



## **Yorktown Maritime Weekend set for June 1-3 in Historic Yorktown**

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Historic Yorktown will be full of waterfront activity Friday, June 1 through Sunday, June 3, as it kicks off three days of waterfront celebration.

Yorktown, an affiliate port with OpSail 2012 Virginia, is the setting for Yorktown Maritime Weekend that Friday through Sunday at Riverwalk Landing.

The weekend begins June 1 with free public tours of visiting tall ships the Spirit of Bermuda, Lynx and Jamestown Settlement's Godspeed at Riverwalk Landing from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors can also tour US Navy gunboats, USCG response boats and a US Army Tug. Additionally, static displays will be set up on Chischiack Green from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The evening will conclude with a free concert by "Doug Dunn and Island Style" highlighting the atmosphere and fun of island style Jimmy Buffett tunes at Riverwalk Landing from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The excitement continues June 2 with a maritime-themed Yorktown Market from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. featuring fresh market products, chef demonstrations, boat building demonstrations, fine arts and musical performances. Visitors can enjoy free public deck tours aboard the visiting tall ships and military boats/vessels from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 7 p.m. that evening. The static displays will be available from 2 to 7 p.m. A highlight event for Saturday will be the Parade of Sail along the York River from 2 to 4 p.m. Enjoy Parade of Sail music by the US Navy Band and The Fifes and Drums of York Town.

On June 3, events continue with free public tours of visiting tall ships and military boats/vessels as well as the static displays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The conclusion of the event will include closing ceremonies, presentation of colors, and music performed by The Fifes and Drums of York Town at 5 p.m.

Throughout the weekend, don't miss out on the 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. day sails or enjoy a sunset sail (tickets required) on Yorktown's home ported ship, the Schooner Alliance. Additionally, visitors can obtain information on other public sails aboard visiting tall ship, the Lynx, (tickets required) on Saturday and Sunday.

The Watermen's Museum will host a variety of events and activities on Saturday and Sunday to include maritime living history exhibits, firing & naval drill demonstrations, construction and interpretation of Gun Boat HENRY, and light food and beverages will be available in the colonial tavern tent.

This event is free and co-sponsored by the Yorktown Tall Ships Committee and York County. Public parking will be available at the Riverwalk Landing parking terrace on Water Street, York Hall, County Administration Building and Courts and Offices parking lots on Ballard Street. .

Yorktown Trolley transportation will be provided all weekend from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The trolley will run its normal route stopping at several locations throughout town. The Yorktown Trolley is handicapped accessible.

No rain dates are scheduled for the weekend events. In the event weather conditions pose a threat, please call the York County event weather hotline for the most current information at 890-3520. For directions to Yorktown and a more detailed schedule of events, visit

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