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Sail Baltimore to Host Tall Ships During Volvo Ocean Race Stopover

Baltimore, MD – Sail Baltimore will host six visiting ships during the Volvo Ocean Race stopover in Baltimore this April/May. Five tall ships and one NOAA research vessel will circle Baltimore's Inner Harbor during the stopover, adding beauty, ambiance, interest, and educational value for festival visitors.

The ships include:

- *Cisne Branco*, a 294' Brazilian Navy tall ship and training vessel; April 24-30
- *Stad Amsterdam*, 250' three-masted full rigged ship from the Netherlands; May 1-8
- *Gazela*, a 178' three-masted barquentine from Philadelphia, PA; April 26-May 4
- *Pilot Schooner Virginia*, a newly built 122' replica of the original Virginia Pilot Schooner which now sails as the State of Virginia's goodwill ambassador; April 22-May 4
- *Schooner Sultana*, a 97' topsail schooner from Chestertown, Maryland; April 29-May 7
- *Thomas Jefferson*, a 208' NOAA research vessel; April 27-May 1

All of the vessels will be open to the public for free tours at various times during their stay.

The *Cisne Branco*, the majestic tall ship representing the country of Brazil, will arrive at the Inner Harbor's West Wall on Monday, April 24th at 2pm. A public welcome ceremony will be held alongside the ship at 5pm that day. The ship will then be open to the public from April 25th through 30th as follows: April 25th, 26th, 28th and 29th from 2pm to 6pm; and on April 27th and 30th from 2pm to 5pm. The ship will depart the Inner Harbor on Sunday, April 30th at 8pm.

The *Stad Amsterdam* will be located on the West Wall of the Inner Harbor from May 1st to May 8th, and will be open for public visiting hours on May 1st to May 3rd from 12pm to 4pm daily.

The *Gazela* will be located on the east side of Pier 1 (Constellation Dock) from April 26th to May 4th, and will be holding public visiting hours from April 27th through May 3rd, from 11am to 5pm daily.

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The *Schooner Virginia* will be located at the Finger Piers in the Inner Harbor from April 22nd to May 4th, and will host public visiting hours on April 24th, 25th and 26th from 1:30pm to 5pm, on April 27th and 28th from 12pm to 6pm, on April 30th from 12pm to 5pm and on May 1st - 3rd from 1:30pm to 5pm.

The *Schooner Sultana* will be located on Pier 5 of the Inner Harbor from April 29th to May 4th, and on the Finger Piers from May 4th to May 7th. They will be hosting public visiting hours at Pier 5 on May 3rd from 1:30pm to 4:30pm.

The NOAA ship *Thomas Jefferson* will be located at Pier 3, behind the National Aquarium, from April 27th to May 1st and will have public visiting hours from 12 noon to 5pm daily, April 28th through April 30th.

Sail Baltimore is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization celebrating more than 30 years of producing free, annual programs of visiting ships and maritime events for the public. The organization operates with a mission of economic development, education and cultural exchange. Since its inception in 1975, Sail Baltimore has hosted more than 400 visiting ships and produced and co-produced more than 35 maritime events. Sponsors of Sail Baltimore's Visiting Ships Program include the City of Baltimore, Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences, the Baltimore Propeller Club, Constellation Energy Group, SunTrust Banks, T. Rowe Price and The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company.

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