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STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL to Visit Norfolk March 4-13 and Host Public Tours

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Norfolk, VA – The Class A international tail ship STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL (321'), hailing from Norway, is set to arrive along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront for an extended stay from Wednesday, March 4, 2020 to Friday, March 13, 2020.

The STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL, a three-masted steel barque sail training vessel, is visiting Norfolk for the second consecutive year and the 15th overall. The Norwegian vessel will be open for public tours on Saturday, March 7, 2020 and Sunday, March 8, 2020 from 10am to 3pm. All dates and times are subject to change.



Built in 1914 as a training ship for the German merchant marines, 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 traveling the seas by sail without modern technology. Additional information on the STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL is available here.

STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL Public Tours

Saturday, March 7, 2020 – 10am-3pm Sunday, March 8, 2020 – 10am-3pm

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.

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 hard hand rails.

The STATSRAAD LEHMKUHL is the first of three Class A international tall ships scheduled to visit Norfolk in 2020. Additional visiting ships include BAE GUAYAS (Ecuador) (May 16-19) and CAPITAN



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MIRANDA (Uruguay) (June 2-8), which will headline the annual Parade of Sail on Friday of the 44th Annual Norfolk Harborfest Music, Food & Maritime Festival (June 5-7).

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 <u>Festevents.org</u> 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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