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The NEW Norfolk Harborfest®

Music, Food, and Maritime Festival!

Friday, June 7 – Sunday, June 9, 2019

Town Point Park, Downtown Norfolk Waterfront

NORFOLK, VA – (May 17, 2019) – Norfolk Festevents, Ltd. announces the celebration plan for **The NEW Norfolk Harborfest®: Music, Food, and Maritime Festival** Friday, June 7, 2019 – Sunday, June 9, 2019, at Town Point Park along the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront. This free, family-friendly weekend extravaganza is filled with three days of land, air, and sea activities to capture the hearts of all ages!

30 hours of free national entertainment, unique and specialty performances and water events!

More than 300 ships and vessels!

8 mile majestic parade of sail!

The region's first Choreographed Drone Show!

One of the largest fireworks displays on the East Coast!

Over 50 bold and creative cuisine locations!

The long standing tradition of Norfolk Harborfest® activates the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront with radiant summer excitement as the largest, longest-running, free maritime festival in the Nation. Norfolk Harborfest® launches Friday, June 7, 2019, with the **Parade of Sail**, to include the majestic tall ships leading onlookers into the weekend packed full of spectacular activities. Friday, Saturday and Sunday guests will experience sea activities such as tall ships, U.S. Navy Coastal Riverine exhibits and the fan favorite Build-a-Boat Challenge, along with land and air activities to include 5 stages with local, regional, and national entertainment acts, fun filled family activities, U.S. Navy Dive Tank demonstrations, the Colours Junkanoo Street Party musicians and dancers from the Bahamas, festival escape rooms, body marbling, unique and unusual performances, and the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest. Once the sun sets, Harborfest lights up the night with interactive laser and light shows, a choreographed drone show and one of the largest fireworks shows on the east coast.

Festival hours: Friday, June 7th from Noon – 11 pm, Saturday, June 8th from Noon – 11 pm, and Sunday, June 9th from 10 am – 6 pm.



The Music of Norfolk Harborfest®

Diverse programming covering many genres of music makes Harborfest the event for everyone. Whether it's "Oh Virginia" being performed by Blessid Union of Souls, Rose Royce's hit song "Carwash", or AFISHAL's innovative live DJ experience that's gone viral hitting more than 200 MILLION views online in the past year, Harborfest has something everyone is sure to enjoy.

NEW! Preferred Viewing Tickets

For the first time ever guests are able to purchase Preferred Viewing tickets for AFISHAL's Friday night's headline performance. \$10 Preferred Viewing Tickets are on sale now at <https://www.showclix.com/event/light-up-the-night>, and will include an interactive wearable LED (while supplies last) along with direct access to the front of the stage. A limited number of tickets are available for purchase.

ABNB Federal Credit Union Main Stage

Friday, June 7th

3:15 pm	U.S. Fleet Forces Brass Band (Rock/Pop)
6:00 pm	Oak & Ash (Rock/Pop) www.oakandashmusic.com
8:00 pm	DJ AFISHAL Opening DJ (EDM) www.afishalmusic.com
8:30 pm	AFISHAL (EDM) www.afishalmusic.com

Saturday, June 8th

3:15 pm	Blessid Union of Souls (Alt Rock) www.blessidunionofsouls.net
6:00 pm	Ripe (Funk/Pop) www.ripetheband.com
8:15 pm	Rose Royce (Funk/Pop) www.rose-royce.com

Sunday, June 9th

2:00 pm	Maggie Rose (Country/Pop) www.maggierosemusic.com
4:30 pm	Lonestar (Country/Rock) www.lonestarnow.com

Boathouse Stage

Friday, June 7th

2:45 pm	Five Mile Mountain Road (Bluegrass) www.facebook.com/fivemilemountainroad/
4:45 pm	Bennett Wales & the Relief (Funk/Rock) www.thereliefmusic.com
7:00 pm	Wylder (Americana/Pop) http://wyldermusic.com
10:00 pm	DJ CanRock



sSaturday, June 8th

2:45 pm BJ Griffin & Galaxy Groove (Funk/Soul) www.bjgriffinmusic.com
4:45 pm Mike Mitchell Band (Bluegrass) <https://mikemitchellmusic.com>
7:00 pm After Funk (Funk) <https://afterfunk.ca>
10:00 pm DJ CanRock

