TALL SHIPS AMERICA is the national organization that supports the People, Ships, and Programs of sail training. Our membership is diverse and international, sharing a common commitment to the idea that life at sea strengthens character through authentic challenge.

TALL SHIPS AMERICA is the hub for tall ships activity, information, and expertise in North America. We are commended by Congress as the sail training organization representing the United States. Founded in 1973, now with more than 200 vessel members and affiliated programs around the nation and the world, our mission is to encourage character building through sail training, promote sail training to the general public, and support education under sail.

As a national membership organization, TALL SHIPS AMERICA represents tall ships and sail training in networks and exchanges with other relevant educational, industry, and governmental organizations, including the US Maritime Administration, the US Coast Guard, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Educators Association, National Maritime Alliance, US Sailing, Sail Training International, and others. **We are especially pleased to include the United States Power Squadrons® as a valued partner in promoting safety at sea and maritime education.**

TALL SHIPS AMERICA produces the annual TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® series of races and public maritime festivals which is sailing this year in The Great Lakes. Visiting two countries, five Great Lakes, with over 25 participating Tall Ships, 22 port appearances, five races, and millions of visitors, 2013 is our biggest TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® series to date. **US Power Squadrons volunteers have provided invaluable assistance in managing the safety and security of the fleet and the waterfront at many of our ports, and we are deeply grateful for their skillful contributions to the success of these events.**

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Schedule of TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® Great Lakes 2013

June 14-16 – Brockville, Eastern Ontario: Brockville TALL SHIPS® 1812 Tour
June 20-23 – Toronto, Ontario: Redpath Waterfront Festival Toronto
June 28-30 – Hamilton, Ontario: TALL SHIPS® Hamilton 2013
June 28-30 – Port Dalhousie: St. Catharines 1812 TALL SHIPS® Visit
July 4-7 – Cleveland, Ohio: Port of Cleveland 2013 Tall Ships® Festival
July 12-14 – Bay City, Mich.: Tall Ship® Celebration
July 19-21 – Sault Sainte Marie, Ontario: Sails on the St. Marys
July 26-28 – Duluth, Minn.: Tall Ships® Duluth 2013
August 7-11 – Chicago, Ill.: Tall Ships® Chicago 2013
August 16-18 – Green Bay, Wis.: Baylake Bank Tall Ship® Festival
August 16-18 – Collingwood, Wasaga Beach/Nancy Island, Owen Sound, Ontario
August 24-25 – Penetanguishene, Midland, Discovery Harbour, Ontario
Southwestern Ontario: Sails to See
August 30-September 2 – Windsor, Amherstburg, Kingsville, Pelee Island, Ontario
September 2 – Put-in-Bay, Ohio: Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial
September 6-8 – Erie, Penn: Tall Ships® Erie 2013:

At each site, the tall ships will be open to the public for viewing and feature dockside exhibits and lively interactions with crew. Among the ships participating at a majority of the ports are Norway’s 210-foot Sorlandet, the oldest full-rigged ship in the world still in operation; Canada’s 72-foot brigantine Pathfinder, and the USA’s 198’ Brig Niagara. The Niagara was instrumental in the War of 1812 as the flagship for Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry. During one of the war’s most critical battles, she helped Perry defeat the British fleet, ensuring American control of Ohio and all of Lake Erie.

Tall Ships America congratulates the US Power Squadrons for 100 years of success in promoting boating safety and education. We encourage USPS members throughout the Great Lakes region to visit the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® fleet at one or more of the festival events, and we look forward to meeting you!