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Norfolk Festevents, City of Norfolk to Host Three International Class A Tall Ships in 2020

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Norfolk, VA – A trio of the world's most prestigious Class A Naval sail training tall ships are slated to call on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront this year.

The visiting ships include the STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL (Norway) (March 4-13), BAE GUAYAS (Ecuador) (May 16-19), and CAPITAN MIRANDA (Uruguay) (June 2-8).

STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL

Bergen, Norway



The STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL (321'), hailing from Norway, is set to arrive in Norfolk for an extended stay from Monday, March 4, 2020 to Friday, March 13, 2020. It marks the second consecutive year that the Norwegian vessel has visited Norfolk and the 15th overall.

Built in 1914 as a training ship for the German merchant marines, the STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL is a three-masted steel barque sail training vessel. The STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL is currently sailed by the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy's first-year cadets who participate in leadership and team-building training. While on board, the cadets work together as a team to overcome the timeless challenges and dangers of travelling the seas by sail without modern technology. Additional information on the STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL is available [here](#).

BAE GUAYAS

Guayaquil, Ecuador



BAE GUAYAS (221'), from Ecuador, is scheduled to visit from Saturday May 16, 2020 to Tuesday, May 19, 2020. BAE GUAYAS last visited Norfolk in 2017 during Harborfest and also participated in OpSail 2012 in Norfolk.

Built in Spain in 1976, BAE GUAYAS is proud to serve as a goodwill ambassador for the Ecuadorian Navy. The three-masted steel barque sail training vessel is named after the Chief of Huancavilcas, a native culture in the Ecuadorian coastal region. During a cruise, considered one semester at the Ecuadorian Naval Academy, midshipmen apply – in a very challenging environment – theoretical principals of navigation, seamanship, and other subjects learned in the classroom. Additional information on BAE GUAYAS is available [here](#).

CAPITAN MIRANDA

Montevideo, Uruguay



CAPITAN MIRANDA (198'), from Uruguay, is scheduled to visit from Tuesday, June 2, 2020 to Monday, June 8, 2020 and will headline 2020 Norfolk Harborfest's (June 5-7) annual Parade of Sail on Friday, June 5. The ship's visit marks the second consecutive year that the CAPITAN MIRANDA has visited Norfolk.

Known around the globe for its award-winning spirit, CAPITAN MIRANDA serves as a training ship for the Uruguayan Naval Academy at Montevideo. Built in Spain, in 1930, the three-masted schooner was refitted and re-rigged in 1978 and logs 10,000 sea miles annually. With its colorful sunburst sails, CAPITAN MIRANDA has won the “Most Spirit” award at many previous tall ship festivals around the world. Additional information on CAPITAN MIRANDA is available [here](#).

All three ships will be open for public visitations during their stays in Norfolk. Specific dates and times for visitations will be announced in the weeks leading up to each ship’s arrival. All dates and times are subject to change. Special rates for school group tours are available upon request. Contact Festevents at 757-441-2345 for group tours.

Norfolk Festevents is the official host of Sail 250 Norfolk in the summer of 2026.

For more information about Norfolk Festevents and the 2020 Season of Events, including hours, park regulations and parking, please visit 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, and tall ship visits 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. Residents, workers, and visitors to Norfolk and The 757 are invited to experience all the fun and excitement of the 2020 season!

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