Sunday, June 9th

12:45 pm Mike Proffitt Band (Pop/Rock) www.mikeprocks.com
3:15 pm Vegabonds (Country/Rock) <https://thevegabonds.com>

NEW! The Juke Box Live! Piano Bar

Friday, June 7th

12:00 pm – 8:30 pm Live piano performers taking requests from the audience

Saturday, June 8th

12:00 pm – 8:30 pm Live piano performers taking requests from the audience

Sunday, June 9th

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm Live piano performers taking requests from the audience

**Tall Ships, Ship Tours, Parade of Sail, Boater Information,
and Docking**

2019 Norfolk Harborfest Parade of Sail, Dedicated to the 75th Anniversary of the USS Wisconsin
Presented by WVEC 13 News Now

The spectacular **Norfolk Harborfest® Parade of Sail**, under the direction of the Virginia Pilots Association, will enter the Downtown Norfolk Harbor on Friday, June 7th at approximately noon. Following tradition, this impressive fleet will include tall ships, Navy ships, USCG Cutters, Public Safety vessels, character vessels, sleek power cruisers, sailing craft, antique and classic wooden boats, military vessels, tugs and more! Thousands of onlookers stationed at vantage points along the Elizabeth River will be able to witness this expansive fleet as it dances down the river towards Town Point Park.

The following is a list of visiting tall ships, Navy ships, and character vessels:

- **Alliance**, Yorktown, Virginia, LOA: 105', Draft: 8', Beam: 20', Rig. Height: 63'
- **Bonny Rover**, Newport news, Virginia, LOA: 64', Draft: 6', Beam: 14'5"
- **Godspeed**, Jamestown, Virginia, LOA: 74", Draft: 7', Beam: 17', Rig Height: 72'
- **Impossible Dream**, LOA: 58', Draft: 3.7', Beam: 27'
- **Kalmar Nyckel**, Wilmington, Delaware, LOA: 93', Beam: 12'11", Draft: 12',5", Rig Height: 105'



- **American Rover**, Norfolk, Virginia, LOA: 135', Draft: 9', Beam: 24'
- **USS Stout**, Norfolk, Virginia, LOA: 505', Draft: 31', Beam: 66'
- **Sultana**, Chestertown, Maryland, LOA: 97', Draft: 8', Beam: 17', Rig Height: 72'
- **Schooner Virginia**, Norfolk, Virginia, LOA: 121'10", Draft: 12' 3", Beam: 24' Rig Height: 112'
- **USS WISCONSIN**: The USS Wisconsin is an Iowa-class battleship located steps away from Town Point Park in Whisky Basin at Nauticus. She will be open for tours throughout the weekend.

Public Ship Tour Times

Friday, June 7, 2019 – Approximately 3 pm – 6 pm

Saturday, June 8, 2019 – 12 pm – 6 pm

Sunday, June 9, 2019 – 12 pm – 6 pm

Ship tours are free and open to the public.

Ship Tours: Ships will be open for public tours on Friday following the Norfolk Harborfest® Parade of Sail. Saturday June 8th and Sunday June 9th public tours will be from approximately 12pm – 6pm. Visitors are requested to wear flat shoes and be able to manage walking up and down access ramps and ladders. Strollers must be left on the dock. 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 hand rails.

NEW! The Impossible Dream

The Impossible Dream, a 501c3 non-profit organization, is a universally designed wheelchair accessible ocean going catamaran. With its barrier-free environment, it allows disabled and able-bodied sailors to challenge their limitations by working together to sail the boat. They provide an innovative sailing experience to members of the disabled community by showing that opportunities, specifically post catastrophic injury, are truly limitless. Through their partnerships with the nations' leading rehabilitation centers, their sailing events reach 1000+ participants in more than 20 cities throughout the United States.

Please visit www.festevents.org for a schedule of visitation times.

Public Docking: All docking on the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront is on a reservation basis only.

- Docking in the Hospital Point Anchorage in the Elizabeth River across from Town Point Park will be free of charge and available on a first come, first served basis.
- A water taxi service will be available for boaters at anchorage with transportation to both the Norfolk and Portsmouth Downtown Waterfronts. Rates of the day will apply.
- Personal waterfront are permitted to follow the Parade of Sail into the downtown Norfolk harbor under the direction of United States Coast Guard.



