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## **City of Richmond Announces Participation in Sail Virginia<sup>SM</sup> 2026**

**Richmond, VA** – On Thursday, October 10, the City of Richmond in partnership with Sail250<sup>®</sup> Virginia and Virginia Museum of History and Culture announced Tall Ships RVA as an affiliate harbor of Sail Virginia<sup>SM</sup> 2026. With this announcement, Richmond becomes one of five Affiliate Harbors to host the tall ships.

Sail250<sup>®</sup> Virginia Host City Norfolk and it's 10 Sail Virginia<sup>SM</sup> 2026 Affiliate Harbors will welcome more than 60 tall ships, military, and character ships from around the world over two weekends, June 12 – 15, 2026 and June 18 – 23, 2026.

The year 2026 marks the 250th Anniversary of the nation's founding in 1776, the United States of America's Semiquincentennial. For this milestone occasion, a fleet of the world's most magnificent international tall ships, historic character vessels, and modern military ships, will again sail into the harbors of Virginia as part of the national Sail250<sup>®</sup> tour.

During June 2026, ships from 20 countries are expected to fill the harbors of Richmond, Norfolk, Hampton Roads, and Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Region to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding. "This is an incredible opportunity to recognize and celebrate the importance of our military maritime services and highlight the strong partnership between Virginia and the world," said Mayor Levar Stoney.

The City of Richmond has partnered with the Virginia Museum of History and Culture to plan and implement this historical event.

"As we look ahead to 2026, Richmond is not just anticipating an event, we're preparing for a transformative experience that will unite people from all walks of life along the beautiful shores of this great city. Tall Ships RVA is more than a festival; it's a journey into our shared maritime history, a celebration of sailing, and a commitment to our community and environment," said 7<sup>th</sup> District Councilwoman Dr. Cynthia Newbille.

Richmond's events will take place the weekend of June 12-15, 2026.

Updates will be provided as planning moves ahead on [www.rva.gov](http://www.rva.gov).

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