



TOYLAND PARADE



YORKTOWN MARKET DAYS



FOURTH OF JULY

LIGHTED BOAT PARADE



RHYTHMS ON THE RIVERWALK

SHAGGING ON THE RIVERWALK



ART STROLL

HISTORIC Yorktown 2015 EVENTS FESTIVALS & ACTIVITIES

BLUES, BREWS & BBQ FESTIVAL



ART AT THE RIVER JURIED ART SHOW



LAFAYETTE'S HERMIONE VOYAGE 2015

WINTER / SPRING

Returning Friday, March 27 – The Yorktown Trolley, 11 am to 5 pm. The free trolley provides transportation throughout the village of Historic Yorktown from the Yorktown Battlefield to the Yorktown Victory Center, as well as several stops in between, including Riverwalk Landing. Daily March 27 to Nov. 1 with extended hours of 10 am to 5:30 pm, May 23 to Sept. 7. Free. 757.890.3500

Returning Saturday, March 28 – Schooner Alliance. Set sail for a bygone era aboard Yorktown's Tall Ship Alliance. Daily sailing from Riverwalk Landing Pier, March 28 to Nov. 1. Food and beverages available for purchase. Advanced reservations recommended. Admission. \$ 888.316.6422



Opening Weekend, March 28 & 29 – Watermen's Museum, 10 am to 5 pm. Enjoy the Wheels and Waves event. Tour the museum and grounds. Classic boats and cars, working boats, visiting marinas, vendors and more. Food available for purchase. Free Planet Full of Blues concert on the 28th. Admission is free for the weekend. 309 Water Street. 757.887.2641

Opening Wednesday, April 1 – Gallery at York Hall. Features revolving exhibits of fine art in all media by local artists for display and sale. Information Center. Open April-Dec. Tues.-Sat., 10 am to 4 pm; Sun., 1 to 4 pm. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. 757.890.4490

Opening Wednesday, April 1 – The York County Historical Museum. Embark on a journey through 400 years of York County history. Tues.-Sun. through Dec. 19, hours vary as volunteers available. Call for group tours. York Hall (Lower Level), 301 Main Street. Free. 757.898.4910

Returning Wednesday, April 1 – Pirate Adventure Cruises. Bring the kids to Captain Mayhem's School of Piracy aboard the Yorktown Schooners Serenity & Alliance. April 1 – 12 & May 23 – Sept. 7; Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat. at 11:30 am. Advance reservations recommended. Admission. \$ 888.316.6422

Saturday, April 11 – Yorktown Kite Demo & Gathering, 1 to 5 pm. Join us at the Yorktown beach for kite demonstrations and an afternoon of kite flying. Bring your kite or borrow one from Patriot Tours and Provisions. Yorktown Beach. Free. 757.969.5400

Saturday, April 18 – National Park Service Junior Ranger Day, 9 am to 5 pm. Special activities for children will enable them to earn a "National" Junior Ranger Patch. Yorktown Battlefield. Free. 757.898.2410

Saturday, April 18 – Sister Cities French Market, 10 am to 3 pm. Join Sister Cities Yorktown for the fourth annual authentic French Market and experience all things French with your favorite French products. This annual event celebrates the spirit of the regular Saturday market in Port-Vendres France, Yorktown's sister city since 1990. Traditional market products such as fresh-baked bread, pastries, confitures, chocolates, soaps, wine, along with fresh food items, will be available for purchase. 757.877.2933

Friday and Saturday, April 24 & 25 – Yorktown's Hidden Treasures Garden Stroll and Plant Sale, 10 am to 4 pm. Visit five private gardens and enjoy the work of local artists and local school students. The plant sale will have both indoor and outdoor plants for your home and garden. Rain or shine. Historic Yorktown Village. Ticket required. \$ 757.912.5953

Saturday and Sunday, April 25 & 26 – Pirates Invade Yorktown, 10 am to 6 pm. Pirates, representing seafaring life in the late 17th- and 18th-centuries, invade Yorktown. Visit the encampment, watch cannon firing demonstrations, and sing with pirates. Riverwalk Landing and Watermen's Museum. Free. 757.890.3500



