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Tall Ship Providence Foundation Announces Tall Ship *Providence* Will Operate at The Wharf for 2022 Sailing Season

Alexandria's tall ship will serve as an ambassador and reach new audiences

March 31, 2022 (Alexandria, Virginia) – The Tall Ship Providence Foundation announced today that *Providence* will operate at The Wharf for the 2022 cruise season. As the planning for the construction of her permanent home at the **Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center** continues in Old Town Alexandria, the ship will spend most of the 2022 sailing season at The Wharf in Washington, D.C. *Providence* will be in Alexandria, VA for select events throughout the summer and return home early November.

The Senator John Warner Maritime Heritage Center, Home Port of Tall Ship *Providence*, which will be centrally located at Old Town Alexandria's Waterfront Park near King Street, will provide an interactive experience for visitors. Since opening in July 2020, *Providence* has served as a floating classroom, educating visitors on the role that the Continental Navy, particularly *Providence*, played in the American Revolution and showcasing Alexandria's history as a port city. The Maritime Heritage Center will allow *Providence* to expand educational programs, increase the number of visitors and house all activities in one location. The Maritime Heritage Center will continue to serve as an economic development attraction attracting visitors from across the country and the world.

"*Providence's* visit to The Wharf gives us the opportunity to increase the awareness of the ship and the new Maritime Heritage Center to different audiences while generating ticket sales in a high foot traffic area," said Clair S. Sassin, president and CEO of the Tall Ship Providence Foundation. "Our goal was to keep *Providence* in the DMV for the 2022 season and we are delighted to be working with the team from The Wharf."

"The years-long evolution of Alexandria's waterfront hit a major milestone last year with the opening of the Robinson Landing development and new experiences across dining, arts, history and on-the-water activities such as Tall Ship *Providence*," said Patricia Washington, president and CEO of Visit Alexandria. "As a regional waterfront destination, Alexandria continually benefits from its strong partnership with waterfront communities in D.C. and Maryland, so we're thrilled *Providence* can operate from D.C.'s thriving Southwest waterfront before returning home to its new Maritime Heritage Center in Old Town later this year."

"We are thrilled to host Tall Ship *Providence* at The Wharf, says Jennifer Currie, senior director of programming for The Wharf. "Having the opportunity to tour or sail on *Providence* is a great addition to the many options visitors have for exploring the water when visiting The Wharf," says Currie. "As we complete The Wharf in 2022, we look forward to continuing to expand our waterfront attractions and the visit from Tall Ship *Providence* provides yet another reason for people to explore all The Wharf has to offer."

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Tall Ship Providence Foundation (TSPF) – is dedicated to preserving the City of Alexandria’s rich maritime history through educational programs and entertainment. *Providence* is Northern Virginia’s only tall ship and offers tours, sails and private events on the water or dockside. TSPF was established in 2017 and is a 501c3 education organization based in Alexandria, Virginia. www.tallshipprovidence.org

The Wharf – reestablished Washington, DC, as a waterfront city and destination. This remarkable, mile-long stretch along the Potomac River comes to life with restaurants, retailers, residences, and businesses—all complemented by monumental views and a vibrant culture. www.wharfdc.com

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