Norfolk Harborfest® Water Events Schedule 2019 (Subject to change)

Friday, June 7, 2019

12:00 pm	Parade of Sail, Elizabeth River
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Emergency Response Vessel Boat Demo, Elizabeth River
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	SAR Demo – United States Coast Guard, Elizabeth River
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Public Visitation aboard Tall Ships & Character Vessels
9:30 pm - 9:45 pm	Drone Demonstration, Elizabeth River

Saturday, June 8, 2019

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Public Visitation aboard Tall Ships & Character Vessels
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Sail Nauticus Synchronized Sailing Demo, Elizabeth River
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	SAR Demo – United States Coast Guard, Elizabeth River
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Tug Muster, Elizabeth River
9:30pm	Fireworks, Elizabeth River

Sunday, June 9, 2019

12:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Public Visitation aboard Tall Ships & Character Vessels
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Sail Nauticus Synchronized Sailing Demonstration, Elizabeth River
2:00 pm	Parade of Build-a-Boats (on land)
2:30 - 4:00 pm	Ultimate Build-a-Boat Race, Elizabeth River

NEW! Norfolk Harborfest® Choreographed Drone Show

Presented by WAVY TV 10

Produced by Great Lakes Drone Company from Watervliet, Michigan, the Harborfest Drone Show is the first to take place in the region. Be prepared as the sky is filled with the highest quality imagery, data and cutting edge UAV technology synchronized to a nautical musical playlist. The show is scheduled for Friday night at 9:30 pm and will be performed over the Elizabeth River.

Norfolk Harborfest® Fireworks Spectacular

Presented by WAVY TV 10

The Norfolk Harborfest® Fireworks Spectacular, produced by Pyro Shows of Tennessee, is one of the largest waterfront pyrotechnics shows on the East Coast. Be prepared for the unexpected as the sky is filled with an explosive display of light synchronized to a booming musical score throughout Town Point Park. The Fireworks show is scheduled for Saturday night at 9:30 pm and will be fired from a floating platform on the Elizabeth River.

U.S. Navy Coastal Riverine Force Exhibition - Forged from our rich coastal and riverine heritage, the Coastal Riverine Force regained prominence following the USS COLE and 9/11 attacks and is the only Navy Force that defends high value assets against a determined enemy. Catch their exhibit on the Elizabeth River throughout the weekend!

Ultimate Build-a-Boat, Boat Building Contest and Race - The very popular and zany Ultimate Build a Boat Challenge begins on Saturday, June 8th, when teams construct boats from scratch in various engineering and decorative designs in the hope that their design will survive the test of Sunday's Ultimate Build a Boat Race! Sunday, June 9th at 2:30pm, the competing teams place their boats, and boating skills to the test with an all-out race to the finish line! This nail-biting event is one not to be missed!

Fan Favorite Festival Features include....

NEW! Festival Escape Rooms - The Escape Room experience is provided by Neon Entertainment of Buffalo, New York. The multiple, simultaneously happening games will be wildly fun, completely immersive, and the ultimate team building activity. The Escape Rooms bring together family and friends to challenge their creative problem-solving, communication, and teamwork skills to triumph over conundrums and escape together!

NEW! Ultraviolet Body Marbling - This new festival trend utilizes Hydrodynamics to transform skin and apparel into glowing works of art!

NEW! U.S. Air Force Performance Lab - A one-of-a-kind interactive experience, the U.S. Air Force Performance Lab is packed with mental and physical challenges that put skill and determination to the test.

The Colours Junkanoo Street Party - Twenty-five members of the world famous parade unit from Nassau, Bahamas will travel to Norfolk to perform "rushouts" throughout the weekend. Making music from goatskin drums, cowbells, whistles, horns and conch shells and wearing beautiful and vibrant handmade costumes – this is a must see performance!

The Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest - Nathan's is operating a national mobile tour, each with a unique experience to bring Coney Island closer to you. The Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest is a culmination of a qualifying circuit conducted throughout the United States. Each year, the greatest competitive eaters on earth gather on the corner of Surf and Stillwell Avenues in Coney Island, Brooklyn, NY, to compete, as they have since 1916, according to the archives and Norfolk Harborfest is a qualifying location! Do not miss your chance to be part of history!

