

Virginia Yacht Club members are hereby invited to celebrate the  
250th anniversary of our nation's founding at  
Tidewater Yacht Marina, in Portsmouth, VA  
in cooperation with



Norfolk is an official port of Sail250®, a global gathering of tall ships and military ships to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the United States.

For this milestone occasion, a fleet of the world's most magnificent international tall ships and military ships, in an epic peacetime gathering, will sail into the port of Virginia as part of Sail250® America – and VYC members are invited to be key participants!

Our celebration will kick off the evening of Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> with a VYC Potluck. Bring a dish to share (*and your beverage*).

Friday Morning please join VYC on the Parade of Sail, escorting the Tall Ships down the Elizabeth River ( a huge thank you to VYC members Bob and Mimi Bosemans, Dick and Wendy Cross, Andrew and Julie McLeland, Mark and Gina Buzby, Hal and Janet Gehman, and Bob and Cornelia Johnson who have volunteered their boats).

Spend Friday afternoon enjoying the free festivities in Downtown Norfolk, as HarborFest 2026 gets underway. Friday evening we will join together for VYC docktails and a buffet dinner at Fish and Slips, followed by the viewing of the Harborfest Drone Show.

Saturday Morning, we will catch the Ferry to Downtown Norfolk to have a private tour and lunch at Nauticus. Saturday afternoon again will bring free Harborfest activities at TownPoint Park in downtown Norfolk. Saturday evening we will enjoy docktails, and a light dinner on the grounds of Tidewater Yacht Marina, followed by an extraordinary fireworks extravaganza.

Further event details can be gleaned from the Sail250 Virginia website: [Sail 250 Virginia :: International Tall Ships](#) , as well as the Norfolk Harborfest website: [50th Annual Norfolk Harborfest® to be Headlined by Patti Labelle, Fitz & the Tantrums and JJ Grey & • Norfolk, VA](#)

Please make your reservations at Tidewater Yacht Marina through Dockwa ( please reference “Yacht Club 2026” in the “Special Request” section of the reservation form.

Asphalt cruisers may consider the Portsmouth Renaissance Marriott Hotel, or another hotel in downtown Portsmouth or Norfolk.

Presented by your cruise directors: **Bob and Cornelia Johnson (Bob: 804-212-9424; Cornelia: 757-348-4223) Peter and Anne Squicciarini ( Peter: 757-6561-6928; Anne: 757-328-3735)**

Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday – celebrating America

