

"VAIXELLS A PORT" (BOATS AT PORT): HISTORICAL BOAT MEETING AT THE PORT OF BARCELONA TO CELEBRATE THE 100 YEARS OF THE SANTA EULÀLIA PAILEBOT

- From March 23 to 25, medium-sized vessels and large international sailing boats will be staying at the Moll de la Fusta and the Moll d'Espanya to pay tribute to the pailebot Santa Eulàlia in the year of its centenary.
- On Sunday at noon, Santa Eulàlia will be heading along the rest of the boats to the seaside town of Seta (France), in a colorful departure that will be visible from the Barcelona coastline.

Barcelona, 21st of March 2018.- In commemoration of the centenary of the Santa Eulàlia, historical ships of the Catalan fleet and spectacular long-sailing ships will be at the Port of Barcelona from Friday 23 to Sunday 25 March. The reason for the meeting "Vaixells a Port" is to pay tribute and recognize the value of Santa Eulàlia in the recovery of the historical memory of navigation, as well as to bring to the public the historical naval heritage. On Sunday, March 25 at noon, the boats gathered at the Port will sail together heading to the Occitan population of Seta.

The presence of these historical boats in the Port of Barcelona is an exceptional occasion to see from nearby replicas of large ships that marked a turning point in the evolution of the technical and scientific machinery of ocean navigation, and will allow evocation of navigation Maritime over 100 years ago.

Starting on Friday, March 23, two large ships that sail through international waters will be moored to the Port of Barcelona: the *Shtandart*, a replica of the first Russian frigate built in the 18th century by order of the Tsar Peter I the Great, and the *Kruzhenstern* school ship of the Russian Navy considered the second largest sailboat in the world. *Mutin*, a 33-meter-long Dundee crab doll, completes international representation. The City of Badalona, a boat from 1929, will also be installed and today it is one of the symbols of the city; and the *Sirius*, a 31.44-meter long brig of the Netherlands built in 100 years ago. The boats will remain at the Port of Barcelona until Sunday at noon, when they will start the trip to the French coast.

The "Vaixells a Port" meeting is part of the program of activities organized by the Maritime Museum of Barcelona until February 2019 for the centenary of the Santa Eulàlia pailebot, built in 1918 in a shipyard on the Alicante coast as a boat originally intended for Commerce with America and Mediterranean ports.

Three days of traditional sailboats in the Port of Barcelona

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Friday March 23 beginning at 4pm you can see the boats at their mooring points, where they will remain until Sunday, March 25, day of departure to Seta. This historic ships at the harbour will bring a unique appearance to the Port of Barcelona, reproducing the harbour atmosphere of 100 years ago.

The boats will be open to the public for visits at the Moll de la Fusta and Moll d'Espanya for free on Friday and Saturday evenings (from 4pm. to 7p.m.), and in the morning on Saturday (from 10.30 am to 2pm.) and Sunday (from 10am to 12am).

On Saturday, March 24 from 12am to 1pm., there will be a concert tribute to the boats arrived at the Port of Barcelona by the Music Band of the Pare Manyanet School. The band will begin the musical tour at the Portal de la Pau and will head towards the Moll de la Fusta to perform micro-performances in front of each boat, as a welcome gesture. The performance will end with a small concert in front of the Santa Eulàlia pailebot. The Association of Water Colours Painters of Catalonia will be cited in the Port to create creations taking advantage of the presence of traditional vessels.

On Sunday, March 25 at noon, all the boats will depart Sailing direction of the Occitan population of Seta, led by Santa Eulàlia, to start the *Citrus fruit Route*. The route evokes the historical route that existed in the nineteenth century in which the trade of citrus fruit was carried out from the eastern coast of the Iberian peninsula or the Balearic islands to the southern France. The Santa Eulàlia pailebot will be symbolically loaded with 150 kilos of oranges, courtesy of the Sanahuja company, which will be downloaded at the Seta port. It will take place at the Moll de la Fusta at 1 pm.



Other ships, part of the museum fleet, will also be included in the farewell of Santa Eulàlia and Sunday at noon this ships will be located at the Moll de Barcelona, to symbolically support the departure scheduled at 1:30 pm. . This is the case of the Far Barceloneta yacht, the Mallorcan Llagut Far Formentera, the Patapum and the Lola. The attending public will be able to see the departure of these great sailboats from the port area.

“Vaixells a Port” is an activity of the Maritime Museum of Barcelona with the collaboration of the Port Authority of Barcelona, the UTE Remolcadors de Barcelona - Sar, and the Corporación de Prácticos del Puerto de Barcelona SLP.

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