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TALLSHIPS EN ROUTE TO THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES

Brigantines and Schooners Race to Los Angeles Harbor in the Pacific Coast 2005 Tall Ship Challenge® Series



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SAN PEDRO, CA. – Nearly a dozen of the world’s finest tallships will sail into the Los Angeles Harbor on Thursday, August 11, kicking off the four-day TallShipsLA festival at the Port of Los Angeles. Los Angeles is the sixth port of call in the American Sail Training Association’s Pacific Coast 2005 Tall Ships Challenge® Race Series that originates in Vancouver, B.C., and concludes in San Diego.

“This is a great way to welcome and enjoy the visiting tall ships and our own *Exy Johnson*. I invite all of Los Angeles to come to the Harbor and see these remarkable boats,” said Los Angeles Councilwoman Janice Hahn.

More than 200,000 visitors are expected to attend the four-day event. Highlights include viewing the Grand Parade of Sail, participating in day sail adventures, touring the vessels and enjoying a variety of maritime exhibits.

The *Argus*, *Californian*, Mexico’s *Cuauhtemoc*, Antigua’s *Kaisei*, *Lynx*, the *R. Tucker Thompson* of New Zealand, *Royaliste*, *Spirit of Dana Point* and the *Tole Mour* will join the *Exy Johnson*, a 111-foot brigantine built and launched in the Port of Los Angeles. All ships will be available for viewing from a variety of locations along the San Pedro waterfront including Ports O’ Call Village. For the adventurous, Day Sails aboard the tallships are available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Schedule of Events:

Thursday, August 11, 2005

11:00 a.m. – noon

Grand Parade of Sail

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ships open for free public tours

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Day sails aboard selected tallships

Friday, August 12, 2005

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ships open for free public tours

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Day sails aboard selected tallships

Saturday, August 13, 2005

11:00 a.m. – noon

Ships open for free public tours

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Day sails aboard selected tallships

Sunday, August 14, 2005

11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Ships open for free public tours

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Day sails aboard selected tallships

For more information about TallShipsLA, day sail reservations or the Top Sail Program, contact the information line at the Los Angeles Maritime Institute at (877) 825-7447 or visit www.portoflosangeles.org or www.lamitopsail.org.

Tall Ships Challenge® is the American Sail Training Association's series of Tall Ships Races and port events rotating on a 3-year cycle to the Atlantic, Great Lakes and Pacific coasts. ASTA's mission is to support character-building sailing adventures and education under sail, preserving maritime heritage, the environment and traditions of the sea. The Port of Los Angeles was an official port in ASTA's Tall Ships Challenge® series in 2002 and now again in 2005.

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