

EVENT WRAP-UP BOOK



AUGUST 1 – 4, 2019



Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019

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August 5, 2019

Kenosha is proud to say we have many events that bring people to downtown and to our waterfront. Kenosha Tall Ships® will be remembered for its elegance and grace, and its fine style. It will also be remembered for positioning Kenosha as a city on the Great Lakes that is welcoming to all mariners and tourists.

Our waterfront, our beaches, our museums and our downtown are synonymous with a great place to visit, to recreate and to live.

It was the pleasure of our community to host seven tall ships and thousands of festival guests and visitors to Kenosha.

Safe travels and come back soon --

John M. Antaramian
Mayor
Kenosha, Wisconsin





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U.S. Brig Niagara

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Pride of Baltimore II under full sail during Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019 Parade of Sail, Thursday, August 1, 2019.



Schooner *Red Witch*, Kenosha, WI



Pride of Baltimore II, Baltimore, MD

VISITING SHIPS



U.S. Brig *Niagara*, Erie, PA



SN Denis Sullivan, Milwaukee, WI



KENOSHA
TALL SHIPS[®]
AUGUST 1 – 4, 2019

The logo features the word "KENOSHA" in a red, arched font above a circular emblem. The emblem contains a red lighthouse on the left and a white sailboat on the right, set against a blue background. Below the emblem, the words "TALL SHIPS" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "AUGUST 1 – 4, 2019" in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font.

Bluenose II, Halifax, Nova Scotia



Appledore IV, Bay City, MI



Barque Picton Castle, Cook Islands

The Ships say THANKS to all!

Pride of Baltimore II August 5 at 8:56 AM

Every tall ship deserves a halo
Thank you, [Kenosha Tall Ships](#), for hosting us. It was an incredible festival weekend! Next stop, [Midland, Ontario](#).
[#AllWoodAllGood](#) [#WeAreBaltimore](#) [#WeArePrideofBaltimore](#) [#Sailing](#) [#TallShipsVisitKenosha](#)

Thank you!

I thought that 95% went as planned and -- as in any business (and life) -- you, the City of Kenosha (with Kris as the city's quarterback) and all others (including us) were able to adapt on the run and make it work! Thank God for favorable weather.

This was great for downtown Kenosha. Hopefully, in the long-run, this helps Red Witch to be sustainable (we still don't earn enough to pay all bills but hopefully this helps us cross that threshold). I believe the Kenosha team represented the City of Kenosha exceptionally well. Congratulations on the compliment by Bluenose's Director of Ops that Kenosha beat Toronto, Buffalo and Cleveland with regards to traffic aboard Bluenose.
Well done! Thanks again for keeping me in the loop -- and Red Witch relevant.

Sincerely,

Andrew

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Good morning Kenosha Tall Ships!

I do hope that you had a well deserved good night's sleep after the hustle and bustle and long hours of "your" festival. Hindsight is a wonderful thing and, on looking back on Kenosha I have to say that you pulled off a magnificent event. I hope you achieved the visitor numbers you were aiming for. A warm and heartfelt "Thank You" from PICTON CASTLE for hosting us and looking after us so well. Maybe I should credit you for the perfect weather we had, too!

Please pass on to your staff and volunteers (and to the LOs in particular) how much we appreciated their time, effort and attention. Personally, I enjoyed the relaxed feeling of the event. Security was present but tuned in well to the family atmosphere. Crowd management worked well and was easy on the visitors. And Kenosha is simply a nice place to be, too.

With kind regards,

Dirk

Dirk P Lorenzen
Master, Barque Picton Castle
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Thanks to all! We enjoyed the festival and everything went well on our end. Thanks for the hospitality!

Best,

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..... What the visitors said!

Just a few of the many visitor comments to share...

*Fabulous day!! **Kenosha is so gorgeous!!** Lived here all my life and am still in awe of its beauty. Tall Ships is a gift to us all!! Everyone so friendly and willing for pics or questions anytime. Going to miss them. **Sue Kaleck***

*We drove down to Kenosha from Milwaukee for a day of ships and **exploring the town.** It was great to be able to tour all the boats and really see how each was vastly different from the next. We had sailed on the S/V Denis Sullivan before so it was pretty incredible to see that ship again. We ended up having such a fun day that we just booked a trip to head to Erie in two weeks for the Tall Ship Festival out there. **Meghan Langmyer***

*My son caught an early morning with the beautiful ships. **Jason Zadler***

Tall Ships Festival was A Great Event!** I hope it comes back. Prices also good the Ships were Great. The people running the event where great. **Krishna Rao

*I could not believe how big and beautiful these ships were and **how the people of Kenosha were so kind and helpful to me** and my family. We also enjoyed your beautiful marina. **Steve Bell***

Best thing I have been to all summer.** It was so beautiful seeing those ships sail into the harbor. Watching them sit so peacefully along the harbor was so calming. **MJ Freund

*The last time I was at the tall ships' festival was in 2003. I was pregnant with my son, and we both "jumped" when the cannon fire announced the ship's arrival in the harbor. A few hours later, my son was born. Sixteen years later, I was beyond thrilled to bring him back! It's no wonder he loved pirates so much as a toddler! **Jen Sepanski***

***I loved watching the tall ships come In** and getting to get up close to them on the next day! It was so fun!
Bonnie Pelland*

*It is amazing how big the ships are and the intricate ropes and rigging that each have a job to do. (I took a) photo showing a sail being rolled tighter by a mate on the ship. Look at how high up he was! And could you imagine doing that while bouncing up and down over the waves? **Lea O'Toole***

*I got to enjoy the visit **despite being in a wheelchair** - and... also went to the Rock the Dock concert which was wonderful! **Karen Snyder***

*I was a volunteer and **like the enjoyment the tall ships brought to the people.**
Virgil Warner*



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..... And what the crew said!

Video testimonials



Above: Visiting Crew from *Pride of Baltimore II*. Below: Captain Phil Watson, *Bluenose II*
Click on photos for video testimonials. (Digital version only.)





Event Highlights by the Numbers

# of Ships	7	
# of Countries represented	3	USA, Canada, Cook Islands
# of Crew	250	
# of Countries represented by Crew	8	USA, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Grenada and England
Volunteers	509	Kenosha Yacht Club (80), US Power Squadron (24), City (47), General volunteers (350), Uline (8)
Visitors at the Festival	24,000	Paid admission
Visitors to the Area	50,000	includes boaters, curiosity seekers, Parade of Sail
Paid Media Impressions		
Billboards	375,267	Four billboards, May 13 – August 4, 2019
Print media	2,800,000+	Kenosha News, Happenings Magazine, Racine Journal Times, Daily Herald, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, USA Today
Free Media Impressions	2,238,461	Per CISION, INC. (see page 44)
Free Publicity Value	\$265,516	Per CISION, INC. (see page 44)
Total Reach	117.8 M	Per CISION, INC. (see page 44)
Demographics		<p>Print-Generated/On-line Contest Participation: Women, 35 – 44 (22%); 45 – 54 (40%), 55 – 64 (28%), 65+ (10%) based on media contest participation</p> <p>Social Media: 20% age 25 – 34, 22% age 35 – 44 65% of people reached were women 75% women, 25% men followed Facebook content</p> <p>Eventbrite: Age based on sample of 2,450 ticket buyers 11% age 25 – 34, 15% age 35 – 44, 41% age 45 – 62, 32% age 62+</p>
Waste Diversion	2,100 pounds	
State Representation	25	Ticket buyers came from 25 states, plus Canada and Hong Kong, Wisconsin (64%), Illinois (28%)
Sample from 2,450 ticket buyers		
Source: Eventbrite		

THANKS to our sponsors!



Photo Gallery – A spectacular weekend!



Barque Picton Castle enters the harbor. Photo Credit: Second District Alderman Bill Siel

The ships arrived in a spectacular display of pageantry!



