

SULTANA'S DOWNRIGGING WEEKEND

TALL SHIP & WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 1, 2015 / CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND



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FLEET OF TALL SHIPS TO VISIT CHESTERTOWN FOR SULTANA DOWNRIGGING WEEKEND

The Chesapeake's Largest Annual Wooden Boat Festival / October 31 – November 2, 2014

September 15, 2015 / Chestertown, Maryland: The Sultana Education Foundation has announced the schedule for its annual Downrigging Weekend Tall Ship and Wooden Boat Festival, October 29 – November 1, in Chestertown, Maryland. Now in its 15th year, Downrigging Weekend is one of the largest annual Tall Ship gatherings in North America and features four days of Tall Ship sails, deck tours, concerts, lectures, films and exhibits.

Unique among Tall Ship Festivals on the East Coast, Downrigging Weekend offers visitors the opportunity sail as part of a fleet of Tall Ships. Participating Ships for Downrigging Weekend 2015 include the State Ships of Delaware and New Jersey: KALMAR NYCKEL and A.J. MEERWALD, the schooners PRIDE OF BALTIMORE II, LADY MARYLAND, and SULTANA, as well as the oyster dredging skipjacks ELSWORTH and SIGSBEE. This fleet will be joined by a flotilla of privately owned wooden vessels also in port for the Festival. All told, the Downrigging Fleet will take more than 1,200 people sailing on the Chester River during four scheduled public sails.

If all the activity on the water isn't enough, Downrigging Weekend also has plenty to offer shore-side, including lectures by New York Times reporter Ian Urbina, Pulitzer Prize winning Washington Post Book Critic Michael Dirda, and authors John Nagy and Kate Livie, as well as an exhibit of classic cars and speedboats by the Antique and Classic Boat Society. There will also be concerts by Parsonsfield, Chester River Runoff, Phil Dutton and the Alligators, the High and Wides, the Pam Ortiz Band, the Mike Buccino Trio, the Banjo Man Bill and Tom Anthony, and the Guthrie Matthews Method; tastings of regional wines and seafood; a waterside 5K and half marathon, an observance of Maryland's Emancipation Day; a new exhibit by renowned maritime artist Marc Castelli; the annual Chestertown RiverArts Studio Tour; and finally the enormously popular night-time illumination of the Tall Ships and fireworks display over Chestertown's historic harbor.

For more information, a complete festival schedule, and online reservations visit <http://www.sultanaeducation.org> or call 410-778-5954.

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There are limited opportunities for the press to sail aboard the Downrigging Weekend Fleet on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1. Please contact Drew McMullen at 410-778-5954.

Downrigging Weekend Event Schedule

Thursday, October 29, 2015

Book Talk with Kate Livie: Chesapeake Oyster – The Bay’s Foundation and Future

6:00pm / Hynson Lounge, Washington College

Movie: The Bounty

7:00pm / Charles Sumner Post / 206 South Queen Street

Friday, October 30, 2015

Open-House on the Tall Ships (select ships only)

12:00-2:00pm / The Chestertown waterfront – free

Public Sail on the Tall Ships (select ships only)

3:00-5:00pm / Departing from the waterfront

Food, Drink & Music on the Waterfront

4:00-10:00pm / Festival Tent behind the Fish Whistle Restaurant

Pub Fare and Bar on the River Packet

4:00-6:00pm / Onboard the River Packet at the foot of High Street

Marc Castelli Downrigging Show

5:00-7:30pm / Massoni Gallery

Music: Guthrie Matthews Method

6:00-8:00pm / Festival Tent behind the Fish Whistle Restaurant

Tall Ships Illuminated

Dusk-9:00pm / The Chestertown waterfront

River Packet Fireworks Cruise

7:00-9:00pm / Departing from the Foot of High Street

Lecture: New York Times Reporter Ian Urbina and “The Outlaw Ocean”

8:00pm / The Garfield Center for the Performing Arts

Fireworks

8:30pm / Visible from the Chestertown waterfront

Music: Chester River Runoff

9:30pm-1:00am / Fish Whistle Restaurant

Saturday, October 31, 2015

Open-House on the Tall Ships

9:00am-10:00am / Chestertown waterfront – free

Food, Drink & Music on the Waterfront

9:00am-6:00pm / Festival Tent behind the Fish Whistle Restaurant

Keels & Wheels

9:00am-5:00pm / Foot of High Street

River Arts Studio Tour

10:00-5:00pm / Various locations

Talk: Wild Bird Diversity

10:00am /Kingstown Farm, Home and Garden / 7121 Church Hill Road, Chestertown

Marc Castelli Downrigging Show

10:00am-7:00pm / Massoni Gallery

Public Sail on the Tall Ships

10:30am-1:00pm / Departing from the waterfront

Book Talk: Michael Dirda – Critiquing the World of Nautical Literature

11:00am / The Book Plate / 112 S. Cross St.

Chesapeake Wine Trail – Wine Tasting

11:00am-5:00pm / Chestertown Marina Office

Fish Fry and Bar on the River Packet

11:00am – 6:00pm / Onboard the River Packet at the foot of High Street

Music: Phil Dutton and the Alligators

11:00am / Festival Tent Behind the Fish Whistle Restaurant

Bagpipes on the Waterfront

1:00pm / The foot of High Street

Book Talk: John Nagy – Espionage and the American Revolution

2:00pm / The Book Plate / 112 S. Cross St.

Music: The High and Wides

2:00pm / Festival Tent Behind the Fish Whistle Restaurant

Public Sail on the Tall Ships

2:30-5:00pm /Departing from the waterfront

Observance of Maryland Emancipation Day, 1864

3:00pm / Charles Sumner Post #25 / 206 South Cross Street

Concert: Pam Ortiz Band – Songs of the Sea

6:00pm / Robert Ortiz Studios

Dinner for Captains, Crews, & Exhibitors (Invitation Only)

6:30pm / Festival Tent behind the Fish Whistle Restaurant

River Packet Evening Cruise & Dinner

7:00-9:00pm / Departing from the foot of High Street

Tall Ships Illuminated

Dusk-9:00pm / The Chestertown waterfront

Concert: Parsonsfield

8:00pm / The Garfield Center for the Performing Arts

Sunday, November 1, 2015

Chester River Challenge 5k & Half Marathon

8:00am registration / 9:00am start/ Wilmer Park

Food, Drink & Music on the Waterfront

9:00am-4:00pm / Festival Tent behind the Fish Whistle Restaurant

Keels & Wheels

10:00am-4:30pm / Foot of High Street

River Arts Studio Tour

10:00am-5:00pm / Various locations

Public Sail on the Tall Ships

11:00am-1:30pm / Departing from the waterfront

Marc Castelli Downrigging Show

11:00am-3:00pm / Massoni Gallery

Chesapeake Wine Trail – Wine Tasting

11:00am-5:00pm / Chestertown Marina Office

Music: Mike Buccino Trio

11:30am / Festival Tent behind the Fish Whistle Restaurant

Bagpipes on the Waterfront

1:00pm / The foot of High Street

Open-House on the Tall Ships

2:30pm-4:30pm / The Chestertown waterfront – free

River Packet River Cruise

2:30-4:30pm / Departing from the foot of High Street

Concert: Banjo Man and Bill with Tom Anthony

7:00pm / Music Life – 241 High Street

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