MEDIA ALERT
Updated Times and Event Information

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:
“A TASTE OF TALL SHIPS® CHICAGO 2011” DOCKS AT NAVY PIER®

Enjoy four days of dockside boarding*, sail aways*, and more as four visiting Tall Ships join Chicago’s own “Windy” and “Red Witch,” exclusively at Navy Pier, August 11 – 14, plus Chicago Match Race (America’s Cup-Style Sailing Races) *NEW ADDITION*

WHAT: Back by popular demand following last summer’s record-setting success, Tall Ships return to Chicago. Navy Pier is proud to present, “A Taste of Tall Ships® Chicago 2011.” The public can enjoy four days of dockside boarding* tours and sail aways* (sailing excursions) on Lake Michigan, as four visiting Tall Ships join Chicago’s own Windy and Red Witch in docking exclusively at Navy Pier. Also there will be fireworks at 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, August 13.

In addition, ten top internationally-ranked sailing teams, including an Olympic Gold medalist, will participate in three days of America’s Cup-style match races off the East End of Navy Pier, from Friday, August 12 – Sunday, August 14. (Please see the attached .pdf for details.)

*Ticket purchases required

WHERE: Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Avenue, Chicago

WHEN: August 11 – August 14, 2011

TIMES: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. Thursday – Saturday; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday

TICKET PRICES:

***NOTE: Add on a Pier Park 3-Ride combo for just $7!
**BOARDING PRICES:**

Adult Boarding: $9  
Adult Boarding plus Pier Park 3-Ride combo ticket: $16

Child Boarding: $6  
Child Boarding plus Pier Park 3-Ride combo ticket: $13

**SAIL AWAY PRICES:**

*Friends Good Will (60 minute) Sail Away: $49*
*Friends plus Pier Park 3-Ride combo ticket: $56*

*Lynx Sail Away (90 minute): $59*
*Lynx sail away plus Pier Park 3-Ride combo ticket: $66*

*Red Witch Sail Away (60 minute): $49*
*Red Witch Sail Away plus Pier Park 3-Ride combo ticket: $56*

*Windy Sail Away (60 minute): $49*
*Windy Sail Away plus Pier Park 3-Ride combo ticket: $56*

**THIS SUMMER’S SHIPS:**

*Flagship Niagara* (Boarding Only)

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<td>Flag: USA</td>
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<td>Rig: Brig</td>
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<td>Homeport: Erie, Pennsylvania</td>
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<td>Sparred Length: 198’</td>
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<td>Rig Height: 120’</td>
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<td>Sail area: 11,600 square feet</td>
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<td>Tons: 162 GRT</td>
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The 198’ Brigantine, *Flagship Niagara*, was built in 1988 as a reconstruction of the warship aboard which Commander Oliver Hazard Perry won the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. Her mission is to interpret War of 1812 history, promote the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Erie Region, and to preserve the sills of square-rig seafaring.

Website: [www.flagshipniagara.org](http://www.flagshipniagara.org)
**Pride of Baltimore II** (Boarding only)

**SPECIFICATIONS**

Flag: USA  
Homeport: Baltimore, MD  
Rig: Topsail Schooner  
Sparred Length: 157’  
Rig Height: 107’  
Tons: 97 GRT

**Pride of Baltimore II** is a topsail schooner built to the lines of an 1812-era Baltimore Clipper. Owned by the State of Maryland and operated by Pride of Baltimore, Inc. a 501©(3) non profit, her mission is three-fold: to promote Maryland trade and tourism, to represent the goodwill of all Maryland's citizens; and to provide a unique education platform through onboard activities and the Internet for American history.

Website: www.marylandspride.org

**Friends Good Will** (Sail Away Only – No Boarding)

**SPECIFICATIONS**

Flag: USA  
Rig: Square Topsail sloop  
Homeport: South Haven, Michigan  
Sparred Length: 101’  
Rig Height: 82’  
Sail area: 3,189  
Tons: 49.2 GRT  
Hull: wood

"We have met the enemy and they are ours..." - Commander Oliver Hazard Perry, USN, Battle of Lake Erie, September 10, 1813. This famous dispatch, dashed off within an hour after the great guns fell silent, went on to reference a merchant sloop turn man-o-war. That sloop was Friends Good Will. The Michigan Maritime Museum launched a replica of this fateful vessel in 2004. The vessel serves as an historic flagship for the preservation of traditional maritime skills.

Website: MichiganMaritimeMuseum.org  
Source: Michigan Maritime Museum
**Lynx** (Sail Away Only – No Boarding)

**SPECIFICATIONS**

- Flag: USA
- Rig: Square Topsail Schooner
- Homeport: Newport Beach, CA
- Sparred Length: 122'
- Sail Area: 4,669 Square Feet
- Ton: 94 GRT

The square topsail schooner **Lynx** was designed and built to interpret the general configuration and operation of a privateer schooner or naval schooner from the War of 1812. The original Lynx was a "letter of marquee" Baltimore Clipper commissioned during the opening days of the war. Serving effectively as a blockade runner and offensive weapon of war, she was among the first ships to defend American freedom. Dedicated to all those who cherish the blessings of America, Lynx sails as a living history museum, providing inspiration and resolve at this time in our nation's history.

Website: www.privateerlynx.org

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**Windy** (Sail Away Only – No Boarding)

**SPECIFICATIONS**

- Flag: USA
- Homeport: Chicago, Illinois
- Rig: Gaff topsail schooner
- Sparred Length: 148'
- Rig Height: 85'
- Sail Area: 7,380 square feet

**WINDY** is a 148' traditional, four-masted gaff topsail schooner. She is built of modern materials, however, like old trading schooners and sail training ships, the WINDY has all the character and charm of the great Age of Sail. She is owned by Captain Bruce and Karen Randall, owner of another member of Lake Michigan's fleet, **Red Witch**.

From the beginning, **WINDY**'s mission was intended to bring Tall Ship sailing to the public, for enjoyment, personal and spiritual growth, and self-discovery. In the years since coming to Navy Pier, **WINDY** saw many thousands of students,
Girl Scout, Boy Scouts, youth groups, families and other guests across her decks for educational cruises, daysailing, festivals, religious, corporate, and private celebrations. Her skyline cruises became legendary and **WINDY** was awarded the status of “official flagship of the City of Chicago,” by Mayor Richard M. Daley in 2006.

Website: www.tallshipwindy.com
Source: A Tall Ship Windy

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**Red Witch (Sail Away Only – No Boarding)**

**SPECIFICATIONS**

Flag: USA  
Homeport: Chicago, Illinois  
Rig: Gaff Schooner  
Spared Length: 77’  
Rig Height: 73’  
Sail Area: 2,100  
Ton: 41 GRT

**Red Witch** is a 77-foot Gaff rig topsail schooner whose designer was John G. Alden, long considered one of the world’s greatest naval architects and classic yacht designers.

She is fully inspected by the U.S. Coast Guard and licensed to carry up to 49 passengers, and was built in 1986 specifically for charter passenger travel. Her dramatic bright crimson hull is constructed from mahogany over cypress frames, with a Douglas fir deck.

The Schooner **Red Witch** was named after the epic sea story, "Wake of the Red Witch" by Garland Roark.

The spacious salon is decorated with original posters and pictures from the 1949 movie, starring John Wayne and Gail Russell.

Website: www.redwitch.com  
Source: Lakeshore Sail Charters