



Hi All,

Earlier this Spring when Sail Boston was having such a problem with city Boston getting funding for their Tall Ship parade in July, I suggested to our Mayor that we offer to bring one or more of the Tall Ships to Gloucester. The Mayor formed a volunteer committee to have a short term objective of bringing the Tall Ship(s) here and a longer term effort to build on the history of our Schooner Festival to market Gloucester as a world class port for maritime and sailing education.

So on July 4th, we have commitment from the Barque Picton Castle to sail into Gloucester and remain here until heading to Boston on the 7th for their Parade of Sails. Out of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, the Picton Castle is 179 feet carrying 12,500 square feet of sail and is one magnificent looking vessel whose mission is deep-ocean sail training and long-distance education. I gather as part of that she carries supplies to the far-flung islands of the South Pacific. Take a look at her picture on

www.sailgloucester.org

As part of the festivities, I have agreed to host her captain and crew for a continental breakfast Sunday morning, July 5th, at 9 AM. The Captain will give a short talk on the Picton Castle and afterwards at 10AM the ship will be open for tours down at Cruiseport. (I offered her my mooring but for some reason our float didn't have room for both of us -:))

The reason for my informing you of this is that I would love for you and any other member who is interested to be there and welcome them. Neil and Joey are preparing a continental breakfast for a small charge for members. If you have a chance, please take the time to join us! For reservations contact: memberservices@epyc.net or call 978.283.3520

Happy sailing!
Bart