

Fleet of seven historic sailing ships announced for Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019
Festival admission tickets, Sail-away tickets now available

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KENOSHA – The Tall Ships are Coming!® The City of Kenosha is looking forward to welcoming a fleet of seven historic vessels known as “tall ships” to our harbor during the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Aug. 2-4. Vessels will arrive in a “parade of sail” on the afternoon of August 1, lead by Kenosha’s own tall ship, the schooner *Red Witch*. Ships will be moored along the harbor at 54th Street between Sixth Avenue and First Avenue, and next door to the Kenosha Yacht Club at 5130 Fourth Ave. on Simmons Island.

In time for holiday gift-giving, festival admission tickets – and sail-away tickets -- are now on sale on Eventbrite.com. (Search Kenosha Tall Ships). Individual and family passes allow visitors to explore the majestic vessels docked along the south side of the harbor. Visiting ships from the international fleet include:

U.S. Brig *Niagara*, Erie, PA
Barque *Picton Castle*, Cook Islands
Bluenose II, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia
S/V Denis Sullivan, Milwaukee, WI
Pride of Baltimore II, Baltimore, MD

On the north side of the harbor, *Red Witch* and *Appledore IV* from Bay City, Mich., will offer sail-away tours on Lake Michigan, providing a unique opportunity to view the Kenosha coastline. Live entertainment, food and beverage vendors, and children's activities will add to the festivities.

Kenosha is one of 11 host ports on the Great Lakes in 2019 – including stops in Canada – and one of only two port stops on Lake Michigan. The TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® travels through the Great Lakes every three years. In 2019, the CHALLENGE begins on June 28 in Lake Ontario, with the first port stop 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 port stops 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.

The City is seeking sponsors to collaborate and support the Tall Ships America event. For sponsorship details, please contact Kris Kochman at 262-653-4177 or email kkochman@kenosha.org. For more details on the festival and ships, visit www.kenoshatallships.com. For volunteer and newsletter sign-up information, email: kenoshatallships@kenosha.org.

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