U.S. Brig Niagara Photo Credit: Bonnie Pelland

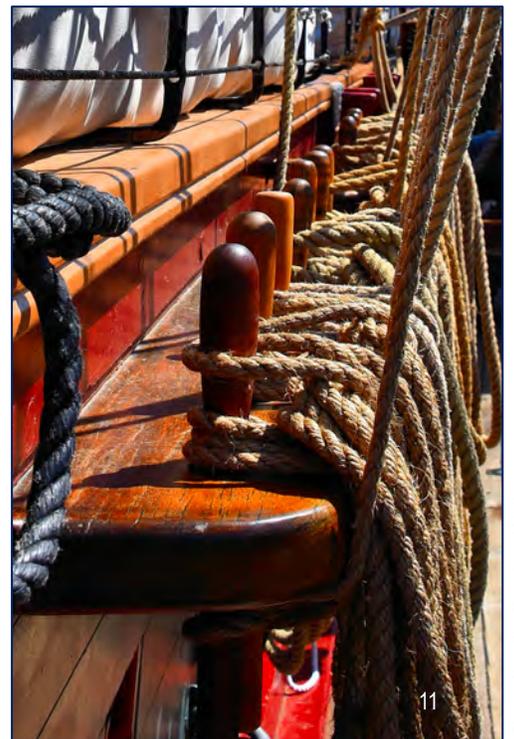


Photo Credit: Stephen Waite



Pride of Baltimore II. Photo Credit: Kenosha News





U.S. Brig *Niagara* arriving into downtown Kenosha in front of the Pierhead Lighthouse.
Photo Credit: Second District Alderman Bill Siel





Left to Right: Picton Castle at dock, U.S. Brig Niagara entering harbor. Photo Credit: Kenosha News







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U.S. Brig Niagara

Event Guide

Distribution:

- Kenosha News Sunday, July 26, 2019
- Circulation: 22,000
- On-site: 9,000
- On-line Website

The Tall Ships Are Coming!®

WIND, WATER & SONG
~ a maritime festival



Photo: Norbert Stager



Parade of Sail Aug. 1, 3:45pm

FREE Peanut Butter & Jam concert featuring Tynan at 6pm

Festival Aug. 2-4, 10am-6pm

at Kenosha (WI) Harbor, Sixth Avenue & 54th St

Kenosha Rocks the Dock

Aug. 2, 7pm-9pm

featuring Beatles Tribute Band *American English*
Separate tickets required for Festival, Kenosha Rocks the Dock & Sail Aways

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BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW! Visit KenoshaTallShips.com



Welcome to **Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019** and downtown Kenosha!
A Tall Ship event like none other!

THE TALL SHIPS ARE COMING!®

Kenosha is a first-time host port city in Tall Ships America's TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Race Series Great Lakes. We are looking forward to having you join us for a family-friendly festival on the harbor as the fleet, coming from near and far, appear in our corner of Lake Michigan. The ships welcome visitors to come aboard, talk to crew, learn about their mission and history, and see what life is like at sea.

A JEWEL ON LAKE MICHIGAN

While you come for the tall ships, downtown Kenosha has an amazing museum campus and harbor. Located on 13 miles of waterfront, Kenosha has a strong maritime connection. Ships are docked on both sides of the historic channel where American Motor Corp. off-loaded the Nash-Rambler before 1955. Kenosha's own Red Witch and visiting ship Appledore IV will provide day and twilight sails next door to the Kenosha Sailing Center and Yacht Club from the north side of the harbor. Take a sail and stay for lunch!

THERE IS SO MUCH TO SEE!

Come for the festival, and please explore while you are here! Lake Michigan is important to Kenosha. We look forward to everyone's visit - ships and people! Fair winds!

John M. Antaramian ~ Mayor

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. Visit www.TallShipsAmerica.org



THE SHIPS

BOARDING VESSELS - SOUTH SIDE

BARQUE PICTON CASTLE

Flag:..... Cook Islands
Rig:..... Barque, 3-masted
Homeport: Lunenburg
Nova Scotia, Canada
Sparred Length 179'
Rig Height:..... 100'
Sail Area:..... 23,450 sq.ft.
www.picton-castle.com

BLUENOSE II

Flag:..... Canada
Rig:..... Gaff Topsail Schooner
Homeport: Lunenburg
Nova Scotia, Canada
Sparred Length 181'
Rig Height:..... 125'
Sail Area:..... 11,139 sq.ft.
www.blunose.novascotia.ca

S/V DENIS SULLIVAN

Flag:..... USA
Rig:..... Schooner, 3-masted
Homeport: Milwaukee, WI
Sparred Length 137'
Rig Height:..... 95'
Sail Area:..... 5,916 sq.ft.
www.discoveryworld.org

U.S. BRIG NIAGARA

Flag:..... USA
Rig:..... Brig
Homeport: Erie, PA
Sparred Length 198'
Rig Height:..... 120'
Sail Area:..... 11,600 sq.ft.
www.flagshipniagara.org

PRIDE OF BALTIMORE II

Flag:..... USA
Rig:..... Topsail Schooner
Homeport: Baltimore, MD
Sparred Length 157'
Rig Height:..... 107'
Sail Area:..... 9,018 sq.ft.
www.pride2.org



SAIL AWAYS - NORTH SIDE

APPLEDORE IV

Flag:..... USA
Rig:..... Gaff Schooner
Homeport: Bay City, MI
Sparred Length 85'
Rig Height:..... 76'
Sail Area:..... 3,560 sq.ft.
www.baysailbaycity.org

RED WITCH

Flag:..... USA
Rig:..... Gaff-Rigged
Topsail Schooner
Homeport: Kenosha, WI
Sparred Length 77'
Rig Height:..... 60'
Sail Area:..... 2,500 sq.ft.
www.redwitch.com

PARADE OF SAIL & DAILY SAIL AWAY SCHEDULE

See www.KenoshaTallShips.com for tickets & parade information
Red Witch & Appledore IV excursions will depart next to the Kenosha Sailing Center & Yacht Club Sail Away Village

AUGUST 1 - Parade of Sail 3:45pm - 6pm

**AUGUST 2 - 4
Red Witch - daily**

Sail #1 11am - 12:20pm
Sail #2 1:00pm - 2:20pm
Sail #3 3:00pm. - 4:20pm
Sail #4 5:00pm. - 6:20pm
Sail #5 7:00pm- 9:00pm

**AUGUST 2 - 4
Appledore IV - daily**

Sail #1 10:30am - 11:50am
Sail #2 12:30pm - 1:50pm
Sail #3 2:30pm. - 3:50pm
Sail #4 4:30pm. - 4:50pm
Sail #5 6:30pm- 8:00pm

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

For details on handicap parking, shuttles from remote parking and more,

visit www.KenoshaTallShips.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019

- 3:45pm** Arrival Parade of Sail Lake Michigan and Kenosha Harbor
Free public viewing sponsored by Spectrum
(Festival grounds open Friday Aug. 2)
- 5:00pm** Docking of Ships begins; parade narration at PB&J stage
- 6:00pm** Peanut Butter & Jam FREE concert with **Tynan**,
City Hall, 625 52nd Street
- 7:15pm** Opening Ceremony with Captain Tom Kastle
- 7:30pm** PB&J concert with **Tynan** continues
- 8:30pm** Concert ends

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019

- 9:00am** Early admission – photography tickets only
- 10:00am** Gates open. Ship boarding*, entertainment on the Miller Lite Music Stage, day sails next to the Kenosha Sailing Center and Yacht Club, Pepsi Kids Zone, speakers, authors and more at the Wisconsin Coastal Management and NOAA Exploration Station, Food Court, Fine Art Show and more!
- 10:30am** Dockside Interpretation: Bluenose II (ADA)
- 6:00pm** Ship tours end
- 7:00pm** **Kenosha Rocks the Dock!** To the sounds of *American English* Beatles Tribute band, Harborside. Tours of select vessels. Separate ticket required.
- 9:00pm** Gates close

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- 9:00am** Early admission – photography tickets only
- 10:00am** Gates open. Ship boarding*, entertainment on the Miller Lite Music Stage, day sails next to the Kenosha Sailing Center and Yacht Club, Pepsi Kids Zone, speakers, authors and more at the Wisconsin Coastal Management and NOAA Exploration Station, Food Court, Fine Art Show and more!
- 10:30am** Dockside Interpretation: Picton Castle (ADA)
- 6:00pm** Ship tours end. Festival gates close
- 7:00pm** Private receptions, select vessels

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

- 9:00am** Early admission – photography tickets only
- 10:00am** Gates open. Ship boarding*, entertainment on the Miller Lite Music Stage, day sails next to the Kenosha Sailing Center and Yacht Club, Pepsi Kids Zone, speakers, authors and more at the Wisconsin Coastal Management and NOAA Exploration Station, Food Court, Fine Art Show and more!
- 10:30am** Dockside Interpretation: Niagara (ADA)
- 6:00pm** Ship tours end. Festival gates close

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Ships depart on their own schedule.
Please see www.KenoshaTallShips.com for a complete list of festival activities and details.
***Please note:** Final admission on board any particular ship will depend on the length of wait lines.

