehand from which terminal [your flight departs](#), and the taxi will drop you off right in front of the right terminal. [Read more about taxis.](#)

More info about Helsinki and Suomenlinna etc. [Helsinki-Vantaa airport | City of Helsinki](#), [City of Helsinki](#), [Suomenlinna Official Website](#), [Naval Academy - Merivoimat The Finnish Navy](#)

Public transportation has all information in English including stops.

You need to bring the following:

- Shipboard working uniform or equivalent
- warm clothes for working on deck

- rainwear
- personal hygiene products + towel
- sportswear
- service uniform

The FNA will provide the handouts, notebooks, pens etc.

Accommodation:

Sun Oct 15 - Nov 4: Suomenlinna, double dorm room. Co-ed shower, toilets, lounge and kitchen with cooking facilities.

Meals:

During week 1: Lunch and dinner at FNA canteen (FNA offer meals). There is a grocery store in Suomenlinna, 300 m from FNA.

Course contents:

First week: theory and simulator. For training in the simulator we divide in two 3-man teams (conning officer, radar operator and wheelman). We sail combat vessels (LOA 50 m) in the archipelago at 20 kn. Objectives: to study operational environment, voyage planning and MRM.

Second and third week: aboard the Fabian Wrede-class training vessels. In addition to six students the crew has two cooks, CO, OOW, Chief and Engineering Officer. You will work as conning officer and on deck, stand port watch, carry out cleaning chores etc. We sail from Mon 1000 hrs till Friday 1400 hrs (6 - 12 hrs per day. You can stay in the dorm rooms for the weekend.

The course will end on Nov 4, by 1200 hrs. Transfer to the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport takes about 1 - 2 hours.

Leisure time:

First week: classes from 0800 hrs till 1600 hrs. There will be voyage planning in the evenings, but also time for e.g. sports (FNA has a gym, the island fortress is a beautiful place to go jogging). There is less time for leisure activities once we are aboard because of, again, voyage planning and watch duties. The weekends are free.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any problem or you need more information.

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