Every Friday, May - August – Outdoor Dance or Concert, 6 to 8 pm. Theme dances. Guest and house bands and performers, sea shanty singers, nautical music and displays. Food and beverages available for purchase. Watermen's Museum. Admission varies. \$ 757.887.2641

Saturday, May 2 – Blues, Brews, and BBQ Festival, 12 pm to 6 pm. Join us for Yorktown's second annual Blues, Brews & BBQ, a festival on the river. Enjoy down-home blues, incredible microbrews, and amazing BBQ. Riverwalk Landing, 331 Water Street. \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. 757.877.2933 or www.villageevents.org.

Sunday, May 3 – Art at the River Juried Art Show, 10 am to 5 pm. Artwork by over 50 talented artists at the second annual juried art show on the beautiful Yorktown waterfront. Painters, sculptors, potters, jewelers, and many other innovative and creative artists. Come and select your "People's Choice" artist. Live entertainment will include the jazz band, New Sound Alliance, from 11 am to 4 pm. Food and beverages available. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.898.5510

Sunday, May 3 – Crosses of Grace (Church) Special Exhibit, 10 am to 5 pm. A special exhibit of the Crosses of Grace (Church) will be held in conjunction with Art at the River. The crosses are unique in both design and construction and are unusual expressions of faith and inspiration. Yorktown Freight Shed, 331 Water Street. Free. 757.898.5510

Saturday, May 9 – Yorktown Market Days kicks off with Health & Fitness Market, 9 am to 1 pm. The ninth annual Market Days season kicks off with more than 35 local farmers, producers, artists, and vendors offering a variety of local favorites. Activities include numerous vendors, fitness classes, healthy cooking demonstrations, free health screenings, and information. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

Saturdays, May 16 – September 26 (excluding June 6 & July 4) – Yorktown Market Days, 9 am to 1 pm. Fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, specialty cut flowers, coffee, quality art, entertainment, chef demos, and much more await you at the Saturday morning markets. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

Memorial Day Weekend, May 23 & 24 – Civil War Weekend, 9 am to 5 pm. Tactical demonstrations, encampments, and a Confederate field hospital interpret the role Yorktown played during the 1862 Peninsula Campaign. On Sunday, special Memorial ceremonies will take place at the Yorktown National Cemetery and Confederate Cemetery. Yorktown Battlefield. Admission. \$ 757.898.2410

Saturday, May 23 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 4:30 pm. Nelson House on Main Street. Free. 757.898.9418

Monday, May 25 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 11:45 am. Memorial Day Ceremony, York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. 757.898.9418



Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day Ceremony, 12 pm. Includes the posting of colors, historical re-enactors, a guest speaker, and the placing of flowers. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. 757.890.3500

June 1-30 – "Fashion in Colonial Virginia" Theme Month, 9 am to 5 pm. From leather to linen, explore how clothing of the period was fashioned. Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

Wednesdays, June 3-24 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 5 pm. Yorktown Victory Monument. Free. 757.898.9418

SUMMER

Friday – Sunday, June 5-7, 2015 - Lafayette's Hermione Voyage 2015, 9 am to 7 pm. Join us as we welcome the French Tall Ship Hermione on her maiden Atlantic crossing. This three-day event will include a variety of programs and events for the education and inspiration of the public: receptions and dinners, deck tours and ship events, a Heritage Village traveling exhibit, entertainment, educational programs, and more. A full schedule of events will be publicized in the months preceding her arrival. Free. 757.890.3500

Sundays, June 7-28 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 3:45 pm at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. Included with admission. 4:45 pm at the Yorktown waterfront. Free. 757.898.9418

Thursdays, June 11-25 – “Shagging on the Riverwalk” Beach Music Concert Series, 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Put on your dancing shoes and join us for this annual concert series featuring a variety of beach music for all ages. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

Saturdays, June 13-27 – Yorktown Market Days, 9 am to 1 pm. See May 16 listing for details.

Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day 8K/5K, 8 am. An 8K run on the scenic roads and trails of the Yorktown Battlefield. Walkers and shorter distance runners are invited to a non-scored 5K event. Both runs begin and end near Surrender Field. Parking and registration at York High School begins at 6:30 am. Admission. \$ 757.898.3663

Saturday, July 4 – Yorktown Independence Day Celebration, Parade at 9 am; Event begins at 4 pm. Come salute America along the Yorktown waterfront beginning with a 9 am patriotic parade on Water Street. Evening activities feature: a bell-ringing ceremony at 7 pm, live musical entertainment at 8 pm at Riverwalk Landing, and spectacular fireworks on the York River at 9:15 p.m. Free. 757.890.3500

Saturday-Sunday, July 4-5 – Liberty Celebration, 9 am to 6 pm. America’s independence is marked with military drills, role-playing demonstrations and artillery. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

Sundays, July 5, 12 & 26 and Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 22, & 29 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town. Sundays: 3:45 pm at Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. Included with admission. Wednesdays: 5 pm at Yorktown Victory Monument. Free. 757.898.9418

Sunday, July 5 – York River Concert Band, 5 pm. Always a popular program of varied musical selections and patriotic music. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. In the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church, 111 Church Street. Free. 757.890.4490

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Sunday, July 12 – TRADOC Jazz Combo, 5 pm. Audiences of all ages are enthralled by the classics, ballads, blues, soul, and contemporary tunes performed by this popular group. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. In the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church, 111 Church Street. Free. 757.890.4490

Tuesday, July 14 – Bastille Day Wine Dinner, 7 pm. A five-course French dinner paired with acclaimed wines from France. A guest speaker will discuss the wines and wineries. Riverwalk Restaurant. Admission. \$ 757.875.1522

Sunday, July 19 – Magic of Harmony Show Chorus, 5 pm. A favorite local singing group performing traditional barbershop melodies and contemporary pop and musical theatre songs. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. In the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church, 111 Church Street. Free. 757.890.4490



Sunday, July 26 – LP & The 8-Tracks, 5 pm. A popular band playing tunes from the 60s and 70s to please all ages. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. In the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church, 111 Church Street. Free. 757.890.4490

August 1-31 – “Tools of the Trade” Theme Month, 9 am to 5 pm. Compare and contrast 18th-century tools and technology. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

Saturdays, August 1-29 – Yorktown Market Days, 9 am to 1 pm. See May 16 listing for details.

Sundays, August 2-30 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 3:45 pm at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. Included with admission. 757.898.9418

Sunday, August 2 – Runaway String Band, 5 pm. This popular group will perform bluegrass, country, folk, and contemporary selections. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. In the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church, 111 Church Street. Free. 757.890.4490

Tuesday, August 4 – Naval Weapons Station Yorktown 97th Anniversary Band Concert, 6:30 to 8 pm. Naval Weapons Station Yorktown commemorates its 97th birthday celebration with a concert by the United States Fleet Forces Band. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

Tuesdays, August 11-25 – Military Band Concert Series, 6:30 to 8 pm. A different ensemble performs each week presented by musicians from Langley Air Force Base and Ft. Eustis, VA. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

Saturday, August 15 – Tools of the American Revolution Seminar, 9 am to 5 pm. One-day seminar features topics from military engineering to land surveying and hands-on technology demonstrations. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

Sunday, August 23 – Lana Puckett & Kim Person, 6 pm. Well-known local duo performs a mixture of contemporary and country songs. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. In the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church, 111 Church Street. Free. 757.890.4490

Tuesday, August 25 – National Park Service Birthday (Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield). Free admission to National Parks and other Federal sites throughout the country. Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown. 757.898.2410

Sunday, August 30 - Poisoned Dwarf, 5 pm. A program of Celtic music focusing primarily on traditional Irish tunes. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. In the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church, 111 Church Street. Free. 757.890.4490

Saturday, September 5 – Virginia Symphony Concert, 7:30 pm. Pre-concert performance by the Fifes and Drums of York Town and picnic judging, 6 pm. Pack a picnic supper, bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the performance under a canopy of stars. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.4490

Saturdays, September 5-26 – Yorktown Market Days, 9 am to 1 pm. See May 16 listing for details.