WISCONSIN COASTAL MANAGEMENT & NOAA EXPLORATION STATION SCHEDULE

Join us for a variety of conversation, music, stories and Captain Chats! Please see www.KenoshaTallShips.com for a complete list of speakers and details. Speaker schedule subject to change.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019

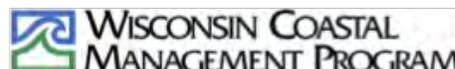
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- 1:00pm** Kenosha YMCA - Safety Around Water Coalition
- 2:00 pm** Underwater Archaeology
Tamara Thomsen, State of Wisconsin Maritime Archaeologist
- 3:00pm** Kenosha Public Museum
- 4:00pm** Captain Chat – Schooners and Brigs
- 5:00pm** Kenosha Public Library - Lisa Langsdorf

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- 12:00pm** Water Integrated Treatment Systems, LLC - Robert Bruno
- 1:00pm** *Ship Captains Daughter: Growing Up on the Great Lakes*
Anne Lewis, author
- 2:00pm** Vampire Fish - Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- 3:00pm** Kenosha Public Museums
- 4:00pm** Kenosha History Center
- 5:00pm** *Stories from The Wreckage -*
John Jensen, Author



MILLER LITE MUSIC STAGE SCHEDULE

Friday August 2nd

- 11:00am** TBD
- 1:30-3:30pm** Tom Kastle
- 4:00-6:00pm** Space Echoes
- 7:00-9:00pm** American English

Saturday August 3rd

- 11am-1:00pm** Haley Klinkhammer
- 1:30-3:30pm** Frank & Dave
- 4:00-6:00pm** Banana Wind

Sunday August 4th

- 11am-1:00pm** Mighty Joe
- 1:30-3:30pm** The Moods
- 4:00-6:00pm** EZFM





VENDORS
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ART
RETAIL
NON-PROFIT

All Saints School • Big Matt's BBQ • Elsie Mae's Canning & Pies • Fork N Fry • Fry Daddy's • Grease & Honey
 Jammin Concessions • Kenosha Shrine Club • Knights of Columbus & Ladies' Auxilliary • Kona Ice • Little Europa
 Pedro's Authentic Mexican Cuisine • Reid's Roasted Corn • Scoopers Ice Cream • WI Style BBQ • Yum Yum's Yogurt

Bruce McCurdy Photography • Char's Crafty Cottage • Great Lake Art • Hook and Jill • Lion of Bali • Mystic Mood Media
 Nickelhead Jewelry • Pat Heintzelman Watercolors • Re-vision Gallery • Rhiannon's • Warm and Cool

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 Kenosha History Center and
 Southport Light Station Museum

Kenosha YMCA
 Kenosha Literacy Council
 United States Power Squadron
 U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary



Photo: Kenosha News;
U.S. Brig Niagara

Event & Community Programming

- **Green Up Kenosha!** Green Initiative as a low carbon footprint event, promoting better recycling practices (see breakout) 25
- **Wisconsin Coastal Management and NOAA Exploration Station** – local and national authors, ship captains, environmentalists, and more were invited to speak on a variety of subjects appealing to many. 27
- **Kenosha Student Tall Ship Program** 28
- **Photography Contest** 30
- **Kenosha Rocks the Dock!** 32
- **Community Involvement** 33

Green Up Kenosha! Environmental Program

GOAL: REDUCED CARBON FOOTPRINT EVENT, SETTING A STANDARD FOR TALL SHIP MARITIME FESTIVALS

HIGHLIGHTS

- **GREEN COMMUNICATIONS:** 24,000 festival visitors saw the message to be better advocates for our fresh-water resources.
- **WASTE DIVERSION:** 2,100 pounds of garbage collected; 840 pounds diverted or 40% of all tonnage was recycled.
- **DONATED:** 50 pounds of canned food goods to the local food pantry.
- **REUSED:** 100 pounds of used clothing.
- **REUSED:** 75 pounds of books were donated to the Kenosha Public Library.
- **REUSED:** 80% of signage was designed to be used at future festivals.



GREEN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- **EDUCATION STATION: Wisconsin Coastal Management and NOAA** funded an education station. Of the 18 hours of programming, 65% focused on being better green advocates.
- **PARTNERSHIPS:** Visiting tall ship, *SV Denis Sullivan* of Milwaukee shared their fresh-water mission to save Lake Michigan, and the Great Lakes to approximately 9,500 visitors who toured the ship during the festival; 10 area students sailed on Lake Michigan for 3 days in a distance learning program.
- **GREAT LAKES ADVOCACY:** Visiting tall ship, *Appledore IV*, of Bay City, MI, shared their fresh-water mission, promoting Saginaw Bay and the Great Lakes to approximately 1,000 day and evening sail away guests and dock side visitors.
- **YOUTH ON BOARD:** 450 students sailed on board during the festival and/or on-deck programs.

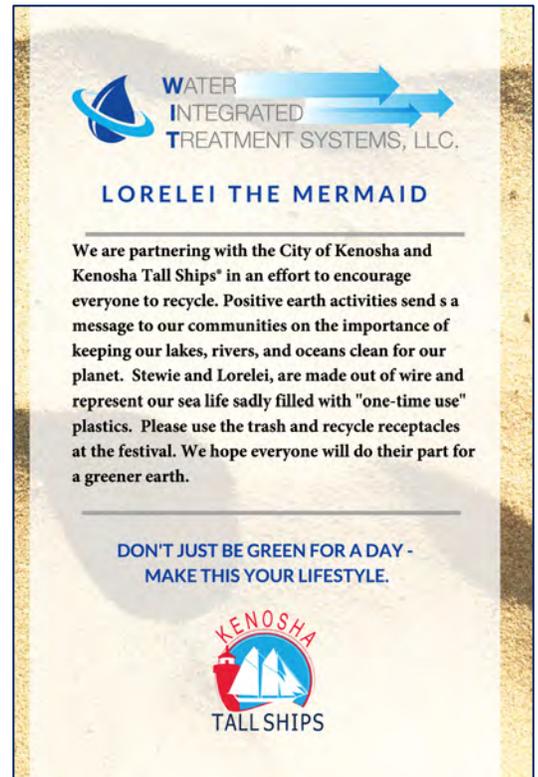
Fiji, *Picton Castle's* cat, sitting on signage to promote clothing and food donations at the ticket entrance. Photo Credit: Carthage College intern, Kat Cooper

COMMUNICATIONS

- **DONATED:** 20 hours: Girl Scouts and area environmentalists donated their time to talk about the “sea creatures” and the importance of recycling
- On-site banners promoted strategic tree planting
- 3,000 visitors received “passports” with environmental tips for better recycling
- **REDUCED:** Green Up Kenosha! staff wore t-shirts donated by Jockey for Green Up Kenosha! Day, Saturday, August 2, made from partially-recycled material
- **ALTERNATIVE USE:** Festival tickets were downloaded to smart phones instead of printed on paper

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

- **REDUCED:** 750 t-shirts were donated by Jockey using partially recycled material
- **PARTNERSHIPS:**
 - Two “sea creatures” created by **Water Integrated Treatment Systems, LLC**, made of chicken wire and stuffed with single use plastic demonstrated the amount of plastics in our lakes and oceans (see photos right). One was a mermaid named Lorelei and “rescued” by Captain Andrew Sadock of the Tall Ship *Red Witch*. The other was Stewie the Sturgeon. The figures were perched on top of a recycle bin to demonstrate where to put your plastics.
 - **WE Energies** funded 2 ships with green initiatives; funded booth promoting more efficient lighting.
- **DONATED:** Southport Marina, a certified LEED facility donated food for crew functions
- **REDUCED:** Bicycle racks were located at Kenosha City Hall for use by festival attendees, reducing the carbon footprint of car use.



