



## NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT

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## HELP THE DRAKEN AND EL GALEON: TALL SHIP CELEBRATION “ROCK THE DOCK” BECOMES FUNDRAISER FOR PILOTAGE FEES

[Bay City, Michigan] The internet has been ablaze with supporters of the Viking long boat Draken Harald Harfagre and the news that excessive pilotage fees would keep the vessel from participating in the remaining TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® port events. Event organizers in Bay City learned early this morning that the Draken will make it at least as far as Bay City. In an effort to support Draken and the Spanish vessel El Galeon Andalucia that is also subject to the same pilotage fees, Tall Ship Celebration has announced its “Rock the Dock” event will now be a fundraiser for these two ships.

Rock the Dock is Saturday, July 16 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. It will be held in Downtown Bay City’s Wenonah Park and is an opportunity for local residents to mix and mingle with the crew of the visiting tall ships, especially those from Draken and El Galeon. Only 200 tickets will be sold. They are \$50 each and include complimentary hors d’oeuvres from area restaurants and a cash bar. Nate and April from WIOG will be on hand and broadcasting “Hot Mix” live and commercial free thanks to Rock the Dock sponsor Farm Bureau Insurance.

Proceeds from the event will be divided among Draken and El Galeon and non-profit organizations chosen by participating restaurants Harvey’s Bar and Grill, The Black Pearl, Blossoms and DRI (Old City Hall/Tavern 101/American Kitchen).

Call Tall Ship Celebration at 989-895-5193 or visit [www.tallshipcelebration.com](http://www.tallshipcelebration.com) for more information or to purchase tickets.

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