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**INTERNATIONAL TALL SHIPS FROM CHILE, MEXICO, URUGUAY AND UNITED STATES WILL ARRIVE SATURDAY JULY 3rd FOR SAIL SOUTH TEXAS 2010**

*Famed vessels from around the world join us this 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend to celebrate Independence Day*

**CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS** – Despite Hurricane Alex, the international tall ships from Chile, Mexico, Uruguay and the United States, are sailing North from Veracruz, Mexico and are scheduled to arrive for Sail South Texas 2010, this Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sail South Texas 2010 is a tall ship event hosted by Port Corpus Christi and presented by H.E.B. The event will be held at Port Corpus Christi's Ingleside facility, former U.S. Naval Station Ingleside, 1455 Ticonderoga Rd, Ingleside, Texas, from July 3 to July 5, 2010.

Sail South Texas 2010 highlights many special celebrations in the region and the Americas. It commemorates the official transfer of the United States Naval Station Ingleside to Port Corpus Christi; the Bicentennial celebration of independence of many Latin American countries; and our United States 234<sup>th</sup> Independence anniversary.

*"Port Corpus Christi has been working on this project for two and a half years. With only a slight delay, the ships are steering clear of Hurricane Alex and the festivities are continuing as planned. Our community will have an amazing opportunity to celebrate independence and to see these tall ships in person,"* said Mike Carrell, Chairman, Port Corpus Christi Commission.

The International tall ships participating in the event include the Chilean *Esmeralda*, the second longest and tallest sailing ship in the world standing at 371 ft long and 159 ft high. Launched on May 12, 1953, the *Esmeralda* is currently operated by the Chilean Navy to train cadets. The tall ship was constructed in Cadiz, Spain and was originally planned to be Spain's national training ship

until the yard suffered from explosions and bankruptcy. As a result, Spain transferred the *Esmeralda* to the Chilean government in order to repay the debts incurred to Chile during the Spanish Civil War.

Joining the *Esmeralda* is Mexico's famed *Cuauhtémoc*, named after the last Aztec Emperor. The 1,800 ton tall ship is currently used as a training vessel for the Mexican Navy. Built and assembled by the Naval Shipyards of Bilbao, Spain, the *Cuauhtémoc* was officially received July 29, 1982 in Spain. The *Cuauhtémoc*, which translates to the "one that has descended like an eagle," has been in active service since 1982 with Acapulco, Mexico acting as its homeport.

Named after the legendary captain and researcher, Captain Francisco P. Miranda, *Capitan Miranda* is a training vessel for the Uruguayan Navy. Originally a Spanish sailing cargo carrier, *Capitan Miranda* was built in Cadiz, Spain in 1930. After World War II, she served as a hydrographic survey vessel for the Uruguayan Navy. It wasn't until 1978 that the *Capitan Miranda* was once again converted into a training vessel for the Uruguayan Navy. The homeport is currently located in Montevideo, Uruguay and the *Capitan Miranda* boasts a length of 205 feet.

In addition to the tall ships from Mexico, Uruguay and Chile, Sail South Texas 2010 is proud to receive the *USCGC Eagle*, a sailing vessel used to train United States Coast Guard Cadets. The *Eagle* can work over 20,000 square feet of sail and control more than 20 miles of rigging lines while under way. Each year the *Eagle* takes a long cruise to the Caribbean or Europe and several short trips around the U.S. East Coast. The homeport for the *USCGC Eagle* is the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

*"We are honored to have the official participation of all four of these unique and historic vessels for our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Together these four tall ships will be the highlight of one of the most exciting 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekends ever held in the region,"* said John LaRue, Executive Director.

The "Velas de Sudamerica 2010" began last February, 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Twelve participating international tall ships circumnavigated South America calling at a total of fifteen ports from Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Ecuador, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Columbia and Mexico. The last port of call was Veracruz, Mexico. For more information on this circumnavigation of South America, visit [www.velasudamerica2010.com](http://www.velasudamerica2010.com). Port Corpus Christi is the only United States port to receive these tall ships from the Sail South America event.

