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EDUCATIONAL TALL SHIP NAUTICAL CENTERPIECE OF SAUSALITO ART FESTIVAL

August 23, 2013, Sausalito, CA -- Just inside the Sausalito Art Festival entrance this Labor Day Weekend, visitors will get to glimpse the nautical centerpiece of the festival – a work of art "in the making" – a gigantic marine "sculpture" looming large under a huge tent.

A 120-foot historic schooner inspired by the 19th century Brigantine "Galilee" is being constructed on the festival site and offers a rare insight into marine architecture. The first "tall ship" to be built in the Bay Area in over 100 years, the sailing vessel will be a floating classroom for children once built.

In the interim, the site is an interactive visitor center, and festival attendees are invited to tour the site. Artist Roderick Smith will be painting a nautical mural at the site and local performers will be singing sea shanties. There will also be a delightful maritime art exhibit in honor of the festival and a fun (as well as educational!) treasure hunt for children.

Once the ship is built, she will be operated by Call of the Sea, a well-known provider of experiential educational sailing programs in the Bay Area. For more information about this innovative project and special exhibit, visit <u>www.educationaltallship.org</u>.

The Sausalito Art Festival is August 31-September 2 at Marinship Park along the Sausalito waterfront. Over 260 artists will be featured as well as continuous live music on two stages. For tickets or more information – <u>www.sausalitoartfestival.org</u>.

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