Banner for Lorelei by Water Integrated Systems, LLC



Graphic used for children's passport

Wisconsin Coastal Management & NOAA Exploration Station Schedule

Join us for a variety of conversation, music, stories and Captain Chats! Please see www.KenosaTallShips.com for a complete list of speakers and details. Speaker schedule subject to change.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019

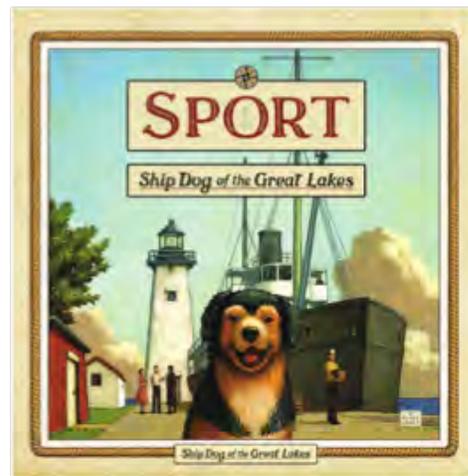
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Kenosha Student Tall Ship Program

Tall ships, in the modern era, by their very nature are teaching platforms or living classrooms. Making sure Kenosha students experienced life on board was a key Mayoral initiative. With the help of the Kenosha Yacht Club, and community partners, more than 450 students saw Kenosha from the waterfront, and then some!

Mayor John M. Antaramian and festival organizers were pleased to welcome 450 under-served local youths to the maritime festival on Aug. 2, supported by grant funding from a local organization. Youths and their leaders had fun exploring traditionally-rigged sailing vessels, talking with crew members and learning about life aboard the tall ships. They visited the **Pepsi Kids Zone** and the **Kenosha Public Museum's** tent for some fun, maritime themed activities, and enjoyed a picnic lunch we provided.

In the weeks leading up to the Tall Ships festival, the youths learned about water safety through instruction at the YMCA. Members of the Kenosha Yacht Club provided sailing demonstrations as well.

Local students had the experience of a lifetime at Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019! We were able to offer sailing excursions for 150 youths and their chaperones as part of the tall ships' experience. The youths were thrilled to sail aboard Kenosha's own Red Witch and the visiting Appledore IV. For many of them, this was the first opportunity to sail on Lake Michigan. Participating students were members of the **Kenosha Park Alliance**, the **Boys and Girls Club**, the **Kenosha YMCA** and the **Kenosha Achievement Center**.



OF STUDENTS IMPACTED BY PROGRAM

- 3,000 students received educational “passports” to be stamped by the visiting ships from around the United States and the world
- 150 youths and chaperones sailed on Lake Michigan
- 450 under-served local students visited ships and enjoyed lunch at the festival
- 10 students sailed for 3 days on the S/V Denis Sullivan with support from the Kenosha Sailing Center.



Credit for both photos: Kenosha Parks Alliance



10 STUDENTS GO DISTANCE SAILING FOR 3 DAYS ON TALL SHIP S/V DENIS SULLIVAN

Kenosha student Ben Raimonde (below) was one of eight students that sailed on the *S/V Denis Sullivan* from Milwaukee, around Lake Michigan and to Kenosha arriving in the Parade of Sail. This opportunity was made possible through a gift by the **Kenosha Sailing Center and Yacht Club** and other community partners. Two more students participated by paying their own way.

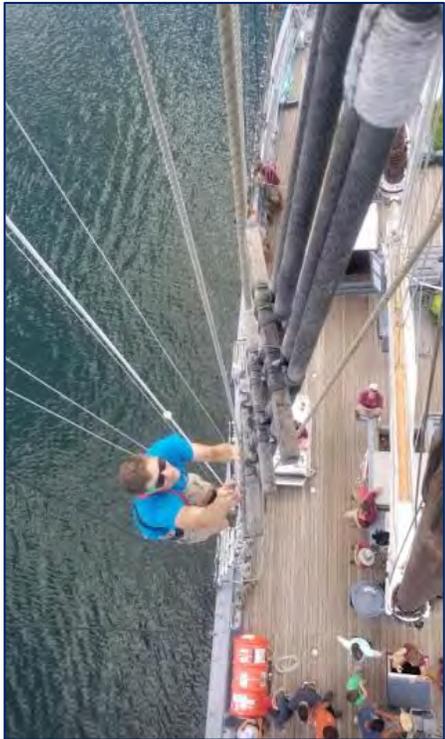
The students were recruited by the Kenosha Community Sailing Center as many had taken sailing lessons there.

The sail on the *S/V Denis Sullivan* allowed students to expand on their sailing knowledge. The on-board science curriculum focused on fresh-water ecosystems of the Great Lakes, known as limnology and visible stars and planets.



STUDENT SAIL AWAYS

Photo credit, top and bottom photos: Carthage College intern, Kat Cooper. Right: *S/V Denis Sullivan*



Kenosha Tall Ships® Photography Contest

The Number One question often heard is “how can I see them under sail?” Everyone wants to capture the essence of the ships, so we gave them the opportunity by hosting a photography contest.

Early Admission

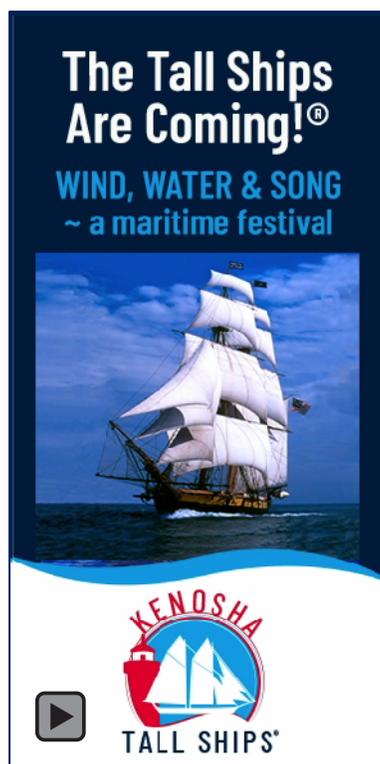
Guests could purchase early admission to the festival grounds for \$50 to see the ships without crowds. No boarding until the festival opened. All festival tickets had a survey to determine how far people were traveling.

Winning Entries



Print and Internet Campaign

A print and internet campaign promoted ticket sales for early admission using contest prizes as the draw. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel was used to promote the contest, with 50,000 internet impressions and an interactive campaign. The contest averaged 2,100 on-line responses weekly.



Sponsorship activation through photo contest prizes

- First Prize – Fujifilm camera – X Series, 2 tickets on Red Witch, Dinner at Kenosha Yacht Club
- Second Prize – Fujifilm Finepix camera, dinner at Kenosha Yacht Club.
- Third Prize – dinner at Kenosha Yacht Club.

One of 3 revolving on-line ad panels.
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Winning entries – from top to bottom:
1st - Yuki Primus,
2nd - Dianne Saphiere,
3rd - Jessica Paronto





Kenosha Tall Ships® Rock the Dock!



