



Sarnia Announces Their Fleet for the 2019 TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Great Lakes Series

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Sarnia, ON – November 6th, 2018, The City of Sarnia and Tourism Sarnia Lambton are pleased to announce that they will be bringing the historical Canadian icon, Bluenose II, to the shores of the St. Clair River in Centennial Park next summer. Four of the five ports throughout Ontario will host the Bluenose II the summer of 2019 for the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® ONTARIO tour. The ship that's adorned the Canadian dime since 1937 will be leading a fleet of majestic tall ships as they make stops around Ontario including, Sarnia, Midland Toronto, Kingsville and Brockville. The TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® ONTARIO tour is the Canadian portion of the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Great Lakes Series that will also see the fleet travel to ports in the U.S.

The [Sarnia TALL SHIPS® Celebration](#), part of the Great Lakes Series, will take place August 9-11, 2019. Private functions will take place on August 9th, followed by public viewing on August 10th - 11th. Sarnia's waterfront will be transformed into a nautical wonderland with a fleet of tall ships positioned along the shores of the St. Clair River in [Centennial Park](#). Joining the [Bluenose II](#) will be the [Picton Castle](#), also based in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia. This ship has travelled the world and is a fully certified and registered Cook Islands tall ship whose mission is deep-ocean sail training and long-distance education voyages. It is also a 181-foot, three-masted vessel, currently sailing through Bali, Indonesia on its seventh voyage around the globe. Other confirmed participating tall ships include [Empire Sandy](#), [Denis Sullivan](#), [Fair Jeanne](#) and [Appledore IV](#).

The full fleet of ships taking part in the tour will be announced in the coming months and will vary from port to port.

Tickets will be available to view all of the tall ships anchored at the 2019 Sarnia TALL SHIPS® Celebration in the coming weeks. There will be general admission tickets, deck tour tickets and exclusive sail-away tickets aboard Empire Sandy. The festivities will continue ashore with vendors, food and live entertainment. Further event details will be released in the coming weeks.

Tourism Sarnia-Lambton & the City of Sarnia - Parks and Recreation Department have worked together to secure the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Great Lakes Series for Sarnia-Lambton and we continue to work together to secure the vessels and organize the event " said Vicky Prail Special Events and Sports Marketing Co-ordinator for Tourism Sarnia Lambton. "We are aware of the impact that an event of this magnitude can have on our community and we are committed to welcoming our visitors and showcasing our community and our sponsors. An event of this magnitude can not be possible without the support of our community, sponsors and our volunteers and we look forward to working with all our partners and stakeholders in the coming months to make this an incredibly memorable event for all.

For information on how you can become a sponsor or a volunteer, or to learn more about the 2019 [Sarnia TALL SHIPS® Celebration](#) please visit www.sarniatallships.com or follow along on [Facebook](#). For information on the entire TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® ONTARIO tour, please visit tallshipson.com

TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® ONTARIO Tour Dates:



Tour	Dates
Toronto - Redpath Waterfront Festival	June 29-July 1
Midland - TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® ONTARIO in conjunction with Feast Fest	August 9-11
Sarnia - TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® ONTARIO	August 10-11 – Public August 9 – Private Functions
Town of Kingsville - TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® ONTARIO	August 16-18
Brockville - TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® ONTARIO	August 30-September 1

ABOUT TALL SHIPS AMERICA

As a national membership organization, TALL SHIPS AMERICA supports the people, ships and programs of sail training and tall ships through professional development grants, sail training scholarships, conferences, education, publications, regulatory and licensing information, public events and advocacy. Tall Ships America organizes the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® annual series of tall ship races and maritime port festivals to celebrate our rich maritime heritage and traditions and to inform the general public about the transformative power of adventure and education under sail®.

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