

Call for Papers

Tall Ships America's 39th Annual Conference on Tall Ships and Sail Training will take place on January 30 & 31, 2012, followed by the Safety Forum and Education Forum on February 1, in Newport, RI at the Newport Marriott.

The theme for this year's conference is:

Crew Development: Awakening the Next Watch

Successful voyages depend on planning beyond the immediate circumstances of today, and looking ahead to the challenges and opportunities that lay beyond the next horizon. Projecting forward for maritime commerce as a whole, the International Maritime Organization, the U.S. Maritime Administration, and commercial shipping companies all agree that we will soon face a critical shortage of licensed and qualified mariners. In our world of tall ships and sail training, we already feel the pinch: licensing requirements and costs keep climbing, but program revenues, business opportunities and wages struggle to hold par in a down economy.

Tall Ships America invites you to join the discussion as we explore how training, safety, public engagement, and youth enrichment can be harnessed to develop the crews, career opportunities, and business systems necessary to prepare the Next Watch.

Any suggestions our membership have on what should be presented as relating to the theme, please feel free to email Captain Deborah Hayes at Deborah_Hayes@stgeorges.edu. We are especially interested in topics and sessions which would be of value for educators at the port, ship, crew or administrative level.

Focus sessions:

Each session will last for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Speakers should jointly occupy not more than 50 minutes of the allocated time for each session, leaving at least 25 minutes available for questions.

Sessions may include a single presenter, co-presenters, or a panel.

Send your suggestions via email to:

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