On Friday evening, August 2, American English, a Beatles tribute band truly rocked the dock. Over 2,000 people enjoyed the dockside sunset concert. Embracing the international theme of the festival, interns Kat Cooper and Abby McGowan went all “English” with British flag tablecloths, stand-up photos of Harry and Meghan for instant selfies, and fun giveaways. A media campaign with partners, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and The Stella Hotel and Ballroom in Kenosha promoted the event. Photo credits: Above: Charlene Zeszutek. Second Row: Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019.

Kenosha Tall Ships® Community Involvement



Ship crew line up at the crew party at the Kenosha Yacht Club for their free t-shirt, compliments of **Jockey International.**

Food vendors treat local students to meals before they sail in the food court.



Ice cream enjoyed by all while waiting in line.

Local food, retail and non-profit vendors participated to make Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019 an "all hands" event.



Left: interns from Carthage College, based in Kenosha (L-R) Kathryn Cooper and Abby McGowan join Roberta Kacenjar, volunteer from Cleveland, OH. and right, local vendor, Jack Andrea's retail booth. Photo credit: Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019

Below: Ship Liaisons from **Kenosha Sailing Center and Yacht Club** line up in the Operations Center.





*Photo: Kenosha News;
U.S. Brig Niagara*

Media Coverage

Attached is a small sampling of the media received by Kenosha Tall Ships® 2019. According to the media data analysis company, CISION, free print and social media publicity was valued at \$265,500.

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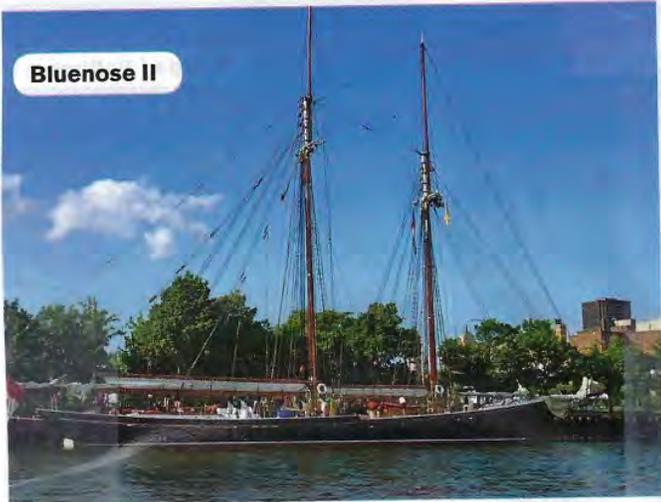
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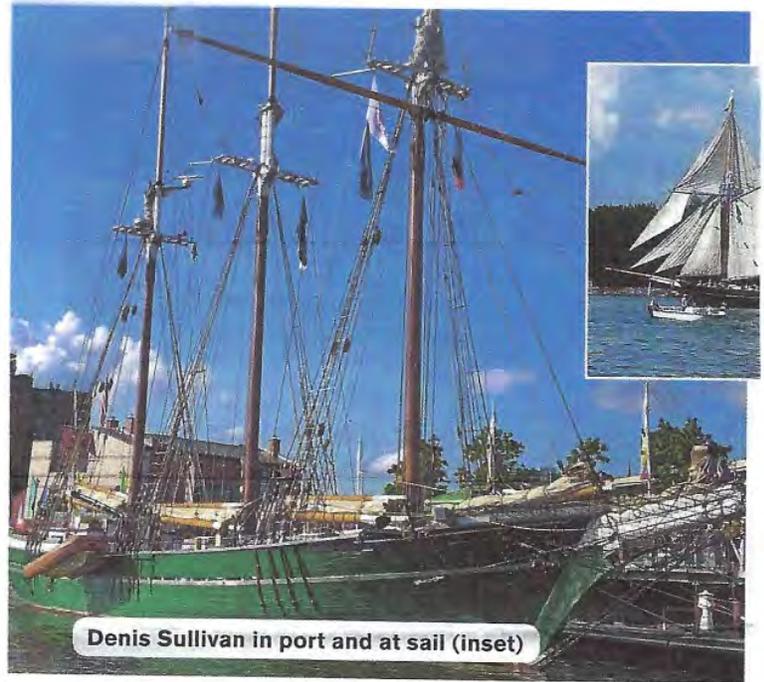
Bluenose II

Tall Ships Challenge Brings Maritime History To Ports In The Great Lakes

The July 4th weekend brought the Tall Ships Challenge, an annual series of tall ship races and maritime port festivals geared towards celebrating maritime history, to the Port of Buffalo for four days of parades, tours, exhibitions, and festivities.

Mid-afternoon on the 4th witnessed a parade of 12 majestic and historic tall ships into port in two locations of Buffalo's ever-growing and vibrant inner harbor. Led by the *Spirit of Buffalo*, a 73-foot steel topsail schooner and the home-port host ship, the parade of sails included: The *Flagship Niagara*, an accurate reproduction of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's victorious flagship from the War of 1812; *HMCS Oriole*, the oldest commissioned ship in the Royal Canadian Navy; the *Empire Sandy*, a three-masted schooner out of Toronto and a converted steel deep-sea salvage tug that saw service in the North Atlantic with the British Navy in World War II; the *St. Lawrence II*, a 72' purpose built outdoor education vessel; the *Pride of Baltimore II*, a reconstruction of an early 19th century Baltimore Clipper; *Appledore IV*, a steel-hulled 85-foot gaff schooner; the *Bluenose II*, a replica of a legendarily fast Grand Banks fishing schooner and a Canadian national symbol, depicted on stamps and her nation's ten-cent coin; the *Appledore V*, a steel-hulled 65-foot gaff schooner; the *Denis Sullivan*, a traditional Great Lakes topsail schooner; and the *Picton Castle*, a beautiful three-masted square-rigger currently on her seventh circumnavigation of the globe. The event also included the *NAO Santa Maria*, a new replica built in Spain of the Spanish three-masted deep water ship that was the flagship of Christopher Columbus' exploration fleet. Upon entry to the harbor, each ship was greeted by a pipe and drum core and cannon salute.

Making their first ever port appearance in Buffalo, these majestic tall ships from throughout the US, Canada, Spain, and the South



Denis Sullivan in port and at sail (inset)

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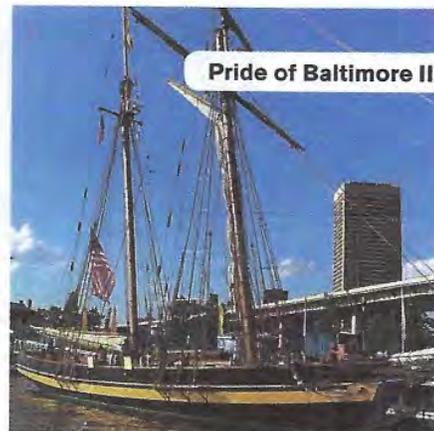
Pacific bring awareness to the largest bodies of freshwater in the world and offer both education and adventure through tours and sailing excursions. Several had berths available for a few lucky participants to spend some additional time on the vessels.

Early reports listed over 100,000 visitors took part in the Tall Ships experience in Buffalo and, after enjoying the weekend, the ships moved

on to Cleveland, Bay City (MI), Green Bay (WI), Kenosha (WI); Sarnia, Midland, and Kingsville, Ontario; Erie (PA), and then completed their Great Lakes tour September 1 in Brockville, Ontario.

Tall Ships America is based in Newport, R.I., with a mission to encourage character building through sail training, promote sail training to the North American public, and support education under sail. They work with tall ship owners and operators, crew, and corporate sponsors to focus on youth education, leadership development, and preservation of the maritime heritage of North America. Founded in 1973 and commended by Congress as the national sail training organization representing the United States, Tall Ships America offers access and scholarships to many programs including some with possible academic credit in marine biology as well as marine science, maritime history, ocean ecology, navigation, seamanship, and adventure travel.

