Welcome

In celebration of our rich maritime heritage, we welcome you to the 34th Annual Ocean Institute Tall Ships Festival presented by Toshiba.

Once again, Ocean Institute and Toshiba America Business Solutions, Inc. have teamed up to provide the community with a weekend packed full of educational fun and an extraordinary glimpse into the past. This exciting signature event brings together six tall ships to Dana Point to reenact historic maritime history and the Tall Ships Fleet.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I offer gratitude to our sponsors for supporting the Ocean Institute and our mission of teaching the ocean as our classroom, we inspire children to learn. Every dollar contributed by our ticket purchasers goes to supporting our educational programs. I look forward to seeing you at this spectacular event.

Best regards,

Dan Pingaro
President & CEO

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 7

Sails n’ Ales Kick-Off Party

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Celebrate the start of the 34th Annual Ocean Institute Tall Ships Festival presented by Toshiba with our Sails n’ Ales Kick-Off Party featuring beer tastings from Sierra Nevada, Mother Earth Brew Company, Lost Winds Brewing, Bottle Logic Brewing, Sierra Brevarian, Laguna Beach Brewing Company, and Docent Brewing. Live music, food trucks, and mermaid encounters, it’s an event the whole family can enjoy.


Parade of Sail

4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Set sail on any one of the historic tall ships and watch the sun dip below the horizon as we kick off the 34th annual Festival.

TICKETS: Non-Members: $65/adult, $55/child (4-12 years), Free/One and under. Members: 10% off. *Minimum age 4 years. *Members receive 10% off when you enter your member I.D. number at checkout.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY • SEPTEMBER 8 & 9

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Cannon Battles

4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Set sail aboard the Spirit of Dana Point as they engage in the Festival’s most exciting and captivating experience. Join the crew as they harness the power of the wind to maneuver into advantageous positions over the other tall ships.


Breakfast with a Mermaid

9:00 am to 10:30 am. Meet our mermaid friends, make a fun mermaid craft, enjoy pancakes, and watch our mermaids swim underwater! Be sure to book your ticket in advance as this event sells out every year.

TICKETS: $25/adult, $15/children (2-12 years), Free/One and under. Members: 10% off. *Includes a Tall Ship Adventure Pass for admission to the Festival. Members receive 10% off when you enter your member I.D. at checkout.

Tall Ships Festival Admission

10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

- Tours of the big Pilgrim, Spirit of Dana Point, and all visiting vessels from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Hands-on educational activities
- Access to Sierra Nevada Beer Garden, Main Stage and Pirate Camp.
- Food trucks and shopping in the “Peddler’s Village.”

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**Mermaid Swim Show:**
- **Aqua ASL**
  - Surf Science Lab: 11:30 am, 7:15 pm, 3:30 pm
  - Swim with a special mermaid and see her Swim. Suitable for ages 0-12 years old, must be accompanied by an adult. **$5.00 additional purchase required per person; please see ticket booth for assistance.**

**Cap’n Jack’s Pirate School**
- Historic Maritime Wharf: 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm
  - “School” is back in session — Cap’n Jack’s School for Lil’ Scalliwags has some new lesson plans for his pirates-in-training! Suitable for ages 8-12 years old. **$5.00 additional purchase required per person; please see ticket booth for assistance.**

**A Sailor’s Life Tour**
- Historic Maritime Wharf: 10:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:45 pm, 1:15 pm, 2:45 pm, 3:45 pm
  - During this hands-on activity learn to raise sail and handle cargo on our Historic Maritime Wharf. Included with admission.

**Tall Ship Tours**
- Maddie James Seaside Learning Center: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
  - Climb aboard and step back in time. Tour all seven historic tall ships, including the Ocean Institute’s Brig Pilgrim and Spirit of Dana Point and the visiting Californian and Exy Johnson.
  - Please note that the ships will stop tours at 3:00 pm to prep for the cannon battle sails.

