



## The Nao Santa Maria - One of the Most Famous Ships known to Mankind will - Visit Sarnia this Summer

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**Sarnia, ON – January 31<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, The City of Sarnia and Tourism Sarnia-Lambton announced today that the [Carpenters' Local 1256 TALL SHIPS® Celebration powered by Imperial Oil](#) has secured the Nao Santa Maria for the August 9-11, 2019 festival.

The Nao Santa Maria is one of the most famous ships known to mankind. On October 12<sup>th</sup> of 1492, led by Christopher Columbus, it played the main role on one of the most important discoveries, that of America; the encounter between two worlds which changed the future of our universal history.

To celebrate the 525<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the meeting between the two worlds, the Nao Victoria Foundation, with the support of the Provincial Council of Huelva, Spain and the Cajasol Foundation, built a replica of the Nao Santa Maria.

Over the past two years, the Nao Santa María has traveled across the Atlantic, around the Gulf of Mexico, the East Coast and now into the Great Lakes and on August 9 to the 11<sup>th</sup> will dock in Sarnia, Ontario.

“We are ecstatic about welcoming the Nao Santa Maria to Sarnia-Lambton”, said Vicky Prail, Special Events and Sports Marketing Co-ordinator for Tourism Sarnia-Lambton and Host Committee member. “This is truly an international event with her addition and we couldn’t be happier.”

The Host Committee also announced today that due to the addition of this majestic tall ship and the possible addition of two more ships, the vessels will now be berthed at Sarnia Harbour.

The position of the festival which also incorporates Bluewater Borderfest and ARTZscape by the Bay, will still remain at Centennial Park adjacent to Sarnia Harbour.

“Sarnia Harbour is the perfect site to safely accommodate these amazing ships and was also the site of the 2003 Tall Ships Festival, which is the last time Sarnia welcomed the Tall Ships,” said Rob Harwood, Director of Parks and Recreation and Host Committee member. “The Sarnia Harbour is strategically situated at the centre of the Great Lakes; adjacent to Centennial Park less than 1000`ft away, and has all the amenities we need.”

Over 2500 tickets have been sold thus far for the [Carpenters' Local 1256 TALL SHIPS® Celebration powered by Imperial Oil](#) and sail-away tickets on Empire Sandy will also be available on Monday February 4<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Valentine`s Day. Tickets are available on-line at [Ticketscene.ca](#) at [Tourism Sarnia Lambton](#) or [Sarnia City Hall](#).

#### Ticket Pricing Information

##### **Sail- Away tickets on Empire Sandy**

- Parade of Sail, Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> \$120 + HST – 2 hour afternoon cruise with the entire fleet of Tall Ships. Boarding 2:30p.m. Sail 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. – only 190 tickets available
- Morning Cruise Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> \$60 + HST – 1 ½ hour cruise proceeds to Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton. Boarding 7:30am Sail 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m
- Morning Cruise Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> \$60.00 + HST - 1 ½ hour cruise proceeds to Pathways Health Centre for Children - boarding 7:30am Sail 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m

- Evening Cruise August 10 – \$85.00 + HST 2 hour evening cruise - 6:30p.m. Sail 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Evening Cruise August 11 – \$85.00 + HST 2 hour evening cruise - 6:30p.m. Sail 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**General Admission Pass** allows you to enter the festival and view all the ships, but does not allow you to board the ship for deck tours;

- General Admission Pass Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> \$10.00 + HST
- General Admission Pass Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> \$10.00 + HST
- General Admission Pass Weekend Pass - Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> \$16.00 + HST
- General Admission Group Pricing for 20 or more August 10 – \$9.00 + HST
- General Admission Group Pricing for 20 or more August 11 - \$9.00 + HST

\*Children under 5 are Free

**Ship Boarding Pass** allows you to enter the festival, view the ships and board every ship for deck tours – Limited number of boarding passes will be sold;

- Ship Boarding and General Admission Pass Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> \$15.00 + HST
- Ship Boarding and General Admission Pass Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> \$15.00 + HST
- Ship Boarding and General Admission Weekend Pass - Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> \$25.00 + HST
- Ship Boarding and General Admission Group Pricing for 20 or more August 10 - \$14.00 + HST
- Ship Boarding and General Admission Group Pricing for 20 or more August 11 - \$14.00 + HST

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For information or to learn more about this exciting weekend festival, please visit [www.sarniatallships.com](http://www.sarniatallships.com), [www.bluewaterborderfest.ca](http://www.bluewaterborderfest.ca) and [www.artzscapebythebay.weebly.com](http://www.artzscapebythebay.weebly.com) or follow us on Facebook - [www.facebook.com/SarniaLambtonTallShips](https://www.facebook.com/SarniaLambtonTallShips) , [www.facebook.com/BluewaterBorderFest](https://www.facebook.com/BluewaterBorderFest) and [www.facebook.com/artzscapebythebay](https://www.facebook.com/artzscapebythebay)

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