Additional information can be found at www.tallshipsamerica.org and www.tallshipschallenge.com.



Pride of Baltimore II

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Tall ships arrive today

BY JEFFREY ZAMPANTI

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One of the most anticipated local events in years has finally arrived.

Majestic brigantines, schooners and barques will grace the Kenosha lakefront and glide into the harbor in kicking off the Tall Ships of America's Tall Ships Challenge.

The opening ceremony begins with a Parade of Sail at 3:45 p.m. today at Simmons Island as ships travel a figure-eight pattern from Pennoyer Park to Kemper Center before funneling into the downtown channel.

The festival grounds officially open with early-bird admission 9 a.m. Friday and continue throughout the weekend.

The three-day event could draw upward of 30,000 people, according to the city community relations liaison Kris Kochman.

Ticket prices are \$18 for adults, \$9 for kids (ages 6-17). A family pass is also available for \$45.

Sail-away ticket prices range from \$55 to \$75. Early admission to the grounds with preferred boarding is \$50. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online at www.kenoshatallships.com.

General admission includes boarding the ships as well as entrance to the art fair, food court, children's area and the Miller Lite Music Stage.

American English, a Beatles tribute band, performs 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Tickets to the concert are \$20 or free to anyone who purchases a general admission ticket before 4 p.m. Friday.

Seven ships

A fleet of seven ships will



KENOSHA NEWS PHOTO BY BRIAN PASSINO

City parks workers Jarqual Dalton, left, and Lisa Walraven-Strange clean the harbor channel walkway Wednesday in preparation for today's arrival of the tall ships.

take part in the Kenosha stop. The ships set sail from Green Bay on Tuesday and arrived in the Milwaukee area Wednesday afternoon.

Ships docking in Kenosha include the Barque Picton Castle, Bluenose II, S/V Denis Sullivan, U.S. Brig Niagara, Appledore IV, Pride of Baltimore II and Kenosha's own Red Witch.

Tom Kastle, a tall ship captain and troubadour, will offer narration as the ships make their grand entrance into the Kenosha harbor.

"It's like if you were watching a parade on television," Kastle said. "If you don't have narration, you're looking at a magnificent tall ship followed by another magnificent tall ship followed by another magnificent tall ship."

"Every ship has a story. For me, the story is as important as the physical ship. A lot of

the reason we sail on these tall ships is to keep the tradition alive."

Appledore IV and Red Witch are offering 80-minute excursions from the Kenosha Sailing Center and Yacht Club, 5130 Fourth Ave.

Boarding is allowed on the five other ships docked on the south side of the harbor. Crew members will be available to answer questions during the self-guided tours.

Rich history

Kastle started sailing nearly four decades ago on an 1888 Chesapeake Bay oyster boat while performing maritime music in Irish pubs.

The Chicago-native has since taken his musical act throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and New Zealand.

There were as many as 300 tall ships in Chicago's port

during the 1880s, according to Kastle.

"If you were swimming on the beach in Kenosha back then, you'd probably see 50 of these go by in a normal day," Kastle said. "The folklore and the music and the stories of these sailors are still going on today."

"When you get aboard the Denis Sullivan and sail, you're doing exactly what they did in 1870. There's really no difference. The more you dive into the history, the more stories you come up with. It's really fascinating."

A variety of presentations, storytelling and conversation will take place on the Wisconsin Coastal Management and NOAA Exploration Station stage. The stage opens at 11 a.m. each day with a presentation from author Pamela Cameron and her book "Sport: Ship Dog of the Great Lakes."

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A pair of tall ships are docked in the harbor before the Parade of Sail on Thursday.

Great ships on a Great Lake Tall Ships Festival sails into Kenosha

BY JEFFREY ZAMPANTI

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Tall ships cruised the lakefront before making their grand entrance on Thursday, patiently waiting for what is poised to be a weekend to remember in downtown Kenosha.

Nearly 15 months of anticipation and picture-perfect weather could attract huge crowds for the Tall Ships of America's Tall Ships Challenge, which opens at 10 a.m. today and runs through Sunday.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$9 for kids (ages 6-17). A family pass is available for \$45.

The three-day festival returned to Kenosha for the first time since making back-to-back appearances in 2003 and 2004. The event, which now takes place in the Great Lakes every three years, relocated to Chicago before Kenosha successfully won its bid to host this year's event.

"It's very much a celebration," said Kris Kochman, city community relations liaison. "Our city is so patriotic. Fourth of July and the parade

is a really big deal. People come out in droves every year, and it never gets old.

"This is something new. We haven't had an event like this for more than 10 years. People are excited to see the ships and the festival that goes along with it."

Kochman said attendance could easily top the original 30,000 estimate.

General admission tickets are available at the gate or can be purchased online at www.kenoshatallships.com. Those tickets include access for boarding the ships as well as entrance to the art fair, food court, children's area and the Miller Lite Music Stage. A limited number of sail-away tickets, ranging from \$55 to \$75, are still available.

"I noticed the sail-away tickets ramped up quickly in the past week," Kochman said. "We went from 600 tickets sold to 1,000 in the snap of a finger. I think those remaining tickets are going to be sold out."

American English, a Beatles tribute band, performs 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Tickets to the concert are \$20 or included for anyone who purchases a gen-

eral admission ticket before 4 p.m. Friday.

Seven ships

Seven ships are taking part in the festival in Kenosha, one of 11 Great Lakes ports of the Tall Ships Challenge. The ships set sail from Green Bay on Tuesday and began arriving in Kenosha on Wednesday.

Ships docking in Kenosha include the Barque Picton Castle, Bluenose II, S/V Denis Sullivan, U.S. Brig Niagara, Appledore IV, Pride of Baltimore II and Kenosha's own Red Witch.

Appledore IV and Red Witch are offering 80-minute excursions from the Kenosha Sailing Center and Yacht Club, 5130 Fourth Ave.

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Taking a tour

Touring the ships adds an entirely different perspective from watching them sail.

The U.S. Brig Niagara,

which is 198 feet long and 120 feet high, is a replica ship from the War of 1812. It includes a sub-deck complete with sleeping quarters and a wood-fired stove.

"You haven't had the full experience until you've gone on board," Kochman said. "They're all very unique. People will want to explore them and stand at the ship's wheel for a picture. It's kind of the iconic thing to do."

Chicago initially committed to host this year's tour and canceled due to ongoing construction at Navy Pier. Kenosha gladly obliged to take over and will have priority to host the event again when it returns to the Great Lakes in 2022.

"The mayor (John Antaramian) wanted this event to come here in the worst way," said Patricia Lock, the city's tall ship festival consultant. "It's good for Kenosha. It's good for tourism. It's a great way to showcase the city. When we had this event in 2003 and 2004, the people who came downtown said they had no idea it was this nice down here."

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Ready for a big weekend



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The tall ship *Pride of Baltimore* passes by the harbor channel entrance on Wednesday. Six more vessels will join the *Pride of Baltimore* here as Kenosha's Tall Ships Festival runs today through Sunday. For more information, go to kenoshatallships.com.



in preparation for the Tall Ships Festival, city parks workers get things ship-shape along the harbor channel walkway on Wednesday. Above, Lisa Walraven-Strange cleans benches. In the photo at right, Logan Kraimer, left, and Travis Halvorsen replace damaged paving bricks.



We want tall ships photos

The tall ships are here at last, and the festival begins today. Share your photos with us and we'll publish them online and consider them for print. Perhaps thousands of readers will see them as they follow the festival activities on our website. Share by emailing photos to spotlight@kenoshanews.com.

History lives on tall ships

More than 30,000 expected to attend

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It's been a long time since Kenosha's Josie Haake has seen a ship as big as the U.S. Brig Niagara.

Seventy years ago, to be exact.

"After World War II, I came over (to the United States) on a huge boat from Germany," Haake said. "That was something."

