



## Kenosha to welcome Tall Ships festival in 2019

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KENOSHA – The spectacular sight of brigantines, schooners and other tall ships will once again line the Kenosha harbor next summer, as the City of Kenosha hosts the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® in the Great Lakes. Kenosha is one of 11 host ports on the Great Lakes in 2019 – including stops in Canada.

It has been more than a decade since Kenosha hosted a tall ships festival. The 2019 event expects to include at least six tall ships for the festival, which will run from August 2-4, 2019. Vessels will arrive in a “parade of sail” on the afternoon of August 1, lead by Kenosha’s own tall ship – Red Witch. Red Witch has made the Kenosha harbor its summer home since 2016.

Tour passes will allow people to explore the majestic vessels from stern to bow during the Aug. 2-4 festival along the harbor. Specific ships will offer sail-away tours on Lake Michigan, offering a unique opportunity to view the Kenosha coastline. Live entertainment, food and beverage vendors, and children’s activities will add to the festivities. The City is seeking sponsors to collaborate with Tall Ships America and the City of Kenosha to support this event in our community. For sponsorship details, please contact Kris Kochman at 262-653-4177 or email [kkochman@kenosha.org](mailto:kkochman@kenosha.org).

The TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® travels through the Great Lakes every three years. In 2019,

the Challenge begins on June 28 in Lake Ontario, with a port in Toronto. Over the course of 10 weeks, a core fleet of ships will make its way through Lake Erie and Lake Huron, before traveling to Lake Michigan, with ports in Green Bay and Kenosha. Between ports, Tall Ships America organizes races among the tall ships. The festivals in host ports offer an opportunity for visitors to explore the vessels and meet the crew. Tall Ships America is a non-profit organization aimed at promoting sail training in North America, and supporting education aboard and about tall ships.