

COAST GUARD CITY ROCKLAND WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TALL SHIP *Eagle* TO ROCKLAND, MAINE

The Ship will be arriving in Rockland at the Coast Guard pier on Friday, July 24th at 11:00am.
The pier will be open, so please come out and watch the ship come in.

The ship will be open for tours:
Friday 24 July 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Saturday 25 July 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday 26 July 10:00 am to 7:00 pm



U.S. Coast Guard Academy Training Ship: The *Eagle* offers future officers (cadets) the opportunity to put into practice the navigation, engineering, and other professional theory they have previously learned in the classroom. Upper class trainees exercise leadership and service duties normally handled by junior officers, while underclass trainees fill crew positions of a junior enlisted person, such as helm watches at the huge wooden wheels used to steer the vessel. Everyone who trains on *Eagle* experiences a character building experience.

Named the Horst Wessel, The ship was built in 1936 as the second of three similar vessels (*Gorch Fock* class) at the Blohm & Voss shipyard in Hamburg, Germany and used to train recruits for service in the Kriegsmarine. (At a later date, two further copies of this design were completed.) She was launched on 13 June 1936 and named for the well-known member of the Nazi Party, Horst Wessel. Commissioned by Adolf Hitler himself as a school ship for the German Navy (Reichsmarine) on 17 September 1936, she was homeported in Kiel on the Baltic Seawhen she was built in Germany in 1936, she was one of three identical vessels ordered by Adolf Hitler as training ships for naval cadets.

After the war, she was confiscated and brought to America. Russia, Portugal, Romania and West Germany took over the remaining four ships. The *Horst Wessel* came to America and was **commissioned into the Coast Guard on May 15, 1946.** With the German Captain and crew assisting on board, she was sailed to her new home port at New London, CT

Eagle Design: The design and construction of *Eagle* embodies centuries of development in the shipbuilder's art. The *Eagle* is slightly larger than her sister ship *Gorch Fock*. Overall *Eagle* displaces 1,824 tons. The hull is steel four-tenths of an inch (10 mm) thick. There are two full-length steel decks with a platform deck below. The raised forecastle and quarterdeck are made of steel overlaid with three inches (76 mm) of teak, as are the weather decks. Her auxiliary diesel engine, at 1,000 horsepower (750 kW), is also somewhat more powerful than that of the *Gorch Fock*. There are two 320 kW (430 hp) Caterpillar generators that can be run single or paralleled. *Eagle* has a range of 5,450 nautical miles (10,000 km) at her cruise speed of 7.5 knots (14 km/h) under diesel power. *Eagle* has over 6 miles (9.7 km) of running rigging and approximately 22,300 square feet (2,072 m²) of sail area.

She has a crew of 6 officers and 56 enlisted sailors. The Tall Ship *Eagle* sails with **as many as 230 people on board when training.** Over 200 lines must be coordinated during a major ship maneuver, and the cadets must learn the name and function of each. Each year the *Eagle* takes a long cruise to the Caribbean, or Europe and a couple shorter ones around the east coast.

Flag: USA; **Rig:** Barque, Three Masted; **Class:** A; **Homeport:** New London, Connecticut; **Normal Cruising Waters:** Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Caribbean **Sparred Length:** 295'; **Draft:** 17'; **Sail Area:** 22,245 Square Feet; **Hull:** Steel

There will also be a street party celebrating the 1st Anniversary of Rockland becoming a Coast Guard City on July 24th from 5:30 pm to 9 pm in front of the Maine Lighthouse Museum.