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Blackbeard's Crew to Rename Ship in Ceremony June 15

Hampton, VA- Venture to Downtown Hampton's Carousel Park to witness the renaming ceremony of Blackbeard's Crew, Inc.'s ship, Adventure. The ceremony will be from 6: p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 15. The renaming ceremony is free and open to the public.

The tall ship "Adventure" has been the flagship of Blackbeard's Crew, Inc. since 2018 and is regularly docked at the Downtown Hampton Public Piers. Recognizable due to its distinctive red sails, the ship is currently being retrofitted to more closely resemble an 18th century pirate ship. The ship will be named "Adventure" after the true flagship of Blackbeard, the infamous pirate.

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Blackbeard's Crew, Inc. intends the 65-foot ship to serve as a visible link to Hampton's rich maritime heritage. As a living history exhibit, the ship will provide an interactive, educational outreach platform to both children and adults.

Carousel Park is located at 602 Settlers Landing road in Downtown Hampton. Free parking is available both garages and surface lots.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first landing of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

During 2019, Hampton commemorates the 400th anniversary of the first African landing in English North America at Hampton's Old Point Comfort on Fort Monroe National Monument. In addition to honoring the men and women who arrived in 1619, the city will also celebrate the contributions of African Americans have made to our city, state and nation. A commission has planned events across the entire year to recognize and celebrate African American impact, including a three-day long Commemoration event, August 23-25.

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