



### Unicorn- Bridgeport, CT

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Tall Ships Erie 2013 presented by Highmark and Perry 200, took place September 5th through 8th, 2013. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the building of Commodore Perry's fleet in Erie, Pa and his victory at the Battle of Lake Erie off Put-in-Bay, Ohio on September 10th. This year with the addition of three more ships, making a total of nine to converge on the Port of Erie, there were an expected 60-70,000 visitors to view the Parade of Sails and tour the large Tall Ships® ships during the event. The four-day event was expected to produce almost \$6.5 million into the Erie economy.

The tall ship "*Unicorn*", jointly sponsored in Tall Ships Erie 2013 by Plyler Overhead Door and The Warren Company, was originally built in the Netherlands as a motor fishing vessel in 1947. Its' hull was crafted from recycled metals of captured German U-boats salvaged after World War II. In the summer of 2005, co-owner Dawn Santamaria founded "*Sisters Under Sail*", a not-for-profit on-board leadership program for teenage girls and women. "*Sisters Under Sail*" and her all-female professional crew charter "*Unicorn*" each summer sailing New England, Canadian Maritimes and the Great Lakes.