*"H-E-B is excited to be able to help bring this incredible opportunity to South Texas! The nationality, culture, history, and magnificence of these ships will impress all who see them. This is a*

*must-see event for the whole community,"* said Shelley J. Parks, H-E-B Public Affairs, South Texas Region.

Sail South Texas 2010 is an international event created by Port Corpus Christi and presented by H.E.B. at **NO COST TO THE PUBLIC**. For more information and up-to-date event program and schedule, please visit [www.sailsouthtexas2010.com](http://www.sailsouthtexas2010.com). Join us for an international celebration of liberty, sailing and friendship!

### **REVISED EVENT SCHEDULE:**

**Friday, July 2, 2010                      Gate Opens at 10:00am**

**World Cup on Jumbotron**    Uruguay vs Ghana 1:00pm

**Beer & Wine Tent Entertainment** (Serving begins at 4:00pm)

4:00 – 4:45pm Ty Dietz

5:00 – 8:00pm HOBO, South Texas Honkadelic

#### **International Pavilion Stage**

12:00 – 1:00pm Mariachi Aguila

8:00 – 9:30pm Del Castillo

10:00pm - 12:00am Scarecrow People

**Saturday, July 3, 2010                      Gate Opens at 8:00am**

**World Cup on Jumbotron**    Paraguay vs Spain 1:00pm

**Self Guided Ship Tours\***    2:00pm - 5:00pm \*Starting time is approximate.

**Fireworks**                                      9:30pm - 10:00pm

**Beer & Wine Tent Entertainment (Serving begins at 4:00pm)**

4:00 - 5:00pm Mariachi Aguila

5:15 - 6:00pm Albert Del Rio

6:15 - 8:00pm Steven Hansen

#### **International Pavilion Stage**

10:30 - 11:00am Texas Ribiera Cloggers

11:30 - 12:30pm Melodrama

1:00 - 1:45pm Albert Del Rio

2:00 - 3:30pm Seth Walker

4:00 - 5:30pm Sisters Morales

6:00 - 7:30pm Del Castillo

8:00 - 9:30pm Asleep at the Wheel

10:00pm - 12:00am The Electrotypes

**Kids Castle Cove** Friday, Saturday & Sunday,  
July 2-4, 10am-9pm  
Mindwinder Swing  
Pirate's Revenge • Inflatable Slide  
Bouncer • Sandcastle Lessons

**Sunday, July 4, 2010** Gate Opens at 10:00am  
**Self Guided Ship Tours** 10:00am - 5:00pm  
**Sailors Parade** 5:30 - 6:30pm  
**Fireworks** 9:30 - 10:00  
**Beer & Wine Tent Entertainment** (Serving begins at 4:00pm)  
4:00 - 5:00pm Mariachi Aguila  
6:00 - 8:00pm Albert Del Rio

**International Pavilion Stage**

10:45 - 11:30am Scarlet  
12:00 - 1:00pm Saline Fiddlers  
1:30 - 3:00pm Seth Walker  
3:30 - 5:00pm Sisters Morales  
6:00 - 7:30pm Radney Foster  
8:00 - 9:30pm Aaron Watson  
10:00pm - 12:00am The Electrotypes

**Monday, July 5, 2010** Gate Opens at 8:00am  
**Blessing of the Fleet** 9:00am  
**Departure of the Cuauhtémoc, Capitan Miranda and USCGC Eagle**  
10:00am\* (\*Starting time is approximate.)  
**Self Guided Ship Tours of the Esmeralda (Chile)**  
10:00am-5:00pm  
**Gate Closes** 5:00pm

**Tuesday, July 6, 2010** Site open to the public.  
No vendors or entertainment on site. Bring your own water.  
Departure of the Cuauhtémoc (Mexico) and the Esmeralda (Chile)  
\*TBA Approximated time.

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