



Tall Ships America and NMHS Join Forces



[Tall Ships America](#) and [National Maritime Historical Society](#) are pleased and excited to announce their most recent collaboration **reciprocal membership**. Along with membership in Tall Ships America, members will now receive a one-year regular membership in NMHS - including the quarterly journal, *Sea History*, recognized as the pre-eminent journal of advocacy and education in maritime history, a 10% discount on NMHS merchandise, and a membership card and decal. NMHS members will receive a one-year Individual Membership in Tall Ships America including newsletters, notifications, membership cards and discounts on Tall Ships America Conferences, Forums and Regional Meetings. In addition they will be extended a special \$10.00 (includes priority mail shipping) rate on the purchase of *Sail Tall Ships! A Directory of Adventure and Education under Sail*®.

Burchenal Green, president of NMHS, says: *“Our interests are mutual. As we work to preserve and promote our maritime heritage, we recognize that our fleet of tall ships is a national treasure to be celebrated and supported. These ships capture the imagination and, as such, serve as a remarkably successful ambassadors. In a hands-on-way, they teach us our history and traditions, and preserve our skills in an industry long thought obsolete. Because tall ships still sail today, this generation and the next can learn the skills of building and repairing, provisioning, rigging, navigating, and sailing in both fierce storms and calm seas – skills we need to keep alive. Their crews and trainees learn self-reliance and teamwork, patience and fortitude. Visitors to these ships get to climb aboard and immerse themselves in the story of the ship: what she did, where she went, what life was like aboard in the past, and what it is like for those sailing them today.”*

Bert Rogers, Executive Director of Tall Ships America expressed his enthusiasm for the new partnership: *“Tall Ships America is excited by our new collaboration with the National Maritime Historical Society. In many ways this only formalizes and celebrates what has been a long and productive tradition of mutual support and shared values. By working more closely together and leveraging our great respective strengths, we can expand our reach and relevance to deliver a unified message to the American public about the vital importance of our national maritime heritage. This heritage is heroically sustained in the vessels, artifacts, and exhibits of America’s fine maritime museums, many of which are Tall Ships America Organizational Members. It is also sustained with great vitality aboard our member ships and programs, as they take people to sea to experience first-hand the seafaring arts, skills, and traditions that made America a great maritime nation, while instilling a respect and love of our oceans. Sail Training in tall ships brings maritime heritage alive, giving the next generation an unforgettable experience and an abiding personal stake in our ongoing maritime story.”*

The mission of the **National Maritime Historical Society** is to preserve and perpetuate the maritime history of the United States and to invite all Americans to share in the challenging heritage of seafaring. More information can be found on their website at www.seahistory.org.

The mission of Tall Ships America is to encourage character building under sail, promote sail training to the North American Public, and support education under sail. Visit www.tallships.org America.org for more information.