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Adventure & Lore Seaside Historical Tall Ships Sail Into Ventura Harbor January 15- February 8, 2016

(VENTURA, CA) Tall Ships, *Hawaiian Chieftain* and *Lady Washington*, commence their annual voyage along the California coast and sail into Ventura Harbor on Friday, January 15, 2016 and remain through Monday, February 8, 2016. The historical vessels will dock in front of The Greek Mediterranean Steak & Seafood Restaurant & Le Petit Café and Bakery in the Ventura Harbor Village.

Catch the mystical sight of the Tall Ships during the Grand Arrival in the afternoon on January 15, 2016 where members of the crew “man the yards” by standing upon the masts. A photographer’s delight, the ships depart for Battle Sails January 16 & 17, 23 & 24, and 30 & 31 out of the Harbor at 2 PM and return between 4:30 – 5 PM. The best viewing locations are at Harbor Cove Beach, Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, Rhumb Line- The Sunset Restaurant, and Ventura Harbor Village.

Open to the public from January 16, the Tall Ship Docksides Tours offer a living history experience (Thursdays & Fridays) from 4 PM – 5 PM and Saturday (2 ships) and Sunday (1 ship) from 10 AM – 1 PM; PLUS OPEN for Docksides Tours on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 18. Docksides tours focus on an authentic 18th-century sailor’s view of traveling by tall ship, as well as a chance to meet the ship’s crew and learn what it took to adventure to new lands. Take a Docksides Tour and dine for breakfast, lunch, or dinner at one of the Ventura Harbor Village’s seaside restaurants overlooking the Tall Ships and the boats. Also, enjoy live entertainment along the promenade and at the Carousel Stage on January 16, 17, 23, 30 and February 6.

Looking for more adventure? Three-Hour Battle Sails or Two-Hour Adventure Sails complete with firing cannons and hoisting of the main sails are just the ticket! Battle Sails feature a recreation of a naval skirmish with close quarters maneuvers and are available Saturdays & Sundays, January 16 & 17, 23 & 24, and 30 & 31 from 2 PM – 5 PM. Adventure Sails take place on Sundays, January 17, 24 & 31 and February 7, 11 AM – 1 PM out in the channel to experience life on the high seas. Plus! New this year are Wednesday Night Family Sails. Enjoy these stunning sunset sails on January 20 & 27 and February 3 from 4-6PM.

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport recommends a \$3 donation for Docksides Tours; additional donation amounts support educational programs. For Battle and Adventure Sail ticket reservations call 800-200-5239 or visit www.HistoricalSeaport.org. Tickets are on sale now.

Warm yourself seaside with handcrafted chowders, soups and colorful cocktails at waterfront restaurants featuring a variety of fresh seafood and cuisines. Shop seaside at boutiques or galleries featuring art pieces that reflect the sea and the Tall Ships. For a listing of restaurants, shops and entertainment, visit VenturaHarborVillage.com.

Hawaiian Chieftain was built in Hawaii in 1988 and originally designed for cargo trade among the Hawaiian Islands. Launched in 1989, *Lady Washington* is a full-scale reproduction of the original *Lady Washington*, which was built in 1750s and was one of the first U.S. – flagged ships to explore the west coast of North America.

The *Hawaiian Chieftain* and *Lady Washington* travel down the West Coast stopping in ports and harbors for historical and educational visits. These ships host over 8,000 school children a year. Educators should contact the Historical Seaport education office, 360-589-2299 to make arrangements for docksides or on the water programming while here in Ventura Harbor January 15- February 8, 2016.

Share your Tall Ships photos @VenturaHarbor #TallShipsVentura on Instagram! For more Tall Ship information visit www.VenturaHarborVillage.com or Facebook Ventura Harbor. Admission and parking free daily at Ventura Harbor Village.

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