



**August 13-15, 2010
Green Bay**

Baylake Bank Tall Ship Festival announces first two ships
Ships will be in Green Bay one year from today

Green Bay (August 13, 2009) – Two ships are already in the fold for the Baylake Bank Tall Ship Festival that will take place starting one year from today – August 13-15, 2010. Twelve Tall Ships® will fill the waters of the Fox River in downtown Green Bay. The first two ships announced:

Unicorn – built in 1947, *Unicorn's* hull was crafted from the metals of captured German U-boats salvaged after World War II. The Dutch-built fishing vessel was converted into a sailing ship in 1979. *Unicorn* conducts a sail training leadership development program specifically for girls age 13 – 21. Sisters Under Sail challenges young adventurers to work together as a team, learning from each other and supporting each other – sisters helping sisters – as they learn how to sail a real schooner on open water.

S/V Denis Sullivan – *Denis Sullivan* is Wisconsin's official flagship and is known widely as one of the finest ocean-going sailing vessels in the world. As a teaching platform, *Denis Sullivan* and her crew provide an intensive, adventure-based, academic program. It is designed to provide students of all ages with real world experience in oceanography, nautical science, maritime studies, seamanship and natural resources.

The American Sail Training Association has partnered with Great Lakes United to bring a fleet of tall ships to the Great Lakes, the world's largest body of fresh water, as part of the Great Lakes United TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® 2010 race series. The tall ships race runs through all five Great Lakes making port appearances in cities throughout the US and Canada. Two important initiatives sail along with the tall ships: water conservation education and youth sail training!

One or two international vessels are expected to come to Green Bay and currently, there is verbal confirmation of a German tall ship. The ships will be docked at Leicht Memorial Park and at other riverfront areas. The festival will also include food, music and other entertainment.

Green Bay is the first and only city in the state to have hosted a Tall Ships Challenge® event of this size and scope. It is expected to draw 75,000 people and hundreds of volunteers will be needed. The festival is being produced by PMI Entertainment Group. For further ship or other information, go to www.tallshipgreenbay.com.