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Tall Ships 2015 Event Description

Following is a brief description of the Greenport Tall Ships event for the 4th of July weekend 2015. This Tall Ships America sail training race/event is being held to commemorate the Revolutionary War.

The Village of Greenport, as a host port, will welcome up to six tall ships, beginning the Saturday evening of the 4th of July weekend. The Village will, at that time, host a waterside maritime festival to highlight and showcase Greenport's maritime culture and history. There will be activities and events centered around this rich history; with demonstrations, crafts and educational exhibits and, of course, walking access to our beautiful downtown shops, restaurants and commercial facilities in a festival-like atmosphere.

The ships, which will be docked at Mitchell Marina on the fixed piers, will be open for tours from approximately 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets for these tours will be sold in advance as well as at the event. During the festival, there will also be special premium events aboard the ships and at other locations, as fund raising opportunities.

The plan is to close the streets to vehicular traffic and create a pedestrian mall where the merchants of the Village set up on the sidewalks in front of their stores, showcasing their wares; and to use Mitchell Park for demonstrations, exhibits and displays by museums, historical societies and cultural and educational groups.

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