Haake, 80, was one of many visitors who arrived early and enjoyed picture-perfect weather as the gates officially opened for the start of the Tall Ships of America Tall Ships Challenge on Friday at the Kenosha harbor.

Seven tall ships took turns entering the harbor on Thursday following a majestic Parade of Sail along the Kenosha lakefront.

Event organizers said huge crowds in excess of 30,000 are expected this weekend.

The three-day festival continues at 10 a.m. today and wraps up on Sunday.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$9 for kids (ages 6-17). A family pass is available for \$45.

A limited number of sail-away, ranging from \$55 to \$75 were still available on Friday.

After watching the ships arrive on Thursday, visitors toured the fully-operational, historic replicas on Friday.

The U.S. Brig Niagara is the largest of the small fleet, soaring 170 feet high and nearly 200 feet long.

The ship is a reconstruction of the original, which fought in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812 on Sept. 10, 1813.

The ship, based in Erie, Pa., boasted a crew of 150 and a unique lower level complete with string hammocks and a wood-fired stove.

Keeping it real

"We still cook all of our meals on our wood stove," U.S. Brig Niagara Capt. Chris Cusson said. "It fits well with the tradition of the ship."

"Everything on the boat is real. Nothing is put on for show. We sail the ship as hard as we can."

Capt. Phil Watson wel-



Natalie Winterle with her children Jennifer and Greg discover how tall the ships are.

comed people aboard the Bluenose II, a duplicate of the legendary Gaff Topsail Schooner of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada.

The Bluenose is indented on the Canadian dime, featured on Canadian stamps and enshrined in the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

Capable of speeds of 18 mph, the 300-ton Bluenose defeated American challenger Elsie in the 1921 International Fisherman's Trophy and never relinquished its crown.

"This is a very famous boat," Watson said. "She was undefeated in her racing career."

Other ships docked in the harbor include the Barque Pictou Castle, S/V Denis Sullivan, Appledore IV, Pride of Baltimore II and Kenosha's own Red Witch.

Tall Ships Challenge

Kenosha, hosting the event for the first time since 2004, is one of 11 stops throughout the Great Lakes for the Tall Ships Challenge.

Several ships took part in a race from Algoma to Kenosha on Tuesday. The winner of the race will be announced at an awards presentation today.

"It's wonderful to have these new communities step up to host the ships," Tall Ships Challenge Director Erin Short said. "It brings the ships to a whole new audience and keeps the series fresh for ourselves and for our ships. This will be a wonderful experience for everyone."

Short said one of the tour's major initiatives is keeping the maritime tradition and history alive.

"This is how people used to get around," Short said. "It's how goods were moved. It's how you got your news. It was the Internet."

U.S. Navy veteran Marv Fort, 70, of Lake Villa, Ill., said he enjoyed learning about the history of the tall ships and was impressed with their massive size.

"It's very interesting," Fort said. "I just look at them and it amazes me. It's really nice to have this here."

Haake watched the Parade of Sail near Kemper Center on Thursday and was one of the first people into the festival grounds on Friday.

"These ships are wonderful," Haake said. "This isn't something you see everyday."



Two festivalgoers take photos of a ship leaving the harbor.

Thousands flock to Kenosha Harbor

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Check out the schedule for today's activities at the Tall Ships Festival in downtown Kenosha. Page A5.

The Kenosha Tall Ships Festival is under full sail, with the Kenosha Harbor lined with ships and thousands descending on the festival grounds to get up close to the vessels.

Seven tall ships filed into the harbor Thursday, finishing off their voyage from Green Bay.

"The way they sailed was graceful and elegant," Kenosha resident Carol Scotese said, saying she was amazed by their size and appearance. "The colors with the blue water and blue sky looked beautiful."

Stephen Kucharski of Kenosha is one of many who saw the tall ships last time they came to Kenosha, but he was still amazed seeing them again.

"I'm really enjoying it," Kucharski said. "They're just majestic to see."

Looking out at the ships, people could see dozens of crew members working multiple stories high up on the masts and yardarms, working to get the ships ready.

"It's super awesome (to see the tall ships)," said Kenosha resident Suzanne Gierach, who has seen the ships in Kenosha in the past. "To see everyone up on the mast working is cool. It's also a great feel to have everyone in town out to celebrate one event together."

Kenosha resident Daniel Truax got to see the ships up close for the first time, and he too was pleased with the atmosphere. He said he's excited for the weekend. He and his family, like many others, booked a tour of one of the ships Friday.

"It's awesome," Truax said. "It's perfect weather. Everybody's enjoying something



The Parade of Sail was a sailor's and spectator's delight. Page B1.



Tall Ships Festival was worth the wait. See Darts & Laurels on Page B2.



See more images from the 2019 Tall Ships Festival online at www.kenoshanews.com, including those submitted by the public to spotlight@kenoshanews.com.

from the past we can all appreciate."

Thursday's opening ceremony included a performance by the band Tynan and a packed harbor and festival grounds, with people enjoying the opening day of the big weekend celebration.

Opening ceremony emcee Tom Kastle introduced the captains of the seven ships. In addition, the national anthems were played for the three countries the ships represent: the United States, Canada and the Cook Islands. The blessing of the fleet was led by pastor Joyce Rinehart.

On Friday, the Beatles tribute band American English performed, and there was full slate of musical performances, talks and educational presentations.

The festival continues through Sunday, with ships open for tours, rides and closer looks from festivalgoers.

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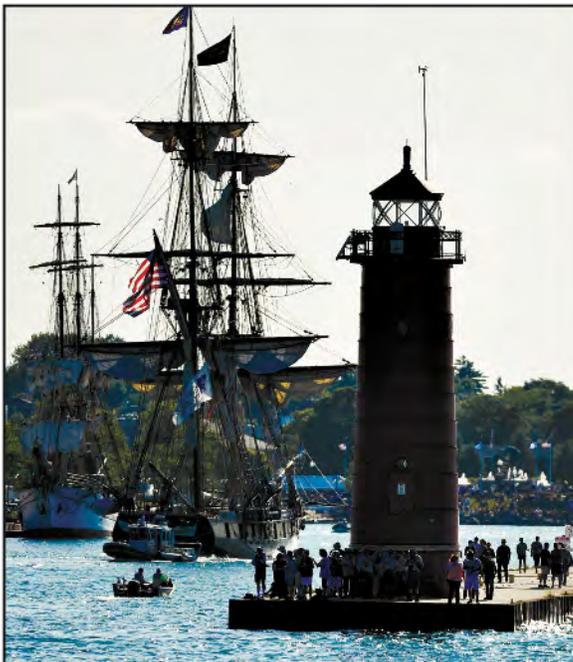
Niagara, left, Picton Castle, center, and Pride of Baltimore, right, gather off of Simmons Island in the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan for the Tall Ships Festival Parade of Sail on Thursday.

SAILOR'S and spectator's DELIGHT



People line the lakefront to welcome the tall ships during the Parade of Sail on Thursday.

People gather around the lighthouse to watch the tall ships enter the harbor.



Denis Sullivan joins the Tall Ships Parade of Sail on Thursday.



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Ships riding high in Kenosha

Thousands visit lakefront for festival

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The vision of what Kenosha could someday achieve quite possibly arrived on Saturday.

Thousands of local residents and out-of-town visitors packed the downtown lakefront in a culmination of local events — none bigger than the Tall Ships of America Tall Ships Challenge in the Kenosha harbor — creating what is certain to be a weekend to remember and an intriguing glimpse of the future.

Kenosha, a fast-growing community with plenty of small-city charm and big-city appeal, earned plenty of new fans this weekend.

Boasted by near-perfect weather and a stunning Lake Michigan backdrop, over 10,000 people were expected for the Tall Ships Challenge on Saturday. Combined with the Kenosha HarborMarket, Pike River Rendezvous on Simmons Island and the Border War Beer Fest in Pennoyer Park — not to mention the closing events of Relay for Life Kenosha — it would have to be one of the busiest days ever on the Kenosha lakefront.

