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Sail250[®] Virginia Official Prints and Posters Now Available

“History on the Wind” by Patrick O’Brien Honors America’s 250th

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Norfolk, VA— Sail250[®] Virginia official limited edition giclée prints and posters are now available for purchase.

Commissioned by Sail250[®] Virginia, “*History on the Wind*”, an oil painting by Patrick O’Brien, captures the grandeur, history, and power of generations of tall sailing ships in honor of America’s 250th.

President of the American Society of Marine Artists, Mr. O’Brien features in his commemorative painting the USCGC EAGLE, GODSPEED, AMISTAD, and representing the US Navy’s original Six Frigates -CHESAPEAKE.

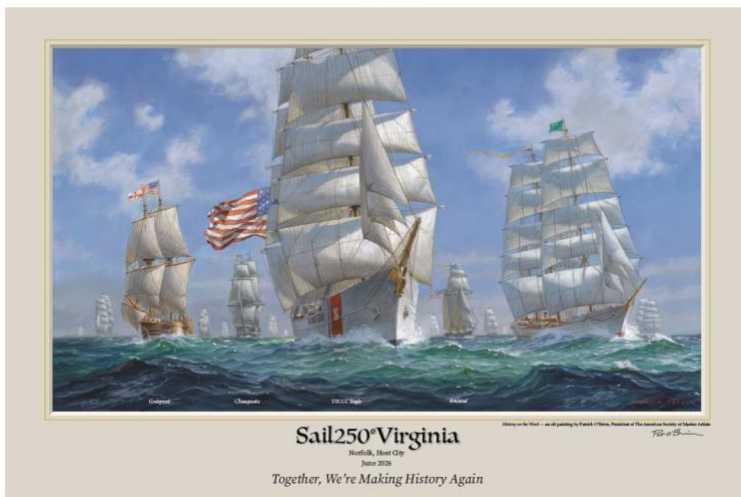
24” x 36” posters and giclée prints are now available exclusively for advance purchase through Harbor Gallery, 1508 Colley Ave, Norfolk, VA, Tuesdays- Saturdays, 10 am – 6 pm, 757-627-2787, www.harbor-gallery.com.

Giclée Prints: signed and numbered: \$175; unsigned/unnumbered: \$125.

Posters: signed and numbered: \$50; unsigned/unnumbered: \$35.

Unsigned Posters only will be available for purchase at the Sail250VA official merchandise center at Town Point Park, downtown Norfolk waterfront Fri June 19- Sunday, June 21, 2026 during Sail250[®] Virginia hours.

Poster



Giclée Prints



About Patrick O'Brien

Patrick O'Brien is an award-winning maritime artist and the president of the American Society of Marine Artists. He attended the University of Virginia, graduating in 1982 with a biology degree. Patrick began his career as an artist working for his father as a drafter, before becoming an illustrator for the Martin Agency in Richmond, VA. His passion for artwork and a talent for writing led him to publish a dozen children's books as both author and illustrator, while illustrating additional books for other authors.

O'Brien began painting maritime art in the early 2000's, specializing in scenes representing the age of sail and tall ships. He has been commissioned by the U.S. Coast Guard to paint the USCG Barque EAGLE, The Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, ExxonMobil, The Gaylord National Resort, The National Harbor in Maryland, Lockheed Martin, and has produces artwork for the covers of "Sea History" and "Naval History". His awards include the National Maritime Historical Society's Distinguished Service Award (2010), Mystic Seaport's Museum Purchase Award (2013), The Mystic International Marine Art Exhibition's Award of Excellence (2013) and Maritime Heritage Award (2015), and the American Society of Marine Artist's Outstanding Service Award (2020). Please visit <https://www.patrickobrienstudio.com/> to learn more about Patrick O'Brien.

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About Sail250® Virginia

Sail250® Virginia, hosted by the City of Norfolk, is part of the United States' national commemoration of America's 250th anniversary. This signature event is planned as the largest public event in the Commonwealth for the 250th. Scheduled June 12- 23, 2026, the event will bring a fleet of international tall ships, military ships, historic and character vessels to Norfolk (June 19 – 22, 2026) and Affiliate Harbors (June 12 – 21, 2026) in the Chesapeake Bay Region for multi-day waterfront festivals, featuring ship tours, fireworks, concerts, and educational programming. Sail250® Virginia will showcase Virginia's role as a maritime gateway to the world, bringing together participants and visitors from around the globe.

For more details, visit www.sail250virginia.com, Facebook, and Instagram.

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