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TALL SHIPS® Hamilton Sails in to Pier 8 on the Canada Day Long Weekend June 28 – 30, 2013

Hamilton, ON – June 18, 2013 – Hamilton's waterfront will welcome six majestic tall ships from around the world Fri. Jun. 28 to Sun. Jun. 30 at Pier 8, 57 Discovery Dr. TALL SHIPS® Hamilton is one of four signature events commemorating the War of 1812 Bicentennial in Hamilton and includes cruises, deck tours, theatre experiences, live music performances, a naval encampment, free nautical and historical activities, and more.

Visiting ships include: Sorlandet (Norway); U.S. Brig Niagara (Erie, Pennsylvania); Fair Jeanne (Ottawa); Peacemaker (Savannah, Georgia); St. Lawrence II (Kingston); and Liana's Ransom (Halifax).

Kicking off the event is the Tall Ships® Hamilton Parade of Sail on Fri. Jun. 28 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visitors can watch the ships sail into Hamilton Harbour, enjoy cannon fire salutes, and see the ships end their journey at the Pier 8 docks. Prominent vantage points to watch the parade include: La Salle Park and Bayshore Park in Burlington; the Burlington Canal; Bayfront and Pier 4 Parks; and Pier 8 in Hamilton.

Want to get up close and personal with the ships? Tickets to sail onboard Liana's Ransom in Hamilton Harbour throughout the day on Sat. Jun. 29 and Sun. Jun. 30 are available on-line at www.1812hamilton.com. These 1.5 hour cruises are \$30.00 per person, and children under five are \$10.00.

Tickets are also available to board the five ships dockside on Saturday and Sunday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Deck tour tickets are on sale at all Hamilton-area Scotiabank locations, at the Tourism Hamilton Visitor Centre, 28 James St. N., and can also be purchased on-line at www.1812hamilton.com. Deck tours are \$10.00 per person, and children under five are free. Tickets are limited so buy early to avoid disappointment! The ships are not wheelchair accessible.

On Saturday and Sunday, kids, teens, and adults visiting TALL SHIPS® Hamilton can also enjoy a wide variety of unique and engaging arts and heritage activities for free. These include: nautical printmaking with Centre[3]; an instrument-making workshop and Flotilla Parade with Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts; The Amazing 1812 Race Game led by historical interpreters on a giant 1812 map; a Bicentennial-themed quilt exhibition; a curated craft show with a nautical

and heritage twist; and a live Art Battle on Sat. Jun. 29 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., where the public votes to choose a champion artist to represent Hamilton on a National level.

Featuring several interactive theatre experiences, an 1813 naval encampment, and live historical music performances, festival goers will feel that they have stumbled through a time warp to an 1813 wharf! Sea shanties will give way to modern rock, indie and soul acts on the Waterfront Stage each evening from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Featured bands include Young Rival & Young Empires (Friday pm), Zaki Ibrahim (Saturday pm), Harrison Kennedy & The Soul Motivators (Sunday pm). For a full line up of Waterfront and Dockside bands, please visit www.1812hamilton.com.

A wide variety of food and beverages will be available for sale on site, featuring many of Hamilton's celebrated food trucks such as Gorilla Cheese, the Meatball Shoppe, and Sweet Ice Snow Cones.

Paid parking is available in the lot off of Catherine St. N. Discovery Dr. is closed to all vehicular traffic with the exception of buses, D.A.R.T.S. and taxis. Visitors are encouraged to walk, cycle or take the free HSR Shuttle Bus. Shuttles with limited accessible seating will be running a constant loop between downtown Hamilton on the north side of King St. W. at Summers Lane and the event site, Friday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Registered D.A.R.T.S. passengers must book their trip at least seven days in advance by calling Accessible Transportation Services (ATS) at 905-529-1212. For more information on becoming a registered D.A.R.T.S. client, please contact ATS at 905-529-1212, Ext. 183. On-site disabled parking is limited; visitors with mobility issues may be dropped off in the parking lot off of Catharine St. N. Service dogs are permitted on site, otherwise dogs are not permitted at the event.

For detailed information about activities, events, sail times, parking options, shuttle buses, fees, and to purchase tickets for TALL SHIPS® Hamilton, visit www.1812hamilton.com.

The TALL SHIPS® 1812 Tour is a Pan Provincial event that will travel to 15 ports throughout Ontario during the summer of 2013, commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The event is produced in partnership with the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Great Lakes 2013 series. For information about the entire TALL SHIPS® 1812 Tour please visit www.tallships1812.ca.