

# VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE



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## **VENTURA HARBOR VILLAGE CELEBRATES 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PIRATE DAYS FESTIVAL**

**Fun For The Entire Family, Set For  
Saturday & Sunday, July 18 & 19, 2015 From 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

**VENTURA, Calif.** - Gather your crew and head to Ventura "Aarghbor" Village for swashbuckling fun at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pirate Days Festival on Saturday & Sunday, July 18 & 19, from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Ventura Harbor Pirate Days is one of Ventura's most popular public festivals that attracts "pirates" of all ages for buccaneering and other piratey pursuits.

This year's theme is "X Marks the Spot: A Decade of Pirates" in celebration of the festival's 10<sup>th</sup> year. Exciting new elements include strolling sea shanties by Sisters of the Coast, pirate bubble shows, chalk painting by artist Lysa Ashley, exotic birds, all new professional pirate shows, dockside tours and two sails daily aboard The Schooner Bill of Rights historic Tall Ship and performances of "Peter Pan 2: Hook's Revenge" by Fairy Tales in the Park. Back by popular demand are festival favorites- Lunch with the Pirates at The Greek Mediterranean Grill & Lounge at 11:45am (both days), the Reece Ryan Kids' On-Land Pirate Ship, Tinker Bell (look-a-like) meet and greet, and pictures with mermaids.

"We're thrilled to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ventura Harbor Pirate Days. We've put together brand new live action pirate shows and can't wait to debut them...this event is something we look forward to all year" said Ted Shred, Creative Director, Pirates for Hire.

Festivalgoers will meet enchanting mermaids and famous pirate re-enactors, including Captain Jack Sparrow and Captain Hook. Mateys strolling through the Pirate Marketplace can spend time at Port Royal Privateers' historical encampment, visit unique vendor booths for face painting and henna body art or find precious wares, such as woodcrafts, pirate attire, jewelry, handcrafted glass and metal gifts and nautical-themed loot.

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“Captain Jack is my favorite pirate ever. I love the shows that he does with his pirate buddies. I come to watch them every year” said Amy, 7-year-old festival guest.

The fun continues throughout Ventura Harbor Village where children, tweens and adults dressed to impress can strut their stuff in the daily costume contests at 2:30pm (Kids 0-7 yrs.), 2:45pm (Tweens 8-15 yrs.), and 3:30pm (Adults 16+ yrs.) for a chance to win theme park tickets to San Diego Zoo and Safari Park (Kids), Magic Mountain (Tweens), and Disneyland (Adults). On Saturday at 3pm piratey pets will vie for \$50 in Ventura Harbor gift certificates.

Wee ones will enjoy the Mermaid Treasure Hunt (\$2) and free craft activities provided by Macaroni Kid and Village galleries. Treasure seekers can find pirate merchandise, pirate hats, swords, gifts, eye patches, flags, and gear at seaside shops. For grog and grub, Village restaurants offer a variety of cuisine for hungry crews; including roasted turkey legs and rum drink specials. Live music and entertainment provided by Ship of Fools strolling pirate band and Pirates for Hire (daily professional pirate shows).

For pirates who seek adventure on the water, The Schooner Bill of Rights Tall Ship will be offering sails at 9:00am and 4:00pm and dockside tours from 11:00am to 3:30pm and on Saturday, July 18 and Sunday, July 19. Sails cost \$25 for children (14 years and under) and \$35 for adults (15 years and up). Dockside tours are donation-based. For more information and to purchase sail tickets, visit [SchoonerBillOfRights.com](http://SchoonerBillOfRights.com) and click on “Tickets.”

Admission, parking and shuttle buses are free. Pirate Days shuttle parking is located at Schooner Drive and Harbor Blvd. or Schooner Drive and Anchors Way Drive both Saturday and Sunday from Noon – 5:00 PM. Catch the Downtown – Harbor Trolley from Downtown, Seaward Ave., or at participating hotels for a FREE ride to the festival (best to get on the trolley early). The Ventura Harbor Village is located 1583 Spinnaker Drive off of Harbor Blvd.

For a list of shopping & dining specials and entertainment schedule please visit [VenturaHarborVillage.com/PirateDays](http://VenturaHarborVillage.com/PirateDays) , or call (805) 477-0470. The 2015 Pirate Days is supported by Gold Coast Broadcasting, Cumulus Broadcasting, VC Reporter, The Ventura County Star, & The Ventura Breeze.

### **About Ventura Harbor Village:**

Located on scenic Highway 101, Ventura Harbor Village is 30 minutes South of Santa Barbara and one hour North of Los Angeles. Ventura Harbor Village is a vibrant, working harbor village and fishing marina boasting 35 shops, galleries, restaurants and waterfront activities including a Village Carousel & Arcade, Comedy Club, Harbor Cove Beach and Surfer’s Knoll Beach, dive and fishing boats, harbor tours, boat, kayak and peddle boat rentals, and a beautiful walking Promenade. The Village offers visitors an escape to a sun-kissed, seaside playground with transportation to and from the Harbor via the new Ventura-Downtown Harbor Trolley, annual special events, live weekend entertainment, dog-friendly facilities, soft adventure, and spectacular sunset views of the Pacific coastline. Home to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, (open seven days a week with free admission and parking and within walking distance to the Village), this coastal playground features its own viewing tower, exhibits and bookstore, it is easy for travelers to visit the five islands right off the Ventura coast. It is here that visitors can experience world-class island diving, snorkeling, hiking, kayaking, sea cave exploration, photography, camping and wildlife viewing.

For additional visitor information, contact [Ventura Harbor Village](http://VenturaHarborVillage.com) at [805-477-0470](tel:805-477-0470), online at [www.VenturaHarborVillage.com](http://www.VenturaHarborVillage.com), via fax at [805-644-1684](tel:805-644-1684). Ventura Harbor Village is located at 1583 Spinnaker Drive in Ventura.

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