

2020 Brig *Niagara* Winter Sail Training Schedule

Winter Sail Training is a free program with no attendance requirements offered to the general public.

Located at the **Erie Maritime Museum** and Brig *Niagara*. **150 East Front St. Erie, PA.**

Classes start in the Museum Education Room at 0900 unless changed.

All dates and classes may be changed at the discretion of Niagara's Captain. Notification will be done via email.

Saturday, January 4th, 1000 – 1200: Open House and Orientation

Presentation by the Captain of *Niagara*. Overview of Winter Sail Training with a tour of the ship and facilities.

Saturday, January 11th, 1000 – 1200: Open House and Orientation #2

Presentation by the Captain of *Niagara*. Overview of Winter Sail Training with a tour of the ship and facilities.

Saturday, January 18th, 0900 – 1230: WST Class 1, Introduction to FNL, Ships and Seamanship

Introduction to chain of command, basic ship terminology, seamanship etc.

Saturday, January 25th, 0900 – 1230: WST Class 2, How to Build a Brig, Basic Knots

Introduction to the Standing Rigging of *Niagara*. Introduction of knots used on the ship.

Saturday, February 1st, 0900 – 1230: WST Class 3, Niagara Running Rigging, Knots

Overview of *Niagara*'s running rigging and how it works. Seamanship practice.

Saturday, February 15th, 0900 – 1230: WST Class 4, Rope Construction, Splicing

Introduction to rope and tools used in marlinspike seamanship. Introduction to an eye splice.

Saturday, February 29th, 0900 – 1230: WST Class 5, Intro to Sailing, Sailing a Brig

Introduction to sailing, sail theory and evolutions.

Saturday, March 14th, 0900 – 1230: WST 6, Line Handling Training

Skills used in line handling on *Niagara* are introduced using the scale model in the Museum.

Saturday, March 28th, 0900 – 1230: WST Class 7, Intro to Seizings

Seizings are used to hold the standing rigging. Introduction of seizing's used on the ship and practice.

Saturday, April 25th, 0900 – 1230: WST Class 8, Underway Operations, Aloft Orientation

Session will include Intro to helm, lookout and brig checks. Aloft Orientation and Up and Overs on the ship. No one is required to go aloft.

Saturday, May 2nd, 0900 – 1230: WST Class 9: Introduction of *Lettie G Howard* and History

Introduction to the history, rigging and sailing of the Schooner *Lettie G Howard*.

Saturday, May 9th, 0900 – 1630: WST Class 10, Safety Day, Firefighting and Life Saving Training

Safety procedures and equipment will be taught and demonstrated. *All day training.*

Saturday, May 16th, 0800 – 1700: Shakedown Sail! *Niagara*'s First Underway of the Season!

The Final Class of WST is getting *Niagara* underway and ensuring the ship is ready for the season.

Those interested in volunteering with the Brig *Niagara* must complete a volunteer registration and state background checks for those over 18 before volunteering. This is not a requirement of winter sail training classes. All who sail on the ship need to complete a trainee application, contract and physical.

Contact volunteer@flagshipniagara.org with any questions or to stay informed about the classes.