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U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Squadron Makes Port Call in Newburgh August 5 - 9



Photo by Ralph Naranjo

The US Naval Academy Offshore Sail Training Squadron (OSTS) will dock in Newburgh from August 5 – 9. After a 450 nautical mile sail from Annapolis, four Navy 44 foot racing sailboats will arrive in Newburgh Bay between 6-8 a.m. on Thursday morning, August 5. The sloops, with 32 Midshipmen, will dock at the Riverfront Marina until departure on Monday morning August 9.

Thursday evening, prospective US Naval Academy candidates and their families will meet with Midshipmen and Liaison Officers at the Newburgh Waterfront.

Friday, August 6, Midshipmen will tour West Point Military Academy and other local historic sites. From 4-7 p.m., the public is welcome to meet the Midshipmen and tour the boats at Riverfront Marina. During their stay, housing for the crew is being provided by Mount Saint Mary College.

Saturday morning, the USNA Midshipmen will host Newburgh's Rowing Club for a sail on the Hudson River. Special rowing events are scheduled for the afternoon, with NFA's champion crew teams competing against neighboring clubs. Sunday morning the N-44's will sail up the Hudson to the Poughkeepsie Walkway Bridge and later the Midshipmen will prepare the vessels for departure on Monday.

The USNA is a 4-year undergraduate program for 4,400 midshipmen. Upon graduation, midshipmen are awarded a Bachelor of Science degree and receive commissions as Ensigns in the U.S. Navy or as Second Lieutenants in the U.S. Marine Corps. They then serve at least five years as leaders of sailors and Marines. For information about the U.S. Naval Academy visit www.usna.edu.