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Sail aboard the tall ship S.S. Sørlandet in this summer's Tall Ship Challenge

Anyone looking for a unique summer experience can join the tall ship SS Sørlandet for a week of sail training during this summer's Great Lakes Tall Ship Challenge.

No sailing experience is required and participants take part in as much of the sailing life as they wish. They can go aloft in the rig, take the helm, cook in the galley and relax on deck. As an added bonus, guest sailors will receive Tall Ship Festival crew passes giving them access to special tall ship fleet crew events at the ports of call they visit while aboard the ship.

Class Afloat is offering a two-week Youth Leadership Expedition aboard the Sørlandet that will challenge youth ages 14 – 21 in a fun and exciting environment as they participate in leadership and personal development workshops while “learning the ropes”

“If you’ve ever dreamed of sailing a tall ship - this is the perfect summer experience,” says Class Afloat president David Jones, the man responsible for bringing the Sørlandet into the Great Lakes. “Whether it’s Lake Superior’s spectacular scenery, a starry night on Lake Huron, a tall ship race on Lake Ontario or a fleet Parade of Sail into some of North America’s great cities – the memories of this summer are guaranteed to last a lifetime.”

Landlubbers and sailors alike will find it hard to resist the romance of tall ship sailing once they step aboard the iconic Sørlandet. With her 100 foot tall masts and twenty-two sails, the Sørlandet brings the golden age of tall ship sailing to life. She’s the largest tall ship sailing on the Great Lakes this summer.

The Sørlandet is a 210 foot Class ‘A’ square- rigged tall ship, built in Norway in 1927 as a sail training ship. She was fully restored in the summer of 2012 and sails with a professional mariner crew of ten.

Nine months of the year Sørlandet sails the world’s oceans as home to Class Afloat, a private Canadian school offering fully accredited senior high school and university programs. Just weeks before joining the Tall Ship Challenge she completed nine months of ocean sailing that started in Istanbul, Turkey and included three trans-Atlantic crossings with 22 ports of call as far away as Cape Town, South Africa.

For more information about the Tall Ships Summer Program see www.sailtall.com

About the Sørlandet and Class Afloat

The Sørlandet is a 210 foot 1927 Class "A" square-rigged tall ship. Fully restored in the summer of 2012, it sails with a professional mariner crew of ten. Nine months of the year it is home and a classroom for Class Afloat – a private school offering fully accredited senior high school and university programs while sailing to 20 ports on four continents. Class Afloat is based in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, Canada. Spaces are available for the 2013-14 school year. More information is at www.classafloat.com.

About the Great Lakes Tall Ships Challenge 2013

Last seen in 2010, the tall ships are returning to the Great Lakes in the summer of 2013 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the major military events of the War of 1812 that took place in the Great Lakes and to promote awareness of the Lakes' ecosystems and fresh water conservation. More information is at www.sailtraining.org/tallships/2013greatlakes/index.php.

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