

## Media Advisory

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# NORFOLK, VIRGINIA TO BE THE ONLY U.S. PORT OF CALL FOR THE WORLD'S LARGEST THREE-MASTED BARQUE FROM NORWAY

Norfolk, VA - On **Monday, November 7, 2016**, the unique and majestic 100-year old Norwegian tall sailing ship "**HNoMS Statsraad Lehmkuhl**" will be making it's only United States appearance as it is scheduled to arrive at approximately 10:00am in Downtown Norfolk, docking at Otter Berth next to the future Waterside District. Norfolk, Virginia will be the ships only U.S. Port of Call for this cadet training vessel. The ship will provide public visitations during its stay and is scheduled to depart at approximately 3:00pm on **Monday, November 14, 2016**. Arrival and departure times are approximate and are subject to change due to any possible inclement weather.

The Statsraad Lehmkuhl is sailed by the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy's first year officer cadets who will be participating in leadership training, learning about the United States Presidential electoral procedures, visiting NATO headquarters and our local Navy bases, along with teambuilding during the trip. The cadets also get a strong foundation of basic seamanship during their weeks onboard. Stripped of modern communication and technology, the students are forced to work together to overcome the timeless challenges and dangers of travelling the seas by sail. Statsraad Lehmkuhl has been part of the basic training program since 2002, whereby the Royal Norwegian Navy leases the ship for several months every year.



Norfolk has become a favorite port of call for the ship and her crew; this will be the 12th consecutive year that the ship has called on the City of Norfolk as part of their sail-training schedule. The port visit is sponsored by The City of Norfolk and Festevents, Ltd. Guests are encouraged to come witness the Statsraad Lehmkuhl's arrival into port as the crew will be in uniform and positioned on the three-masts singing the ship into port on Monday, November 7, 2016.

**Public Visitation Schedule:** The ship will be open for public visitation on Thursday, November 10, 2016, through Sunday, November 13, 2016, from 10:00am – 3:00pm. Please contact Festevents at 757-441-2345 or [Festevents.org](http://Festevents.org) for official updates. Ship tours are **free** and open to the public.

### Facts & History: HNoMS Statsraad Lehmkuhl

- The Barque 'Statsraad Lehmkuhl' is from Bergen. It is a three masted Barque, launched in 1914. She was built by JC Tecklenborg, Bremerhaven, Germany and is Norway's oldest and largest sailing vessel.
- Overall Length: 321 ft



- Length of Hull: 259 ft
- Rig: Three-masted barque
- Height of Rig: 158 ft
- Beam: 41 ft
- Draft: 17 ft
- High Carbon Steel Hull
- Carries a crew of 125 (100 training)

Be sure to follow the HNoMS Statsraad Lehmkuhl on their facebook page as they sail into Norfolk at "**Seilskipet Statsraad Lehmkuhl**". In order to translate the facebook page to English, right click anywhere on the Facebook page and select "Translate to English".

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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