FALL

Fridays, September 11 - October 9 – “Rhythms on the Riverwalk” Concert Series, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Get your toes tappin’ to fantastic sounds during this five-week concert series featuring three Fridays of toe tappin’ Jazz and Big Band followed by two Fridays of knee slappin’ Country. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

Saturday and Sunday, September 19 & 20 – Court Days, 9 am to 5 pm. Take part in role-play trials as a juror, witness, or even the accused, and enjoy period games, music, entertainment and livestock displays. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

Saturday, September 19 – Watermen’s Museum Oyster Roast, 11 am to 3 pm. Enjoy raw and roasted oysters and sides; alternative entrees available for non-seafood eaters. Watermen’s Museum. Ticket Required. \$ 757.887.2641

Saturday and Sunday, September 26 & 27 – Watermen’s Museum 2nd Annual Folk Festival, 11 am to 6 pm. Enjoy America’s best music genres during this two-day event. Local and regional groups on three stages. Food and beverages available for purchase. Watermen’s Museum. Ticket Required. \$ 757.887.2641

Saturday, September 26 – Re-enactment play of the York Town, Virginia Tea Party of 1774, 2:45 pm. Performances by the York Town Tea Players and The Fifes and Drums of York Town. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.254.4986

Sunday, September 27 – Yorktown Art Stroll, 11 am to 6 pm. Riverwalk merchants and the Historic Freight Shed will be filled with paintings and hand crafted artwork by some of the region’s most talented artists. Visit and talk with the artists’ or sit and watch as they demonstrate their work. Restaurants will feature specials. Free. For more information or to apply, email yorktownartsfoundation@gmail.com. 757.369.1108

Fridays, October 2 & 9 – “Rhythms on the Riverwalk” Concert Series, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. See September 11 listing for details.

Saturday, October 3 – Yorktown Wine Festival, 12 to 6 pm. Come and sample wines from premiere wineries throughout the Commonwealth. Art and food vendors, plus entertainment, are also scheduled. Rain or Shine. Riverwalk Landing. Admission is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. www.villageevents.org. 757.877.2933

Saturday, October 10 – Yorktown Market Days and Fall Festival Celebration, 9 am to 3 pm. In addition to the usual array of fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, specialty cut flowers, quality art, and entertainment, there will be hayrides, pumpkins, children’s hay maze, face painting, and other activities. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500



Saturday and Sunday, October 17 & 18 – Yorktown Victory Weekend, 9 am to 5 pm. Artillery programs by British and American re-enactment units and special park ranger guided tours and programs help mark the 234th anniversary of the American and French victory at Yorktown. Yorktown Battlefield. Free on Saturday; Admission on Sunday. \$ 757.898.2410. At the Yorktown Victory Center, experience military life, artillery demonstrations and hands-on programs. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

Saturday and Sunday, October 17 & 18 – York River Maritime Heritage Festival, 10 am to 5 pm. Come join the Watermen’s Museum for two days of family fun with re-enactors, sea shanties and maritime music, displays, vendors, maritime crafts, boat building, and more. Watermen’s Museum. Free. 757.887.2641

Monday, October 19 – Yorktown Day, 9 am to 5 pm. Ceremonies, a parade, fifes and drums performances, and special programs commemorate the 234th anniversary of America’s momentous Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown. Yorktown Battlefield. Free. 757.898.2410

HOLIDAYS

Sat. - Sun., November 7 & 8 – Yorktown Holiday Open House Weekend, 9 am to 5 pm. Soak up the ambiance of Historic Yorktown. Special events, festive decorations, special sales, discounts, door prizes, strolling entertainment, and much more await you as you start or finish your holiday shopping. Hours vary by business. Free. 757.890.4490

