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HEAVE AWAY, HAUL AWAY: SC JOHNSON PRESENTS THE WORK SONGS OF TALL SHIP SAILORS AT TALL SHIP CELEBRATION 2016

[Bay City, Michigan] During the golden age of sail, shanty songs coordinated the work of crew members aboard sailing ships, the steady beat of the music setting the pace of the work. Music has always been a big part of life aboard a working tall ship and so it is that music has always been a big part of Tall Ship Celebration, the award-winning maritime festival that will return to Downtown Bay City in July 2016. In addition to the twelve tall ships visiting Bay City, ten musicians or musical groups will travel from as far away as Poland to participate in the International Maritime Music Festival, an event within the event.

The day after the ships sail into Bay City, on July 15 through 17, professional maritime musicians will take to two stages, one in Wenonah Park and one in Veterans Memorial Park, for non-stop performances during the festival from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. There is no additional cost to enjoy these world-class musicians. Once guests have paid the admission fee of \$8.00 per day to enter the event grounds, most activities including the International Maritime Music Festival, are available at no additional charge.

Sponsorship from SC Johnson supports the appearance of participating musicians especially those traveling from Europe like Pod Waitr and Za Horyzontem from Poland, Harmony Glen from The Netherlands, Iarnród from Finland and Bernie Davis from England. Participating musicians from the US include Lee Murdock from Illinois and Bocca Musica, Roane, Whiskey and Water and Hoolie from Michigan.

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When the festival closes at 5:00 p.m. Friday—Sunday, July 15—17, the more energetic musicians will migrate to the "The Quarterdeck" in Veterans Memorial Park for BALLADS AND BREWS. With their own brand of pirate rock, Tom Mason and the Blue Buccaneers will join Bocca Musica, Za Horyzontem and Harmony Glen for the evening celebration of shanty music and craft beer. BALLADS AND BREWS will be open 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16 and 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 17. There will be a \$5.00 per person coverage charge to enter The Quarterdeck which is waived for guests with Souvenir Passports. BALLADS AND BREWS is sponsored by leuter Insurance with additional support from MBS Airport, Hirschman Oil and Propane, Rowley's Wholesale, The Midland Daily News and Delta Broadcasting.

Tickets for Tall Ship Celebration are currently on sale on-line at www.tallshipcelebration.com. Prices are \$8.00 each for daily admission tickets and for Souvenir Passports which are required to board and tour the visiting tall ships. Prices rise to \$10.00 each as of July 1, 2016. Tickets can also be purchased at all Kroger stores in Michigan for a one dollar discount per ticket.

Tall Ship Celebration 2016 is presented by the Dow Corning Corporation and sponsored by McLaren Bay Region, Mlive Media Group and the Dow Chemical Company with additional support from Wildfire Credit Union, Consumers Energy, St. Mary's of Michigan, Independent Bank, First Merit Bank and Chemical Bank.

For more information about Tall Ship Celebration, contact Shirley Roberts by phone at 989-895-5193, by email at Shirleyr@baysailbaycity.org, or visit www.tallshipcelebration.com.

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