



Tall Ships® Are Coming! The Celebrated Maritime Festival Comes to St. Petersburg
The three-day family friendly festival arrives at the Port of St. Pete, March 30 - April 2, 2023

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – In Spring 2023, Tall Ships America® in collaboration with the City of St. Petersburg, will welcome the 2023 TALL SHIPS® ST. PETE Festival from Thursday, March 30 through Sunday, April 2, 2023. This marks the first time in 20 years that the majestic maritime festival has included a port in St. Pete.

The historic fleet set to port in St. Pete includes the Nao Trinidad from Spain, a replica of the iconic Santa Maria and five additional tall ships hailing from the United States. Invited ships include Pride of Baltimore II, Ernestina-Morrissey and 1877 Barque Elissa - boasting over 100 years on the water. Additionally, the beautifully restored schooner, When and If - which was designed for General George S Patton, as well as iconic local Suncoast Horizon, will round out the fleet.

"We are thrilled to welcome the Tall Ships festival to St. Pete. This opportunity for deep experiential discovery is unmatched and one that generations can enjoy together," said Mayor Ken Welch. "It's also a chance to showcase the city of St. Petersburg and its unique offerings."

Guests will be immersed in our nation's rich maritime history while aboard this fleet of tall ships. They will not only be able to experience the glorious vessels, but also take part in numerous activities in the dockside festival celebrating the fleet and St. Pete's rich nautical roots.

The event will kick off with a Parade of Sail and exclusive captain's reception on the evening of March 30th. The maritime festival is expected to draw almost twenty thousand attendees who will be treated to an itinerary of exciting activities and tours, live music performances, festival food and beverage options making this an event perfect for the entire family.

Tall Ships America® is a non-profit organization focused on youth education and leadership development related to maritime heritage. The 2023 TALL SHIPS St. Pete Festival will kick off the Gulf Coast TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® 2023. Races will occur across the Gulf Coast with additional festivals in Galveston, TX and Pensacola, FL, .

For additional information and itinerary as well as sponsorship opportunities and festival tickets, please visit TallShipsStPete.com. Tickets are now available for purchase.

Images and Video available [here](#).

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About Tall Ships America

Tall Ships America is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization focused on youth education, leadership development and the preservation of the maritime heritage of North America. In addition to organizing the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Series, Tall Ships America manages scholarship programs to make sail training experiences more affordable for young people, grant programs to assist crew of member vessels with the costs of professional development courses and licensing requirements and publishes SAIL TALL SHIPS! A Directory of Sail Training and Adventure at Sea.