Kroger Craft Beer, Spirits, and Virginia Wine Garden – Craft Beer, Spirits and Virginia Wine Tasting area. The Made in Virginia Wine Tasting will feature wine sampling from Mermaid Winery and Chateau Morrisette Winery, as well as craft beers and spirits from Virginia and more! Wines will be available by the glass, bottle and case. Spirits will be available to purchase in sample sizes and by the bottle. Craft beers will be available to purchase in sample sizes, by the pint, and personal pitcher. Join us for a unique experience sampling some hoptastic craft beers and wines with live music from The Boathouse stage.

The Back Bay Mermaid! - Watch as the curtains open to reveal ancient spirits of the deep, creatures thought to exist only in the shimmering mirage of the open ocean. Spotted by sailors for thousands of



years in the breaking waves of their ships, these illusive beauties are now brought to you from the far corners of the earth. Their mystical songs will reveal stories of old that will warm the hearts and enchant the souls of all who dare to listen. Return to an age of magic, where myth blurs with reality and witness a real life mermaid.

The Shadow Players - The Shadow Players Stage Combat Group portrays and recreates the Golden Age of Piracy. Their show combines comedy and hi-jinx with rousing sword-fights and educational information. What could be better than being a pirate!? They like to make friends wherever we go. Come up after the show and introduce yourself and say hello. They would love to meet you.

Pirate Bandana Making and Defiant Crew Pirate School – Craft yourself the appropriate swashbuckling attire at the Pirate Bandana Tent and then set sail into a class at the Defiant Crew Pirate School where you will learn how to live the shipshape pirate’s life with special guest appearances by Blackbeard. ... Yo Ho Yo Ho a pirate’s life for me!

NEW! 20th Anniversary of the Norfolk Mermaid – Throughout the weekend guests will enjoy mermaid themed family activities, and even have the chance to meet a real mermaid.

Radio Harborfest - Broadcasting live at Norfolk Harborfest®, local radio celebrity Paul Shugrue of WHRV hosts “Radio Harborfest”, keeping you updated on the latest festival happenings including weather, traffic, entertainment and anything else Norfolk Harborfest® throughout the weekend.

HFTV - Watch all of your favorite national performances live on the larger-than life big screen TV. Located adjacent to the Main Stage, the giant video wall will be broadcasting national performances, the Parade of Sail, the Fireworks Show and many other great Norfolk Harborfest® traditions throughout the weekend.

Shopping at Norfolk Harborfest®

Harborfest Gift Shop - Norfolk Harborfest® souvenir merchandise is available at all on-site Festival Gift Shops. The Norfolk Harborfest® merchandise line offers a variety of pieces designed to suit a variety of tastes. From official t-shirts to warm fleece for cool evenings, the Norfolk Harborfest® retail line offers visitors a high level of comfort and quality as well as the chance to bring a piece of Norfolk Harborfest® home.

Harborfest Town Point Market is a unique shopping experience you won’t find at any mall! Merchant sale items include wearable’s like T-shirts, tropical sundresses, handmade clothing, polo shirts and fleece items; Accessories & novelties including handmade jewelry, pearls, exotic stones, costume jewelry, sterling silver, handbags, leather accessories, sunglasses, hair ribbons, cigars, umbrellas and sea grass hats; Art including hand blown glass, wood bowls, repurposed art, prints, pottery and wood carved home décor; and Food including gourmet peanuts and flavored popcorn.



The Taste of Harborfest®... Fresh & Fun

NEW! To Harborfest in 2019 are several new exciting culinary experiences!

Keep an eye out for NEW festival food offerings from; Island Noodles “wok fried soba noodles”. Enjoy delicious vegan and vegetarian items from the capital city’s famous, Goatocado. Additionally, Cold Pressed will serve juices, nitro coffee, kombucha, and fresh smoothies that will keep you revitalized and cool on the hottest and longest Harborfest days. Lastly, keep an eye on social media as we announce our “pop-up” craft cocktail experience at Harborfest. It’s never too sunny out for a delicious “Dark N’ Stormy” or “Moscow Mule”! Meet a celebrity Mixologist and learn how to garnish this good time in a glass.

