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## **This August Tall Ships® Chicago returns to Navy Pier**

*Wind, water and history converge as breathtaking Tall Ships and the Chicago Match Cup return to the Pier August 7 - 11*

**CHICAGO** -- Tall Ships® Chicago 2013 at Navy Pier presented by Pepsi®, the majestic maritime event that only occurs once every few years, returns Aug. 7 – 11, 2013. And this year modern match racing meets rich maritime history!

First, experience the thrill of seeing historic tall ships as the Tall Ships Chicago festival sails exclusively into Navy Pier Aug. 7 – 11. An opening day *Tall Ship's Parade of Sail* will kick-off the festivities on Lake Michigan with Chicago's magnificent skyline as a backdrop. This stunning spectacle will be unlike anything else in Chicago this summer. The *2013 Parade of Sail* will showcase numerous tall ship vessels from around the world, including Norway and Canada.

The long-awaited return of Tall Ships to Chicago is an opportunity to sail away on remarkable ships from across the globe. Guests will also have the opportunity to walk the festival grounds, view the Tall Ships, and board and tour participating vessels. This nautical event also includes fun-filled festivities and educational opportunities, so plan to stay the entire day or return over and over again with friends and family.

Joining Tall Ships Chicago for the first time is the Chicago Match Cup, a professional sailing competition and the only U.S. stop on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour. Twelve of the world's best teams will sail against each other in match race sailing, a form of head-to-head combat similar to the America's Cup, just feet from the edge of Navy Pier. They will compete for their share of the \$100,000 prize purse and points earned toward the Tour's overall World Championship, worth \$1.75 million in prize money – the richest in the sailing world.

Navy Pier's east end will be transformed to showcase the best of the Chicago Match Cup and the Tall Ships festival, promising front-row seats, hospitality areas and live commentary to best enjoy the thrills on the water. The festival area will include special family-friendly activities, on-board tours and sail-aways and a fireworks display each evening.

Tall Ships® Chicago 2013 at Navy Pier presented by Pepsi® and the Chicago Match Cup are open to all for an admission charge. For additional information, visit [navypier.com](http://navypier.com).

***Tall Ships® Chicago 2013 at Navy Pier presented by Pepsi:*** *The breathtaking sight of numerous Tall Ships sailing on Chicago's Lake Michigan is a not-to-be-missed event. This armada is a festive and educational celebration and exploration of Chicago's rich maritime heritage! There is so much excitement and maritime entertainment on the lake and land at Navy Pier...you don't want to miss it! For more information regarding Tall Ships 2013 and other Navy Pier events, please visit [www.navypier.com](http://www.navypier.com).*

***About Chicago Match Race Center:*** *The Chicago Match Race Center (CMRC) was founded to promote and grow the sport of match race sailing in the United States. CMRC provides a full-service facility, complete with TOM 28 and Elliott 6M class sailboats, umpire and support boats, as well as support staff for professional and amateur sailors to race and train. CMRC hosts several events ranging from regional championships to the Chicago Match Cup, the only U.S. stop on the Alpari World Match Racing Tour. For more information, photos, videos and results from events held at CMRC, please visit [www.ChicagoMatchRace.com](http://www.ChicagoMatchRace.com).*



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