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## [College students to set sail on the Friendship](#)

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SALEM — Say goodbye to Friendship.

It is setting sail Sunday for New York City, and thanks to a partnership between the National Park Service and the Essex National Heritage Commission, its crew will include a group of college-age interns from across Massachusetts. The two organizations have invited the public to wish the ship a "Bon Voyage" at 4:30 p.m. when it departs from Derby Wharf.

The interns are currently enrolled in the National Park Service's Massachusetts Parks Student Career Intake Program. They will assist in preparing the Friendship for her departure and will participate in every aspect of the sail to New York and back.

"We are extremely pleased to bring maritime history alive for the young people of our region through our sail aboard Friendship," Rita Hennessy, acting NPS superintendent of the Salem Maritime and Saugus Iron Works National Historic Sites, said in a press release. "This is an extraordinary, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for these young participants to sail on a tall ship. They will experience the adventure of sailing while learning about teamwork, service and leadership."

The students will chronicle their journey via real-time blogs and Twitter at [Friendshipnps.wordpress.com](http://Friendshipnps.wordpress.com).

The Friendship is a full-size replica of the original ship constructed by the renowned shipbuilder Enos Briggs in Salem in 1797. She is a 171-foot, three-masted "East Indiaman" and is the largest wooden, Coast Guard-certified sailing vessel to be built in New England in more than a century.

It is expected to arrive in New York City on Aug. 10, where the students will join a Youth Summit with their peers from New York City and Baltimore. The return voyage is scheduled for Aug. 14-16.