

Tall Ships Festival at the Port



International tall ships will be visiting Port Adelaide from Wednesday, August 28 to Monday, September 2. To celebrate the occasion, a **Tall Ships Festival** will be taking place on **Saturday, August 31 at the Lighthouse Square from 10.00am to 6.00pm.**

The free wharf-side festival will feature family activities, including children's activities, music performances, market stalls as well as food and beverage vendors. Festival-goers will be able to admire the tall ships lined up on McLaren Wharf and climb aboard the restored Dutch sailing ships between 11.00am and 5.30pm for a gold coin donation.

Beyond Lighthouse Square, the wider Port Adelaide precinct will also join in the celebrations with attractions ranging from a pirate-themed treasure hunt to the **Festival of Maritime Trades** at the Maritime Museum.

You can also experience life on board for a day by joining the Dutch ships for a daysail. Visit their **website** for details.

Jointly funded by **Renewal SA** and **City of Port Adelaide Enfield**, the Tall Ships Festival has been organised in partnership with SA Maritime Museum, **DutchSA**, **The Friends of the One and All Sailing Ship**, Historic Ketch Falie, **Port Adelaide Enfield Chamber of Commerce** and the **Australian Maritime and Fisheries Academy**.

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The Dutch Tall Ships - Oostershelde, Europa and Tecla are ahead of schedule and the weather forecasts are positive.

They plan to meet off Semaphore at noon this Wednesday 28 August and sail for the Port entering the Inner Harbor through the PREXY bridges at 3.00 pm.

The invitation to meet the ships has only been extended to the four keel boat clubs: the Port Adelaide Sailing Club, Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron, Cruising Yacht Club and Garden Island Yacht Club.

There will be a large number of boats in a small stretch of water and success of the event will depend on the goodwill of everybody, please be patient and show goodwill to all involved

The Oosterschelde, Europa and Tecla and South Australia's own One & All are large ships and they require a lot of room to manoeuvre. Please give them space.

The Water Police will be on hand and are very supportive of the event. The managers of the PREXY bridges are equally supportive.

This is the final schedule of bridge openings for small craft.

Tall Ships Visit Port Adelaide

Ship movements and bridge openings

Wednesday 28 August – Dutch ships arrive

12.00 noon Dutch tall ships and One & All meet off Semaphore

3.00 pm bridge opens to allow Dutch ships and yachts to enter Inner Harbor

10.00 pm bridge opens to allow yachts to leave

Saturday 31 August – Yachts enter Inner Harbor

2.30 to 3.30 pm Yachts enter Inner Harbor from Cruising Yacht Club, Garden Island Yacht Club, Port Adelaide Sailing Club and Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron

4.30 to 5.00 pm Second opening requested for those who miss the first

Birkenhead Bridge to open on request for short periods through Saturday afternoon as some yachts will want to berth overnight at that end of the river.

Sunday 1 September - Dutch ships leave

10.00 to 11.00 am Three Dutch ships leave followed by One & All, ST Yelta and perhaps 100 yachts.

Birkenhead Bridge to open for short periods before 10 am for yachts to leave

Monday 2 September – Lord Nelson leaves

10.00 to 10.15 am Lord Nelson leaves

The usual times of opening of the "Prexy Bridges" will probably apply outside the times specified above. Please remember if the time you want is not listed above you must call and give notice as per the schedule below.

Port River bridges opening times:

(expressway and railway, not Birkenhead)

Weekdays

0600 – 0615

1900 – 1915

Weekends and public holidays

1000 – 1015

1500 – 1515

1800 – 1815

For opening of the bridges during the designated times above, vessel operators must give at least 10 minutes' notice:

by phone on 1800 018 313 or VHF Channel 68 using call sign 'Prexy Bridges'.