

**Hamilton War of 1812 Bicentennial
SIGNATURE EVENT: TALL SHIPS® Hamilton**

Background

- TALL SHIPS® Hamilton is part of the City of Hamilton's War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemorations.
- TALL SHIPS® Hamilton is a key port in the TALL SHIPS® 1812 Tour, a pan-provincial Tall Ships America® initiative with 16 participating ports on Lake Ontario this summer.
- The City of Hamilton has built strategic partnerships with organizations and government, including the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and the Federal 1812 Secretariat.

Visiting Ships

TALL SHIPS® Hamilton will feature Canadian, U.S. and International Class A fully rigged, multi-masted tall ships, including:

Sørlandet (home port: Kristiansand, Norway)

- One of the event's most magnificent tall ships, the 64 meter Sorlandet hails from Norway and is the oldest full rigged ship in the world still in operation.
- Built in 1927 as a merchant marine training ship, Sorlandet now offers students learning experiences aboard the ship through the Canadian sail training institution Class Afloat.

U.S. Brig Niagara (home port: Erie, Pennsylvania)

- The meter brigantine Flagship Niagara was built as a reconstruction of the warship aboard, which Commander Oliver Hazard Perry won the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

Fair Jeanne (home port: Ottawa, Ontario)

- Fair Jeanne is a 34 meter traditionally-rigged brigantine.
- The ship is operated by Bytown Brigantine, which provides young people with sailing skills, leadership training, challenges, and memories to last the rest of their lives.

St. Lawrence II (home port: Kingston, Ontario)

- Built at Kingston Shipyards, St. Lawrence II was designed for youth sail training.
- The Brigantine Incorporated operates the ship and runs a sail training program created with the intent of teaching young people the fundamental skills of sailing.

Event Information

- TALL SHIPS® Hamilton will feature Canadian, U.S. and International Class A fully rigged, multi-masted tall ships from Friday, June 28 to Sunday, June 30.
- The event starts Friday, June 28 when the ships sail into Hamilton Harbour with cannon fire salutes, ending their journey at the Pier 8 docks.
- Opening ceremonies will include a salute to 180 visiting tall ship crew members and sail trainees taking place at the Waterfront Stage at 6pm, followed by a Captains' Reception and Dinner on the waterfront.
- The public can tour the ships on Saturday June 29 and Sunday June 30 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at a cost of \$10 per person per day. One boarding pass provides a visitor on-deck tours of all tall ships.
- The tall ship Liana's Ransom will operate harbour cruises five times a day on June 28, 29 and 30 for a fee of \$30 per person.
- Free and unique on-land activities include historical boat building, nautical printmaking, a Bicentennial themed quilt exhibition, a curated craft show, and artist-painted tattoos.
- Visitors will enjoy several day-time interactive theatre experiences and live historical music performances, as well as free music each evening on the Waterfront Stage.
- The Hamilton Waterfront Trust is responsible for on-site food and beverage for the public (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) service provisions, associated costs and related revenues.
- Tickets are available online to purchase at www.1812hamilton.com and at Pier 8 during the event.

Site: Pier 8, Hamilton
Date: Friday, June 28, 2013 to Sunday, June 30, 2013
Time: Parade of Sail – Friday 2-4pm; Ship deck tours and activities
Saturday and Sunday starting at 10:00am
Ages: All
Cost: Ship deck tours \$10 per person. Children under 5 free.
Contact: For ticket information:
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Quick Facts

- Fifty thousand visitors are projected to attend TALL SHIPS® Hamilton for the on-water and on-land heritage and cultural programming.
- It is estimated that the economic impact of the tall ships in Ontario in 2013 will be \$450 million in visitor spending.
- Organizers estimate that the 2013 TALL SHIPS® 1812 Tour will draw 1.2 million attendees, including 500,000 tourists.
- Over 150 volunteers will be required to assist with carrying out the TALL SHIPS® Hamilton event.

1812 Hamilton Signature Events Series

- Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek (June 1-2, 2013)
- Canadian International Military Tattoo (June 8-9, 2013)
- TALL SHIPS® Hamilton (June 28-30, 2013)
- *Hamilton & Scourge* Memorial (September 4 and 21, 2013)

More Information

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