



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARADE OF SAIL PASSENGERS
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

Thank you for participating in the Festival of Sail San Francisco Parade of Sail 2008. We hope you have a wonderful experience aboard these majestic Tall Ships and look forward to seeing you in the Festival of Sail Villages July 24th – 27th.

The Parade of Sail begins at Noon under the Golden Gate Bridge for all spectators. As a passenger onboard one of the participating vessels you will be required to be ready for boarding several hours before this time.

All Parade of Sail vessels, with the exception of the Gas Light, will leave from their assigned berths. See the attached **Parade of Sail Boarding Schedule** for the location of your vessel and the boarding time. This can also be found on our website at <http://www.festivalofsail.org/paradeofsail-boarding.asp>.

If you are not familiar with the Pier location of your vessel please visit our Waterfront Map on our website at <http://www.festivalofsail.org/eventinfo.asp> and allow for sufficient travel time.

All passengers will check-in at the berth where the vessel is assigned at the time noted on the website. <http://www.festivalofsail.org/paradeofsail-boarding.asp>.

ALL passengers must arrive in the boarding area by the times noted on the Boarding Plan. If boarding begins, and you are not in the boarding area, you will not sail. Additionally you will forfeit the opportunity for that sail and any cost associated with the reservation.

The Festival of Sail encourages all attendees to take public transportation to, from and around the event. We have partnered with a number of the local transportation agencies and ask you to visit www.511.org in planning your visit to the Festival of Sail. Or go to www.festivalofsail.org and click on EVENT INFO then TRANSPORTATION.

Remember to come prepared ~ sailing on the Bay can be chilly, so dress in layers. Wear comfortable closed-toed shoes with good traction, and bring your camera and/or binoculars. Wear comfortable, loose fitting clothes. For women, dresses or skirts are not recommended.

Vessels depart early for the Parade of Sail as they need to rendezvous outside of the Golden Gate Bridge no later than 11:30 am. You will be on the vessel for a few hours before the Parade begins so please dress and plan accordingly. Some vessels will offer light snacks but it is best to bring something familiar to you just in case. Please read the Do's and Don'ts very carefully.

Additionally, and for your information, attached is the **Festival of Sail Parade Order** that provides information on where in the Parade your vessel will be positioned.



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General Do's and Don'ts

- Guests wearing high heels and open toes are prohibited from boarding the vessels.
- Light snacks *may* be provided by the vessel but best to come prepared. Passengers may bring a “light picnic” onboard for the Parade of Sail however coolers or other large items will not be permitted. No alcohol is permitted onboard any vessel.
- There is limited or no access to the vessel heads (lavatories), so please use a restroom before arriving to the boarding area.
- No strollers or large bags are allowed on board.
- All passengers must complete the Release of Liability form. Forms can be downloaded and brought with you on the day of your sail. Please complete the form ahead of time but do not sign it until in the mustering area. A photo ID must be shown along with your Release of Liability (attached and found on our website at <http://www.festivalofsail.org/paradeofsail-info.asp#important>).
- Vessels are unfortunately not wheelchair accessible. Please visit us Shoreside during the event and learn more about these fascinating vessels from our Docents.
- Youth of any age are allowed on vessels accompanied by an adult. Youth waivers must be signed in the presence of an adult. Parents or Guardians are reminded that you are responsible for your child’s safety and must abide by all vessel safety rules and regulations.
- We expect record crowds along the San Francisco waterfront and encourage all attendees to take public transportation to, from and around the event. We have partnered with a number of the local transportation agencies and ask you to visit www.511.org in planning your visit to the Festival of Sail. Or go to www.festivalofsail.org and click on EVENT INFO then TRANSPORTATION.
- If you are prone to motion sickness ginger is always a great solution - anything food with ginger in it usually works (ginger cookies, ginger pills, ginger snaps). There is also Dramamine and it is now offered in a non-drowsy tablet. Wristbands can be purchased at a marine store such as West Marine. If you are really concerned about it please consult your doctor.

We hope you enjoy your Festival of Sail Parade of Sail and thank you again for supporting the San Francisco Maritime National Park Association.

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Gas Light Parade of Sail Passengers,

Gas Light is departing and returning from her berth in Sausalito at 85 Liberty Way. Boarding Time is 9:30 AM and departure time is 10:00 AM. Please allow ample time for traffic and to locate the facility.

Directions from San Francisco heading North on Hwy 101:

Take the Marin City/Sausalito Exit off Hwy 101.

This turns naturally right onto Bridgeway.

Go down until you see the 7-11 on your right hand side. The street on the right is Easterby and the street on your left is Marin Shipway.

Turn Left onto Marin Shipway.

You should see the sign for the Bay Model Visitor Center. Go down the hill and at the next intersection turn Right onto Liberty Ship Way.

Gas Light Charters is at #85 Liberty Ship Way.

Parking is available at the Bay Model or close to Gas Light Charters.