**Pirate Camp**
- Baby Beach: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
  - Learn from our historic reenactors including blacksmiths, pirates, and more. Enjoy live music from Los Rios Rock School and enjoy a cold beer from the Sierra Nevada Beer Garden.

**Seafarer’s Landing**
- Main Lot: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
  - Explore hands-on science and history throughout the day including candle making, gold panning, knot tying, and more!

**Mermaid Story Time**
- Samueli Center: 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm
  - Sit back and enjoy an interactive story time with mermaids from Sheroes Entertainment’s Mermaids.

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**Naval Historical Show**
- Pilgrim: 11:30 am and 3:30 pm
  - Experience life during the Revolutionary War during this standing room show performed by skilled reenactors on the deck of the Brig Pilgrim.

**Peddler’s Landing**
- Pier Lot: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
  - Enjoy grub and shop the fare of local craftsmen at the Peddler’s Village, featuring a variety of vendors.
The Ocean Institute, founded in 1977 as the Orange Country Marine Institute, is a community-based 501(c) 3 organization that offers in-depth Marine Science, Maritime History, and Outdoor Education Programs. The facility includes state-of-the-art teaching labs, the Maddie James Seaside Learning Center, two historic tall ships, and an oceanographic research vessel.

Ocean-based exhibits are open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays, along with guided tours Monday-Friday of our labs, historic ships, tidepools, and more. In addition to our award-winning education programs, the Ocean Institute also offers family programs, summer camps, cruises, sails, and other unique events throughout the year. To learn more about our ongoing activities and events, please visit oceaninstitute.org.

Support Our Mission
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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY BECOMING A SUPPORTING MEMBER OF OCEAN INSTITUTE. Membership provides the satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting ocean conservation, marine life protection, and maritime history programs. Membership includes numerous benefits such as free daily admission, and discounts on special events.

Become a member today by visiting oceaninstitute.org/become-member.

TALL SHIPS
A look at the ships that will be in attendance at this year’s festival.

IRVING JOHNSON
TYPE OF SHIP: Brigantine
LENGTH OVERALL: 113 Feet
HOME PORT: Los Angeles (L.A. Maritime Museum)
Along with Exy, launched in 2002 they are the newest ships in the Tall Ships Festival.

CURLEW
TYPE OF SHIP: Schooner
LENGTH OVERALL: 92 Feet
HOME PORT: Dana Point (Curlew Charters)
Built in 1926, Curlew is the most senior ship in the Tall Ships Festival.

SPIRIT OF DANNA POINT
TYPE OF SHIP: Schooner
LENGTH OVERALL: 114 Feet
HOME PORT: Dana Point (Ocean Institute)
Built by Dennis Holland in his yard in Coast Mesa in the 1970s and early 1980s.

EXY JOHNSON
TYPE OF SHIP: Brigantine
LENGTH OVERALL: 113 Feet
HOME PORT: Los Angeles (L.A. Maritime Museum)
Named after Exy Johnson who sailed around the world 7 times.

BILDAH
TYPE OF SHIP: Schooner
LENGTH OVERALL: 72 Feet
HOME PORT: Chula Vista, CA
Constructed in 1971 in South Bristol Maine by Harvey F. Gamage.

AMERICA
TYPE OF SHIP: Gaff Schooner
LENGTH OVERALL: 130 Feet
HOME PORT: San Diego (Next Level Sailing)
Replica of the yacht America’s Cup is named after.

PILGRIM
TYPE OF SHIP: Brig
LENGTH OVERALL: 80 Feet
HOME PORT: Dana Point (Ocean Institute)
Replica of ship sailed by Richard Henry Dana Jr., honored in his memoir Two Years Before the Mast.

CALIFORNIAN
TYPE OF SHIP: Topsail Schooner
LENGTH OVERALL: 145 Feet
HOME PORT: San Diego (San Diego Maritime Museum)
In 2003 Californian became the official tall ship of the state of California.

Bill of Rights
TYPE OF SHIP: Schooner
LENGTH OVERALL: 120 Feet
HOME PORT: Chula Vista, CA
Replica of the yacht America’s Cup is named after.
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