

CALL FOR PRESENTERS 2019

Raising our Sails, Raising a Workforce...

46TH Annual Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships

San Pedro, California – February 25-27th, 2019

Tall Ships America's 46th Annual Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships will take place on February 25-27, 2019 at the Doubletree Hilton Hotel, Via Cabrillo Marina, San Pedro, California. The three-day conference will include the Safety Under Sail Forum, Administrators Forum, Port Forum and new this year, a summit on Ocean Literacy in collaboration with the National Marine Educators Association.

TALL SHIPS AMERICA INVITES YOU TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THE 2019 CONFERENCE AS A PRESENTER.

The Tall Ships America Annual Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships gathers ships' masters, crew members, program administrators, educators, environmentalists, port representatives, festival managers and more for an information-packed, three-day conference. Topics include vessel operations, regulatory issues, management, educational programming, and safety at sea, as well as media relations, marketing, funding, communications, and port event organization. This year we will be highlighting our impact and inclusion in the ocean science and environmental communities. The Tall Ships America Annual Conference on Sail Training and Tall Ships is both fun and informative and is known for its high "take-away value", national and international networking opportunities and camaraderie.

At the 2019 Conference, *Raising our Sails, Raising a Workforce*, we'll focus on how individuals, organizations and the industry as a whole can support the greater maritime communities' workforce development needs, while continuing to offer our tradition of meaningful skills and life-changing experiences under sail.

The Conference will be organized around five main topic areas:

- Crew Training and Development
- Ship's Operations & Safety
- Educational Programming and Marine and Oceanographic Sciences
- Tall Ships Events and Port-Festivals
- Administration/Organizational Sustainability

We invite you to share your knowledge and experience in any of these five areas with Tall Ships America members. And if you have an idea to share and highlight that is beyond the scope of these topics please submit!

GUIDELINES

Focus Session Information

Each session lasts approximately 75 minutes. Speakers jointly occupy 45 - 55 minutes of the allotted time for each session, leaving 20 - 30 minutes for questions/discussions depending on the topic. Sessions may include a single presenter, co-presenters or a small panel. Speakers should make the sessions as interactive as possible to include audience participation through discussion or activity. An LCD projector, screen and laptop (PC/Windows/MS Office) are provided in each session room. Additional audio visual equipment is the responsibility of each presenter.

Presentation Application Process

Please submit a 500 word (or less) summary of your presentation idea that includes your objectives, the intended audience, and the "take-away" value for the audience. We encourage proposals that address the conference theme, but this is not required. Your submission must include the following:

1. A working title
2. A concise paragraph of 150 words or less describing your proposed session, to be printed in the conference program. (Tall Ships America reserves the right to edit submissions.)
3. The format you envision (panel, individual presenter, co-presenters or interactive workshop)
4. Your name, contact information (email and phone number) and that of any co-presenters.
5. A brief biography (150 words or less) for each presenter. Photo preferred with biography.
6. Special requests regarding room set-up.
7. Any audio-visual requirements in addition to the standard room set-up mentioned above.

Deadlines and Selection Process

The deadline for submitting proposals is November 1st, 2018. The proposals will be reviewed by the Conference Steering committee and you will be notified of a decision no later than November 15th. The committee is looking for sessions that are substantive, innovative and interactive and relate to one or more of the five main topics listed above.

All presenters will be required to submit an electronic copy of the session by January 31st, 2019. These will be posted on the Tall Ship America website following the conference. Please, no overt promotion of a specific company or product. If you will use handouts (recommended), plan on supplying 50 copies.

Presenter Policy

Tall Ships America appreciates the valuable contributions that mariners, educators and administrators make by speaking at this conference. Speakers serve as volunteers and do not receive compensation. Tall Ships America will not pay for travel, lodging, meals, or other expenses associated with the conference. Presenters are expected to register and pay for the conference, but may be considered for a reduced registration fee. This fee reduction does not apply to large panel participants.

Thank you for helping make this year's conference informative and educational! We look forward to reading your proposals.

Please fill out the form and submit online or [email your proposal to:](#)

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Attn: Tall Ships America Conference Steering Committee