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# Chilean Sail Training Vessel Esmeralda to Visit Downtown Norfolk Waterfront



**Date:** Wednesday, August 1, 2023

**Website:** [bit.ly/EsmeraldaNFK](https://bit.ly/EsmeraldaNFK)

**Public Tour Dates:**

Monday, August 6, 2023 2PM-6PM

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 2PM-6PM

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 2PM-6PM

**Location:** Otter Berth, Next to Waterside District, Downtown Norfolk Waterfront, VA

**Norfolk, VA** – The Chilean Navy’s sail training tall ship **ESMERALDA** returns to Norfolk, Virginia, Sunday, August 6 through Thursday, August 10, 2023. This will be the ship’s only U.S. port stop during it’s 2023 sail training cruise.

Arriving at 10AM on Sunday, August 6, 2023, the 372’ vessel will dock at Otter Berth next to the Waterside District at 333 Waterside Drive, on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront.

The **ESMERALDA** will be open to the public for free tours:

Sunday, August 6, 2023                    2PM – 6PM

Tuesday, August 8, 2023                2PM – 6PM

Wednesday, August 9, 2023            2PM – 6PM

The ship will depart Norfolk at 4PM, Thursday, August 10, 2023.

The **ESMERALDA** was launched in 1953 and serves as the training ship for the Chilean Navy. During her visit to Norfolk, she will carry a crew of nearly 300 midshipmen, enlisted sailors, and officers. She has visited more than 300 ports worldwide, acting as a floating embassy for Chile. The ship has participated in numerous international maritime festivals, including OpSail 1964, 1976 and 1986. **ESMERALDA** has been a frequent visitor to Norfolk, with its last visit being in June, 2017 as part of Norfolk Harborfest.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** about the **ESMERALDA** tall ship visit, as well as additional events throughout the year, including hours, park regulations and parking, please visit [Festevents.org](http://Festevents.org) or call 757-441-2345.

**ESMERALDA's** visit is sponsored by Norfolk Festevents, Ltd., and the City of Norfolk, with support from the US Navy, USCG, Virginia Pilot Association, Robins Marine LLC, W.F. Magann Corporation, Waterside Marina, and City Cruises Norfolk

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