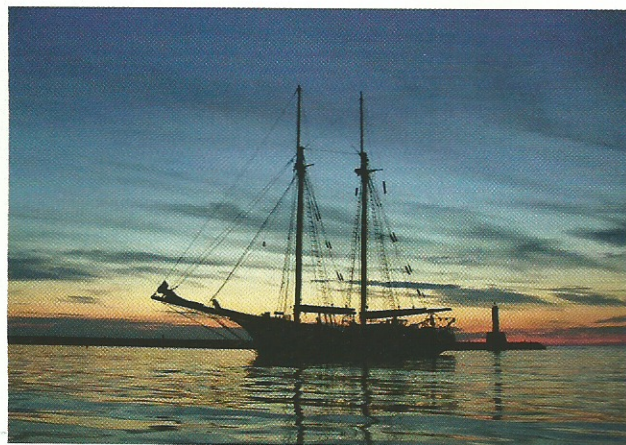


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Tall Ships



Simply marvel at or set sail yourself aboard one of Michigan's majestic ships.

BAY CITY

The waters of the Saginaw River will be decked with maritime history July 20-23, as the Tall Ship Celebration sails in to downtown Bay City. This is the only official host port in Michigan for the American Sail Training Association's "Tall

Ship Challenge," which begins July 12 in Cleveland and ends in Chicago on Aug. 9.

Bay City's own *Appledore VI* and *Appledore V* will be among the 11 vessels to grace the port city during the course of the weekend. The *Madeline*, Michigan's "official tall ship" based through the Michigan Maritime Alliance in Traverse City, will also be on hand. Other vessels scheduled to be available for boarding and touring during the Tall Ship Celebration are *Providence* (featured in "Pirates of the Caribbean II: Dead Man's Chest"), *Picton Castle* and *Nina*.

In addition to ship tours, families can enjoy a Tall Ship Muster & Parade, ASTA Crew Games & Sail Training Rally, Maritime Music Festival featuring internationally acclaimed "shanty" musicians, kids' crafts, fine art show, vintage baseball game, a "Ghost, Legends & Other Bay City Lore" guided tour and a Mariner's Ball.

The local State Theater will be showing "Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl" as part of the weekend's activities; those looking to don a wooden leg and eye patch can sign up for the Ring of Steel Pirate School. (888) BAY-TOWN, www.tourbaycitymi.org and www.tallshipcelebration.com, (401) 846-1775, <http://tallships.sailtraining.org/>

SOUTH HAVEN

The Friends Good Will is the newest sailing ship on the Great Lakes, calling South Haven its home port since 2004. This historic replica 1810 sloop is docked at the Michigan Maritime Museum. History comes alive during a series of day sails, overnight excursions and charters from June through September. (800) 747-3810, www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org

TRAVERSE CITY

In Traverse City, the Tall Ship Manitou offers a variety of sailing opportunities aboard this 114-foot replica coasting cargo schooner, including two-hour day sails, a "Floating B&B" and multi-day windjammer cruises — such as the popular Astronomy Sail — each September. (800) 678-0383, www.tallshipsailing.com

