



Tall Ship Opportunities Abound!  
Sailing Experience for Students aboard the Tall Ships

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KENOSHA- The Tall Ships are Coming!® to Kenosha in less than 40 days. The ships sailing in to the Great Lakes from Canada and the east coast are now in the St. Lawrence Seaway, approaching Lake Ontario. On June 27 they arrive in Toronto to kick off for the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE®, a tall ships race series produced by Tall Ships America of Newport, RI. The City of Kenosha is one of 11 host ports in the Series, and will welcome the ships at a maritime festival Aug. 1- 4 in the harbor.

Local students have a unique opportunity to participate in the tall ships' experience as apprentice crew July 29- Aug. 1 aboard the S/V Denis Sullivan, a 137-foot schooner based in Milwaukee. The City of Kenosha is partnering with the Kenosha Sailing Center and Yacht Club to put up to 20 students on board the Sullivan for a sail around Lake Michigan. In between port stops in the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE®, the Sullivan, Wisconsin's State vessel, will go home to Milwaukee to pick up the students so they can arrive in Kenosha's Parade of Sail on Thursday, August 1.

Time on board a tall ship and learning how she works is called sail training. Learning to sail is a by-product. Working together with other students and crew enhances leadership skills, promotes team-in-training, and life-long experiences. Students ages 16 - 19 are encouraged to apply. Students will learn first-hand what it is like to live and sail a ship whose history emulates the 1800s. Everyone maintains a ship watch, learns to hoist sails and helps in the galley. Ship crew provides additional classes in navigation and astronomy as you experience the stars at night at sea. Meals are included and you must provide your own transportation to and from the ship. The fee to participate is \$600. Some scholarships are available. To request information, send an inquiry to [kenoshatallships@kenosha.org](mailto:kenoshatallships@kenosha.org). The application is

online on the website: [www.kenoshatallships.com](http://www.kenoshatallships.com).

The tall ship rendezvous in Kenosha is made possible by a collaboration of Tall Ships America, a non-profit organization based in Newport, RI and port cities around the Great Lakes. Tall Ships America organizes the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® annual series of tall ship races to celebrate our rich maritime heritage and traditions and to inform the general public about the transformative power of adventure and education under sail®. In 2019, the tall ship races are officially sponsored by Erie Insurance. Based in Erie, Pennsylvania, Erie Insurance is a FORTUNE 500 company offering auto, home, business and life insurance through a network of more than 12,000 local and independent ERIE agents.

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