



## Media Advisory

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# BRAZILIAN TALL SHIP CISNE BRANCO TO VISIT NORFOLK FOR HARBORFEST '15

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**Norfolk, VA (May 5, 2015)** – The Brazilian Navy tall sail training ship “**CISNE BRANCO**” announced their plans this week to participate in the upcoming Norfolk Harborfest celebration, June 5 – 7, 2015, on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, and to remain in Norfolk through June 11, 2015 for additional public tours.

**CISNE BRANCO** and **USCG EAGLE**, along with **KALMAR NYCKEL** are the featured visiting tall ships to Harborfest 2015.

“**CISNE BRANCO**” is scheduled to arrive 12 noon as part of the Friday, June 5, 2015 Parade of Sail, and will dock at the Otter Berth next to Waterside. “**CISNE BRANCO’s**” last visit to Norfolk was in June of 2012 as part of the OpSail2012 Virginia fleet. The ship will depart on **Thursday, June 11, 2015**. The City of Norfolk is the only US port call for the ship’s 2015 tour.

Ship tours are **free and open to the public**.

### **CISNE BRANCO Public Tour Times:**

- Friday, June 5, 2015 – 2 pm – 8 pm
- Saturday, June 6, 2015 – 10AM – 8PM
- Sunday, June 7, 2015 – 10AM – 8PM
- Monday, June 8, 2015 – 10AM – 8PM
- Tuesday, June 9, 2015 – 10AM – 8PM
- Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 10AM – 8PM
- Thursday, June 11, 2015 Departure

Strollers are not permitted on board the ship. Entry and Exit Ramps are not equipped to accommodate wheel chairs, walkers, or other types of mobility equipment requiring a flat and solid surface or hand rails.



CISNE BRANCO is home based in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Her design goes back to the height of the great age of sail in the second half of the 19th century, and she trains midshipmen from the Brazilian Navy in navigation, seamanship, and watch-standing skills. Commanding Officer Nelson Nenes da Rosa and the rest of the 60 crew members onboard sail and maintain this ambassador vessel. CISNE BRANCO travels the world to showcase Brazilian culture and industry.

### **Facts & History: CISNE BRANCO**

- One of the youngest ships in the international tall ship fleet, CISNE BRANCO was built in Amsterdam in 2000. Her name means "white swan," and she is the third Brazilian Navy training ship to carry that name, but this CISNE BRANCO is very different from the first one. The first CISNE BRANCO was a 79-foot-long wooden yacht designed by the legendary Alfred Mylne.
- Overall Length: 249 ft
- Rig: Barque
- Height: 152'
- 60 Officers and crew

For more information on Norfolk Harborfest as well as other events throughout the year, including hours, park regulations and parking please visit [www.festevents.org](http://www.festevents.org) or call 757.441.2345.

Norfolk Festevents, Ltd., based in Norfolk, Virginia, is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating the most dynamic urban waterfront community in America through innovative programming and imaginative uses of its historic waterfront spaces. An extensive 10 month schedule of diverse outdoor cultural events, festivals, concerts, entertainment, holiday programs, tall ship visits, sports and recreation are presented in two popular and welcoming waterfront environments—Town Point Park located in downtown Norfolk on the banks of the Elizabeth River and Ocean View Beach Park situated on the shore line of the Chesapeake Bay. Norfolk Festevents has served as the City of Norfolk's official event marketing agency since the city's downtown waterfront revitalization initiatives began in 1982. The organization has garnered international acclaim for its advocacy for public access to waterfronts, outstanding quality programming, and development of public spaces, transforming Norfolk into one of the most progressive, fun and livable waterfront communities in the country.

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