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SAIL BALTIMORE CELEBRATES SUMMER WITH PORTSIDE PARTY *Non-Profit Preps for Star-Spangled Spectacular with Annual FUNraiser at Harborview/Baltimore Marine Center*

BALTIMORE, MD (May 29, 2014) – For nearly 40 years, **Sail Baltimore** has been bringing majestic tall ships and modern navy vessels from around the world to Charm City, providing free public tours and opportunities for economic development, education and cultural exchange. One reason for the group's ongoing success has been the strong lineup of highly anticipated "FUNraisers." With Sail Baltimore's 2014 **Portside Party**, the tradition continues!

On Thursday, June 19, 2014 from 6pm - 9pm at the BMC at Harborview and the Tiki Barge, guests will be treated to a summer evening on the harbor filled with live music, sumptuous food and delicious cocktails, all to benefit Sail Baltimore's ongoing programs. In addition, the 104-foot schooner *Lady Maryland* will be docked for guest tours.

The popular Kelly Bell Band, voted the Best Blues Band in the Mid-Atlantic region for 12 years in a row, will be rocking the pier. Eleven local restaurants and four beverage providers will be on hand to quench the guest's thirst and appetite.

"Sail Baltimore has been hosting events like this for years and each time we do, we're so impressed and flattered by the support we get from the community," said Executive Director of Sail Baltimore Laura Stevenson. "Baltimore is a city that knows how to have a good time and Portside Party's combination of fun music, great food and cold drinks on a warm summer evening right on the harbor is hard to beat!"

Tickets are just \$65 per person, or \$600 for a pack of ten. Guest can enjoy all you can eat/drink refreshments* with admission. Tickets are available online at www.sailbaltimore.org. All proceeds from the event will go toward supporting visiting ships, maritime events and educational programs.

Food and beverage partners include Bertha's, One Eyed Mike's, Gosling's, Phillips Seafood, Heavy Seas, Rusty Scupper, Hooters, Sandy Bottom Drink, Kooper's Tavern, Sloop Betty, Little Havana, Tabrizi's, Mother's Federal Hill Grille, Tiki Barge, and The Nickel Taphouse

Sail Baltimore's Portside Party is being made possible through the generosity of sponsors including Baltimore Marine Centers, *PropTalk*, Baltimore Photo Social, Rukert Terminals Corporation, Baltimore Propeller Club, *SpinSheet*, Bobby's Portable Restrooms, SunTrust Bank, Cianbro, TBC, CSX, T.Parker Host, Elizabeth Cooney Care Network, Ports America Chesapeake, McLean Contracting and Vane Brothers.

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Sail Baltimore (www.sailbaltimore.org), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, produces an annual series of maritime events of significant benefit to the citizens, visitors and businesses of the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland. As a revolving maritime museum, visiting vessels capture the romance of the sea and bring with them visitors from around the globe. Sail Baltimore's mission is three-fold – promoting cultural exchange, stimulating Baltimore's tourism trade, and educating young people.