



SAIL MED and Sail Transport Network are hosting the new inter-island service:

AEGEAN CARGO SAILING

This June, 2017, the sailing vessel *Pelago* will sail to islands such as Evia, Andros, Mykonos, Ikaria and more, as a *freight vessel connecting communities* – showcasing healthy island products and boosting the crucial Greek tourism industry in a ‘clean’ energy fashion.

The *Pelago* will sail the Greek Aegean and make port calls, carrying sustainably transported products and offering our message of smart shipping, clean air and seas, and localized economic health. Our grand finale of the voyage is to bring products to downtown Athens to showcase them and promote the use of clean shipping and the heritage of Greece’s sailing cargo tradition.

Who are we? Sail Transport Network (STN) is the first sail transport organization formed in modern times (1999). SAIL MED is a project of STN. Today, organizations around the world, such as *Fairtransport*, *Timbercoast* and *Sail Cargo* are following the mission and pursuing sail transport. For example, Fairtransport has two engineless cargo sailing ships actively transporting cargo between the Atlantic coast and northern Europe. The niche-market potential for clean-transported goods is growing.

The shipping industry is terribly outdated in its dirty fuel emissions and dangerous dependency on fossil fuels. Shipping pollution greatly harms our air and seas. Today’s conventional cargo shipping, with the world’s 90,000 oil-burning ships, kills 60,000 people a year from toxic emissions. CO2 emissions from maritime shipping are projected to increase by 50-250%, if business as usual continues.

For the glory of the Aegean Sea’s history of sailing – that for millennia connected continents for trade and cultural exchange – our crew hopes that practical, valuable skills will be on the rise for clean maritime transport, small-scale farming and healthy local products. Pedal-power bike carts are part of the distribution network too. Skills need to be revived in all these critical areas.

We welcome interviews, and we appreciate the opportunity to interest the good people of the press in our activities to share with the public for the greater good.



- Charlene Caprio, Jan Christian Lundberg, founders of Aegean Cargo Sailing

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