

## Media Advisory

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# MEXICAN TALL SHIP ARM CUAUHEMOC TO VISIT NORFOLK FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

## NORFOLK IS ONLY U.S. PORT CALL

**Norfolk, VA (April 6, 2015)** - On Thursday, May 21, 2015 the Mexican Navy sail training tall ship the “**ARM CUAUHEMOC**” is scheduled to arrive in Downtown Norfolk, docking at Otter Berth next to Waterside. The ARM CUAUHEMOC’s last visit to Norfolk was in the spring of 2013 and was also part of the OpSail2012 Virginia fleet. The ship will depart on **Monday, May 25, 2015**. The City of Norfolk is the only US port call for the ship’s 2015 sail training tour.

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

### CUAUHEMOC Public Tour Times:

- Thursday, May 21, 2015 – 11AM – 4PM
- Friday, May 22, 2015 – 10AM – 8PM
- Saturday May, 23, 2015 – 10AM – 8PM
- Sunday, May 24, 2015 – 10AM – 8PM



The CUAUHEMOC, commissioned under the Mexican Navy, sails with 42 officers, 43 cadets and 125 enlisted crew members. Launched in July 1982, the vessel is 270 ft with her homeport in Acapulco, Mexico. The CUAUHEMOC serves Mexico as the training vessel for the Mexican Navy, a role she has fulfilled for more than twenty years. She participates in worldwide tall ship events while teaching the essential elements of seamanship and navigation, taking more than one hundred cadets to sea for each of its cruises. The program helps develop individual leadership skills and teambuilding skills while at sea.



**Facts & History: ARM Cuauhtemoc**

- The training tall ship CUAUHTÉMOC was built for the Mexican Navy in the Celaya shipyards (Bilbao, Spain) and launched in July 1982. She was the last of four windjammers built by Bilbao shipyards (her predecessors were the GLORIA for Columbia, the GUAYAS for Ecuador, and the SIMON BOLIVAR for Venezuela). The CUAUHTÉMOC is named for the last Aztec emperor who was imprisoned and executed by the conquistador, Herman Cortes, in 1525.
- Overall Length: 270 ft
- Rig: Barque
- Height of Rig: 39 ft
- 42 officers; 43 Cadets/Midshipmen; 125 Enlisted. Average age of cadets is 18-22

For more information on events, including hours, park regulations and parking please visit [www.festevents.org](http://www.festevents.org) or call 757.441.2345.

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