

G.R.E.S. SAMBA CARIOCA 2026

NAVIGARE NECESSE EST: To sail is necessary

After two victorious carnival years, Samba Carioca returns to honor one of the most beloved triumphs in our history. The 2026 parade is a tribute to the championship-winning 2009 enredo, “Navigare Necesse Est.” This time, however, the journey dives even deeper: navigation is not merely about moving from one place to another, but a metaphor for humanity, courage, and the ability to find one’s own direction in a changing world.

Our school’s colors are blue and white, and for that reason the sea has always been part of our identity. This year, however, we look at the water from a new perspective: the sea is not merely a blue landscape, but an endless world of color, light, and life. The visual harmony of our parade is built from the shades of the rainbow, reflected on the water’s surface like light breaking across a wave.

ENREDO

The sea is millions of years older than humankind itself. In its depths, life was born; within shared myths, it still lives; and even today, its rhythm guides the world. For millennia, the sea has been a source of wealth, a pathway to new worlds, and the stage for humanity’s greatest adventures. Yet the sea grants no mercy to those who underestimate its power.

The currents flowing through the deep, the belts of algae, the colors of the water, and the reflections of the starry sky form a secret language that only the most attentive learn to understand. True navigation is born not only from instruments, but from the ability to listen to the world around us. In every age, people have honored those who can read the sun, the stars, the compass, and the silent signs of the sea. For thousands of years, humanity has tried to understand this language, combining science and intuition, nature and experience. That is why we say that navigation also happens beneath the surface: there, where the sea breathes and where its stories, myths, and memories flow.

The voyage at sea binds our samba school to this ancient story — a tale of myth, adventure, and shared dreams. Under the wings of Carioca, everyone is free to be safely themselves, valued precisely because of their uniqueness. Together, we sail toward the same horizon, even if our dreams, our routes, and the rhythm of our journeys move in different ways.

The beauty of the sea is both gentle and merciless at once. It is light and storm, calm and crashing waves, silence and infinite strength. In the midst of this chaos, sailing demands skill and experience: sails, ropes, and a shared rhythm harness the sea’s energy to carry our ship forward. Once the sea has captured your heart, what greater adventure could there be than raising the sails and steering beneath the glow of the sun toward the open ocean, toward new worlds? The moment when land disappears behind you and the horizon opens ahead is also a promise of freedom, discovery, and transformation.

And when the ships finally reach the harbor, the air fills with music, rhythm, and joy. All of Carioca celebrates the moment of arrival, when loved ones meet again and the sea returns its travelers to the community. The journey becomes a story passed from generation to generation — and therein lies the true wisdom of the voyage.

Navigare necesse est – it is necessary to sail, to navigate, and to find your own path!

PARADE ORDER

At the beginning of the parade, the sea is wild and untamed. The forces and dangers of nature create the need to seek the right direction and to tame the chaos.

1. Opening Commission: The Call of the Sea Voyage

Mermaids and the spirits of the wind create the first spark of navigation.

2. Flag Bearer Couple

The flag bearer couple represents the heart of the journey, the steady center point of the compass.

3. Destaque: The Storm

The storm is the trial and challenge of navigation, rising over the sea as an unpredictable force.

4. Baianas: The Pulse of the Sea

The Baianas spin like the pulse of the ocean, the endless rhythm of the waves.

The middle section of the parade brings light, energy, and hope. The horizon opens toward the sun and the stars. Optimism allows us to see the beauty of the voyage and to steer toward the great unknown — the bright and shimmering open sea.

5. Destaque: Carioca's Swan

The swan is the symbol of our samba school. Its white feathers shimmer in the colors of the rainbow, symbolizing the strength of our samba community and all of us as unique and valuable individuals.

6. Children: Little Swans and the Guide of the Journey

The little swans safely follow their mother, protected by their community, on their first voyage.

7. Banner

The samba school's emblem reminds us that although each person has their own route, a shared direction unites us all.

8. Passistas (Solo dancers): Goddesses of the Sea

The passistas rise like breaking waves and sea foam.

9. Ala da Bateria: The Sails

The bateria is like enormous white sails in the wind. The rhythm is the heartbeat of the parade, the force that drives it forward.

10. Sound Truck and Melody Section

They do not portray specific parade imagery, but are dressed according to the parade's theme.

11. Destaque: The Sun

The sun is one of humanity's oldest and most reliable tools of navigation — the navigator's first guide.

12. Destaque Pair: The Stars

Bright stars draw the directions of the compass, reveal latitudes, and uncover the routes ahead.

The final section of the parade leads deeper into the world of navigation — toward understanding, safety, and continuity. The journey does not end at the harbor, but becomes an experience that carries us forward.

13. Group: Ocean Currents

Within the depths lies the wisdom that has guided travelers throughout the ages — an invisible map that complements the sky and the compass.

14. Destaque: The Lighthouse

As the journey nears its end, the lighthouse calls us all back home.

15. Group: Seagrass

Seagrass symbolize resilience, adaptation, and continuity: life and growth continue after the storm.

16. Teens: Discovery of the New Routes

The teenagers of our school are the navigators of the future: they possess the ability to seek and choose their own path, and the courage to move toward their own destination.

17. The old guard: The Wisdom of the Journey

The true destination of the journey is not the harbor, but the memories and wisdom created along the way. The Velha Guarda carries the tradition of samba, our rhythm and joy.