

Calling all Scouts



FLEET WEEK CELEBRATION

Event: Parade of Ships & Ship Tours

Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018- The Parade of Ships

Wear your Scout Uniform Proudly

Events, times and dates subject to change.

•The “Parade of Ships” will signify the start of 2018 Fleet Week New York. It is anticipated that nearly 2,300 Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen will participate in this year's event. Event is free and open to the public. Fleet Week New York, is the city's time-honored celebration of the sea services. It is an unparalleled opportunity for the citizens of New York and the surrounding tri-state area to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as witness firsthand the latest capabilities of today's maritime services.

When can I visit the ships?

Tours will be conducted daily at the U.S.S. The Sullivan's Homeport Pier May 24th-May 28th, gates open 8am for visits. Lines may be capped at 3pm to allow for the ships to shut down by 5pm.

Ships expected at Homeport:

Freedom-class littoral combat ship USS Little Rock (LCS 9), from Mayport, Florida
Bay-class cutter USCGC Sturgeon Bay (WTGB 109), from Bayonne, New Jersey

Web site info (also contains instructions on what to bring and not bring):

<http://militarynews.com/app/fleetweeknewyork/index.html>

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Frequently Asked Questions

What should I wear to the ships?

Visitors should plan on wearing comfortable clothing. If you are bringing a bag or camera case, it will be searched prior to entering. Remember to bring sunscreen and sunglasses if it is going to be sunny. A ship is an industrial environment, so avoid high-heels; open-toed sandals; necklaces that can get caught and bags that will be too heavy to carry comfortably.

When is the best time to arrive for a tour?

Visitors are reminded that lines to visit these ships may be closed prior to scheduled visiting hours so that the last people in line have the opportunity to complete their tour in conjunction with the end of visiting hours.

How do we get aboard the ships?

Visitors should look for clearly marked entrances. Everyone must go through a security check prior to accessing any ship. The security check is similar to what is present at most airports and consists of a walk-through metal detector and/or wand scan.

Is there an age requirement to visit the ships?

There is no age requirement to tour ships during Fleet Week, however, adult visitors over the age of 18 are required to show a valid state or federal issued picture I.D. Tours may not be appropriate for small children or those with certain medical conditions. There are steep ladders (stairways) to climb and uneven surfaces to traverse during a ship tour, and thus, tours may be difficult for parents carrying young children.

Are strollers allowed on the ships?

Strollers or baby carriages are permitted on the pier, but are not allowed on the ships.

Are the ships handicapped accessible?

The ships are not handicapped accessible. However, the pier facilities at both Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Staten Island - including the exhibit, observation, refreshment, and restroom areas - are handicapped accessible.

Are there any physical requirements to visit the ships?

There may be steep ladders (stairways) to climb and narrow passageways to traverse during a ship tour. Ship tours may not be appropriate for individuals with heart conditions, breathing difficulties, or other medical conditions impacting their ability to navigate such challenges.

What items are allowed on the ships?

Small hand-carried items such as handbags, clear bottles of water, small cameras or diaper bags are permitted. All personnel are screened and all bags are searched before entering the pier.

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What items are not allowed on the ships?

The following are not permitted: electronic smoking devices, bottles, cans or containers of any type; banners, posters or signs of any type; mace, pepper spray, or other defensive sprays or chemicals; knives, firearms, fireworks or any explosive; illegal drugs or paraphernalia; flammable liquids or aerosol spray cans; club weapons; and animals. All electronic devices are subject to examination for functionality. The U.S. Navy, U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Coast Guard reserve the right to prohibit other items not listed above.

May I take photographs on the ships?

Yes, photography is permitted aboard the ships during the tours. Pictures of the security personnel or procedures are prohibited. Photo and story sharing is encouraged on all social media platforms. Whenever possible, please use #FleetWeekNYC on photos/videos posted to social media.

Is smoking allowed on the ships?

No. There is no smoking, including electronic smoking devices, aboard any ship or anywhere on the piers.

Is food available during the ship visitation?

No food is available on the ships, but visitors will be able to purchase water and some food items at concession stands near the piers.

Can I purchase ship memorabilia during my tour?

Yes, many of the ships have various memorabilia available for sale during the tours – cash sales only, all sales final.

May I use a drone to film/photograph while in New York City?

Operating drones in New York City is strictly prohibited at all times. Any person(s) found in violation will be subject to arrest.

Where can I find Fleet Week New York on social media?

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