



36 young activists join Greta Thunberg in the no-fly movement by sailing to the global climate conference (COP25)

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Greta Thunberg will not be the only one sailing to a global climate conference this year: young people from all across Europe will sail to the UN Climate Conference (COP25) in South America. They represent a growing movement standing up against the climate impact of air travel. Co-founder Jeppe Bijker: “The most polluting and fastest growing form of transport needs to be addressed internationally.”

Monday 29 July, climate activist Greta Thunberg announced that she will be sailing to the UN Climate Action Summit in New York. She does not stand alone in setting an example to global leaders by refusing to fly: a group of 36 young people from all across Europe will sail to South America for COP25. ‘Sail to the COP’ is an initiative founded by four Dutch climate activists who demand a radical shift within the travel industry.

The young activists want to show an alternative to flying and will spend the seven weeks on the ocean to explore concrete steps towards a fair and sustainable future of travel. They collaborate with numerous partners, including the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management and rail infrastructure organisation ProRail. The participants of ‘Sail to the COP’ will present the results at the COP.

“The aviation industry is projected to double within the next 20 years. It’s time for our political leaders and the industry to recognize the enormous climate impact of flying and address this issue at the COP,” says Sail to the COP co-founder Jeppe Bijker.



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Summary

Who: 36 young people from different fields from all over Europe, who will join the trip and participate at the COP, and a captain and crew of five

What: Sailing to the UN Climate Conference to raise awareness for the need of changes to be regarding travel and to demand for sustainable travel to become more available, affordable, and attractive.

Where: From Scheveningen, the Netherlands, to Rio de Janeiro and from there taking a bus to Santiago, Chile.

When: Starting on the 2nd of October for around 7 weeks

The Ship: Regina Maris