The Norfolk Harborfest® food and beverage theme is fresh and fun! Outdoor dining on the waterfront includes over 50 food and beverage scenes, serving fill-your-tummy delicacies including fresh crab cakes, hand breaded shrimp, fried oysters, scallops, shrimp fried rice, mouth-watering open pit beef barbeque, North Carolina barbeque, Italian sausage, lobster rolls, Philly style cheese steaks, burgers and dogs, souvlaki, pitas, gyros, chicken on a stick, chicken tenders, Grecian chicken, chicken lo mein, Greek salad, buttery roasted corn, fresh cut French fries, onion rings, fresh wraps, corn dogs, and smoked savory turkey legs.

Top off your lunch or dinner with ice cold lemonade and sweet desserts like hand dipped ice cream, fresh and hot funnel cakes, cool Italian ices, melt-in-your-mouth Kettle Korn, fresh fruit smoothies and soft serve ice cream with all the toppings. Lounge with family and friends at one of our shaded seating areas and relax while enjoying your favorite festival fare. In addition to traditional beverage selections like smoothies and lemonade, adult beverages may be found throughout the festival grounds in various locations.

Sunday Family Funday!

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Join us on Sunday, June 9th from 10am-12pm for an exclusive early opening to Harborfest! With activities planned with the littlest festivalgoers in mind, start your day off with a bounce by the river in themed bounce houses and hop on board the Harborfest Train for a scenic ride thru the festival grounds!

Get your face painted by the professionals, make your own pirate or mermaid bandana and enroll at the Defiant Crew Pirate School all starting at Noon, then head on over to join the Back Bay Mermaid for fun activities and ocean trivia.

At 12:30pm, head on over to the Main Stage for history in the making! Witness Nathan’s Famous 4th of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest qualifying round. The final round will take place on Coney

Island, Brooklyn, NY on July 4th. Join us as this legendary competition makes history at Norfolk Harborfest and cheer on your favorites!

43rd Annual Norfolk Harborfest® Commemorative Poster



About the Artist

Amanda Bradley is a Norfolk native, and her background consists of management, art, freelancing, communications, and working with non-profits. Amanda is a photographer and graphic artist. She earned her BFA in Photography and Print Media in 2013 at Old Dominion University. Her photography focuses mostly on photo manipulation work, and has appeared in the PFAC Genesis show, the Amalgamation art exhibit, and several student art shows at ODU. After obtaining her BFA, Amanda started her own freelance graphic design and photography business, Bradley Depictions. Her design work has appeared in many local advertisements, events, and business logos, as well as commercials. Amanda's true passion lies in poster design and typography.

Experience Norfolk's EPIC Weekend

Experience Norfolk (EXP NFK) from sun up to well after sundown throughout one explosive weekend filled with ships, fireworks, concerts, theatre, festivals, boat cruises, tours, dining and shopping spread from the NEON District to the historic waterfront. Enjoy a weekend packed with epic entertainment featuring the city's largest festival the 43rd Annual [Norfolk Harborfest ®](#), Disney's [The Lion King](#), downtown's favorite street party [First Fridays](#), newly opened spaces on the [Battleship Wisconsin's for its 75th Anniversary](#), [Waterside District Concerts](#), with even more special events planned at the [Slover Library](#) and [Selden Market](#), tours at [Chrysler Museum](#), [MacArthur Memorial](#) and even a tour at the historic [Elmwood Cemetery](#)! Plenty to enjoy on land, and even more on the water with a full schedule of harbor cruises aboard the [Spirit of Norfolk](#) and [Virginia Elite](#), [The American Rover](#) and [Victory Rover](#),



the [Carrie B, Elizabeth River Ferries](#), and for the first time at Harborfest, the chance to learn to sail with the [Sail Nauticus](#) fleet! Plus hours of dockside tours aboard the Harborfest fleet of [tall ships](#), a US Navy Destroyer, as well as the [Battleship Wisconsin](#). The EPIC WEEKEND experience even extends to the newly launched [Elizabeth River Trail](#) for a special Saturday fireworks ride! For more information on EXP NFK's EPIC WEEKEND visit bit.ly/EXPNFK.

Please continue to visit www.festevents.org for regular updates! For more information on Norfolk Harborfest® as well as other events throughout the year, including hours, park regulations and parking please visit www.festevents.org or call 757.441.2345.

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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, tall ship visits, sports and recreation are presented in two popular and welcoming waterfront environments; Town Point Park located in downtown Norfolk on the bank 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 Hampton Roads region and invited to experience all the fun and excitement of the 2019 season! For more information, visit www.festevents.org.

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