"It's so nice to see it all come together," said Kris Kochman, city community relations liaison. "This is exactly what we were hoping for."

Gates open at 10 today

Visitors lined the Kenosha harbor Saturday for Day Two of the Tall Ships Challenge. Gates open at 10 a.m. today for the final day of the festival.

Ticket prices are \$18 for adults and \$9 for kids (ages 6-17). A family pass is also available for \$45. A limited number of sail-away tickets were still available as of Saturday afternoon for today's final cruises. Tickets can be purchased at the gate or online at www.kenoshatallships.com.

General admission includes boarding the ships as well as entrance to the art fair, food court, children's area and the Miller Lite Music Stage.

Sail-away event quite popular

Sarah Hall, 59, of Plymouth, stayed in Kenosha for the first time this weekend. She joined her family on a sail-away aboard Kenosha's own Red Witch.

"My great-grandfather was a ship's carpenter on vessels like this and I always wanted to be on one," Hall said. "We thought this would be a pretty cool thing to do for a quick getaway. Kenosha has always been a stop for us or an exit on the highway, but we've never been (downtown). We're pleasantly surprised."

"This community has a different flavor to a lot of other places we've been to in Wisconsin. It has that Chicago character, but yet it's not a big city. It's a really nice combination. We'll be back," she said.

Del Swanson, 77, of Minneapolis, also sailed off on the Red Witch. It was his first trip to Kenosha.

"It's a nice, small town," Swanson said. "It's well-organized and very clean."



Patrons wait in line to tour the ships during the Tall Ships event on Saturday.

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Local students on Denis Sullivan

Kenosha, hosting the tall ships festival for the first time since 2004, is one of 11 stops throughout the Great Lakes for the Tall Ships Challenge. Several ships took part in a race from Algoma to Kenosha on Tuesday, including the S/V Denis Sullivan and its crew comprised of several students from the Kenosha Community Sailing Center.

The students boarded the Milwaukee-based ship on Monday and served as deckhands throughout the week.

"They stood watch, did the lookout, worked the helm, set sail, did the dishes," said Jonny Slanga, chief mate and relief captain for the S/V Denis Sullivan. "They helped us out a lot."

Grant, sponsors fund events for kids

Through an available grant and a partnership with the Boys & Girls Club of Kenosha, Kenosha YMCA, City of Kenosha Parks Alliance, the city invited 450 local kids into the festival one hour before the gates officially opened 10 a.m. Friday.

All of them were provided with lunch and 150 of them enjoyed a free sail-away.

The festival's opening ceremony included a Parade of Sail on a picture-perfect Thursday evening. The seven ships traveled a figure-eight pattern from Pennoyer Park to Kemper Center before funneling into the downtown channel and docking.



Louie Arecco and his wife Jessica check out the anchor on the Pride of Baltimore during the Tall Ships event on Saturday.

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Festival ticket confusion

Thursday's festivities created some confusion for some people, a small portion who believed they could use their Tall Ships Challenge tickets and have access to the festival grounds and tour the ships on Thursday. This was not the case, however. The festival didn't officially open until 10 a.m. Friday.

"People showed up on Thursday thinking they had a ticket to come in," Kochman said. "Some people were drawn in because the Denis Sullivan and the Pride

of Baltimore II were picking up passengers for the Parade of Sail. We didn't kick anyone out. We secured the gates so more people wouldn't come in. We had maybe one person we had to refund. I think they had the idea that they were trying to beat the crowds, but there was nothing to see yet."

About 1,000 people attended Friday's performance of Beatles Tribute band American English at the festival, nearly twice as many as expected for the \$20 show.

"It was a really good draw," Kochman said.

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Gone with the wind

With weekend success, city hopes for 2022 return of tall ships

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With light easterly winds and temperatures hovering in the high 70s and low 80s, thousands of visitors converged Sunday for a chance to board, tour and even sail inside a piece of living history on the final day of the Tall Ships of America Tall Ships Challenge in Kenosha's harbor.

Clear skies and perfect weather brought thousands of locals and tourists alike to the four-day maritime event that began Thursday with the "Parade of Sail" for seven vessels. Lined up at the causeway were five vessels, including — the U.S. Brig Niagara, Barque Picton Castle, and three schooners, the Bluenose II, S/V Denis Sullivan and Pride of Baltimore for visitors to explore at their own pace.

Sailing excursions were provided by two schooners — the Red Witch, whose home port is Kenosha, and the Appledore IV. The festival marked the first time since 2004 the tall ships have returned to Kenosha. The ships were expected to depart by today.

"I don't have hard numbers, but just by the visuals of it, yesterday was everything we could've hoped for if not more," said Kris Kochman, city of Kenosha community relations liaison. "It was busy; it was popular, but it wasn't overcrowded ... and people were happy."

More than 30,000 visitors were expected throughout the weekend. While there they enjoyed tours of the vessels, live music on the grounds and dozens of food, clothing,



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Patrons make their way onto the Pride of Baltimore during the Tall Ships event on Saturday.

craft and community service vendors.

"Everyone likes to take selfies by the captain's wheel, of course," she said. "That's kind of the iconic shot. There's just a lot to explore. The ships are all very different. I couldn't be more happy."

Saul Hernandez, of Kenosha, who brought his grandkids to see the tall ships, marveled at their beauty and maritime historical significance.

"It's interesting just to go back on those years when this was the main transportation," said Hernandez who had boarded and toured the 120-foot-tall Brig Niagara with his granddaughter Charlotte, 3, nearby. Hernandez said he didn't realize how low the ceilings were as they descended into the belly of the ship.

"Everyone had to duck," he said. But not Charlotte.

"It was good," she said.

"They had a lot of stairs at the bottom."

out the nearby Bluenose II, especially, at the captain's wheel.

"But all the wheels, actually, are just amazing," he said.

"The strength it would take to turn that wheel around and around ... well, I wouldn't have the strength to do that. For me, that would be overwhelming," Shelly Ensrud said.

Kent Bieganski, who toured the ships with a Lake Geneva-based photography group, said he was fascinated with the tall ships.

"It's just fascinating to see an old ship like this," said Bieganski, of Greenfield, who was on the Niagara, a brig with 120-foot tall rigging. "It's pretty awesome and a pretty awesome photographic event."

Kochman praised the public response in welcoming the tall ships' return to the area, especially during the Parade of Sail the day of their arrival on Thursday before the festival grounds were formally opened on Friday.

"I was really happy to see Kenosha come out and really welcome the ships. Everyone was so excited," she said. "It was just such a great vibe to be down here."

Overall, she said, "this was highly successful."

"This was everything we had hoped for and more, and I have to give credit to the good weather, but really people have embraced the tall ships' return to Kenosha."

Kochman said the city, which is one of just 11 ports that play host to tall ships in the U.S. and Canada, hopes to have them back in the area again in 2022.

Meanwhile at the Barque Picton Castle, one of two vessels along with the Bluenose II from Nova Scotia, Canada, Shelly and Wes Ensrud, of Mount Pleasant, brought their 2-year-old grandson Brayden to Kenosha harbor to tour the ships.

Shelly Ensrud said she was impressed with the barque, whose billowing white three-masted rig rises 100 feet in the air and was a notable sight in the harbor.

"It's just huge. I'm actually amazed at all these ropes that they keep track of," she said. "One guy (crew member) was telling us each of these ropes has its own name. It's just amazing that they actually continue to sail something like this. The sails in and of themselves are just massive. It's extremely interesting that they continue to sail these things."

Wes Ensrud said he was in awe of the woodwork through-

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Tall Ships of America Tall Ships Challenge stops through Kenosha



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The Appledore IV gives a sailing ride to visitors.



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The Niagara during the tall ships Parade of Sail on Thursday.

Tall ships grace Kenosha harbor



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Picton Castle, left, and the Niagara, right, during the tall ships Parade of Sail on Thursday.



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The Denis Sullivan during the tall ships Parade of Sail on Thursday.

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