

## **TALL SHIPS ERIE 2010 SAFETY/SECURITY ZONE INFO**

The Coast Guard has established temporary safety and security zones around each tall ship visiting the Great Lakes during the Tall Ships Challenge 2010 race series. These temporary safety and security zones extend a radius of 100 yards around all tall ships and are necessary to protect the tall ships from potential harm while also protecting the public from the hazards associated with the limited maneuverability of these sailing ships.

These Coast Guard enforced temporary safety and security zones will be in effect throughout the weekend of September 9-12 and will be applicable to the Tall Ships Bounty, Flagship Niagara, Pathfinder, Playfair, Roald Amundsen, Unicorn, Lynx, and Pride of Baltimore II during their participation in the Parade of Sail in Erie, PA.

Additionally, on September 9, between 5-7pm during the Parade of Sail, a safety zone will be established in Presque Isle Entrance Channel between buoys R4 and R12. This safety zone is intended to close the channel in order to allow safe passage of the Tall Ships through the narrow waterway.

Vessels may request permission to enter into the aforementioned safety and security zones by contacting Coast Guard Station Erie or the Patrol Commander on VHF channel 16. Any vessel operating within the designated safety and security zones must operate at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course and must proceed as directed by the Patrol Commander. Any vessel authorized to enter a safety and security zone must still remain at least 25 yards from any designated Tall Ship at all times.

Please contact Coast Guard Station Erie at (814) 838-2098 with any questions.