

WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORP.--Tall Ships Nova Scotia Loves
Volunteers

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Waterfront Development, host of Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2012 is looking for 400 volunteers to act as ambassadors of the city and province during the event in July 19 - 29.

"In addition to being part of an exciting event, this is a wonderful development opportunity for Nova Scotians," said MLA Leonard Preyra, on behalf of Labour and Advanced Education Minister Marilyn More. "Volunteering is an excellent way to build skills that can strengthen your marketability for the workforce."

"Tall Ships 2012 is sure to be a great success with the contributions of Halifax Regional Municipality's many tireless volunteers," said Deputy Mayor Bill Karsten. "It is these people who selflessly give of themselves and make events in our community spectacular."

The Tall Ships Nova Scotia event is the last race port of the Tall Ships America Race, Tall Ships Challenge - Atlantic Coast. The race series will begin in Savannah, Georgia in May, the ships will the race to Greenport, New York, and Newport, Rhode Island, before racing to Halifax.

"Tall Ships events are signature events for the city and province, and volunteers play a huge role in the success of the event," said Colin MacLean, president and CEO, Waterfront Development. "Volunteers help us to welcome the ships, captains and crews to the ports, and showcase the best of Nova Scotia to residents and tourists."

Volunteers will be able to sign up for positions at each of the participating Nova Scotia ports. The positions will include shifts in transportation, crew and cultural services, and event site volunteers. Volunteers can register online by visiting www.my-waterfront.ca.

Tall Ships Nova Scotia will take place in Halifax July 19 - 23, and following the Parade of Sail, the fleet will split and half of the ships will sail to Lunenburg July 25 and 26 and Shelburne July 28 and 29, and the other half will sail to Port Hawkesbury July 25 and 26, Pictou July 28 and 29, and Pugwash July 28 and 29.

The event will showcase the best of Nova Scotia through film, art, music, food and history. Historical animation and programming will involve a commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812 including dressing the ships to look like period ships, re-enactments and encampments.

Waterfront Development is a provincial crown corporation developing the strategic potential of waterfronts in Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford and Lunenburg. The corporation fosters the creation of waterfronts that drive economic opportunity, enhance tourism, provide experiences, and reflect and protects marine heritage. The Halifax and Lunenburg waterfronts are the two most visited destinations in the province.

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