Saturday, November 7 – Yorktown Market Days, 9 am to 3 pm. As part of the Yorktown Holiday Open House Weekend, the market will operate with extended hours and offer items unique to the holiday season, in addition to the usual array of fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, quality art, and more. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony, 12 pm. “Letters from War” is the theme of this annual event in which all veterans are honored. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. 757.890.3500

Saturday, November 14 – Yorktown Market Days, 9 am to 3 pm. As part of the Williamsburg Harvest Celebration, the market will operate with extended hours and offer items unique to the holiday season, in addition to the usual array of fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, quality art, and more. Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

Saturday, November 14 – 10th Annual Chili Cook-Off, 11 am to 3 pm. Come and sample the competitors’ chili and vote for the People’s Choice. Additional chili may be purchased, if available. Call for rules and application forms to enter. Watermen’s Museum. Admission. \$ 757.887.2641

Thursday - Saturday, November 26-28 – Foods & Feasts of Colonial Virginia, 9 am to 5 pm. Explore 18th-century Virginia foodways by exploring typical soldiers’ fare of the American Revolution and tracing the farm’s bounty from field to kitchen. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

December 1 - January 3, 2016 – A Colonial Christmas, 9 am to 5 pm; Closed Christmas and New Year’s days. Holiday traditions of 18th-century Virginia are recalled through special interpretive programs. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

Friday, December 4 – Christmas Tree Lighting, 7:30 pm. A tradition that began in 1945 continues with the Yorktown Christmas Tree Lighting. Evening highlights include a 7 pm performance by The Fifes and Drums of York Town at the Victory Monument, festive music at Riverwalk Landing, the procession of lights through the historic village, and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Free. 757.890.3500

Saturday, December 5 – Christmas Market on Main, 10 am to 3 pm. Whether you are searching for a holiday gift for family, friends, or as a treat to yourself, you’re sure to find it at the Christmas Market on Main. The market features arts and crafts vendors, strolling musical entertainment, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Historic Main Street. Free. 757.890.3500



Saturday, December 5 – Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade, 7 pm. Festively decorated sail and power boats compete for “Best in Show.” The Yorktown waterfront is bedazzled with holiday sights and sounds, including a spectacular floating parade of lights, caroling around a roaring beach bonfire, musical performances and complimentary hot cider. Yorktown waterfront. Free. 757.890.4970

Sunday, December 6 – Cookies with Santa, 1 to 4 pm. Christmas is alive at York Hall where children and parents can visit with Santa Claus, enjoy some tasty treats, and shop for holiday gifts in the Gallery at York Hall. Cameras are encouraged. 301 Main Street. Free. 757.890.4490

Saturday, December 12 – Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 am. Join Santa and Mrs. Claus, our special guests from the North Pole, for a kid-friendly breakfast. Experience the enchantment on the children’s faces as they relay their Christmas wish list to Santa. Special treats for the kids. Riverwalk Restaurant. Seating is limited. Tickets Required. \$ 757.875.1522

Saturday, December 12 – Yorktown Market Days, 9 am to 3 pm. See November 7 listing for details.

Saturday, December 12– Toyland Parade, 1 pm. Decorate a stroller, wagon, yourself, or even a pet and join in the 1:30 pm parade. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet the guests. The Fifes and Drums of York Town will lead the parade, and as an added treat, the Polar Express will be chugging along through Riverwalk Landing. All aboard! Riverwalk Landing. Free. 757.890.3500

Yorktown Victory Center

Daily: Join an artillery crew at the Yorktown Victory Center’s re-created Continental Army encampment to learn the steps in preparing an artillery piece for firing. Then, step back, cover your ears and watch as interpreters actually fire the replica cannon or mortar. Admission. \$ 757.253.4838

Yorktown Victory Center welcomes visitors daily while work is underway to transform the site into the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, opening late 2016.