

# SAILGLOUCESTER

## Press Release

### **Sail Gloucester Fourth of July Celebration Welcomes Class A Tall Ship Barque Picton Castle to Cruiseport Gloucester, July 4-7, 2009**

Gloucester, MA; Sail Gloucester welcomes the Barque Picton Castle to Gloucester and the Cruiseport Terminal during SailGloucester's first festival – The Fourth of July Celebration, July 4-7, 2009.

#### About The Barque Picton Castle

The *Barque Picton Castle* is 179 feet long, displaces 300 tons, and carries 12,500 square feet of sail. Having just finished her Fourth World Journey, The *Picton Castle* is a true working tall ship. The ship is a completely refitted barque that observes the rigorous standards of Germanischer Lloyds for steel-hulled Cape Horners. She has a riveted steel hull, clear oiled-pine decks, steel masts, and wooden and steel yards. She carries 12,450 square feet of canvas sail. The galley is on deck, and its 1893 cook stove is similar to those used on commercial sailing ships 100 years ago.

The *Picton Castle* is registered in the Cook Islands, in the South Pacific, and is owned and operated by the Windward Isles Sailing Ship Company, Ltd. The ship's mission is deep-ocean sail training and long-distance education. Also, she carries supplies and educational materials to far-flung islands in the South Pacific. Her North American homeport is Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

#### About Sail Gloucester Fourth of July Celebration

Sail Gloucester events include:

- Welcome Parade of All Participating Ships and Vessels
- Welcome Reception , Cruiseport Terminal
- Ship Deck Tours at the Cruiesport Terminal, July 4-6, 2009; times to be published
- Blessing of the Ships

#### About Sail Gloucester

A volunteer-based not for profit alliance dedicated to marketing Gloucester as world class port for tourism as well as maritime and sailing education. Launched from the Mayor of Gloucester's City Hall, Sail Gloucester's goal is to partner with the regional chambers, DMOS (Destination Marketing Organizations) and the government funded agencies of the state already dedicated to promoting tourism and awareness for sailing vessels.

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