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# Media Advisory

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# WORLD'S LARGEST THREE-MASTED BARQUE FROM NORWAY MAKES RETURN VISIT TO NORFOLK



**Norfolk, Virginia, October 30, 2009:** On Thursday November 12, 2009 the unique and majestic 93-year old sail ship "HNoMS Statsraad Lehmkuhl" arrives in Norfolk, docking at Otter Berth next to Waterside. The ship will depart on Friday, November 13, 2009.

The Statsraad Lehmkuhl is sailed by the Royal Norwegian Naval Academy's 1<sup>st</sup> year officer cadets, who are participating in leadership training and teambuilding during the trip. The cadets also get a strong foundation of basic seamanship during their weeks onboard. Stripped of modern communication technology, the students are forced to work together to overcome the timeless challenges and dangers of travelling the seas by sail. Statsraad Lehmkuhl has been part of the basic training program since 2002, whereby the Royal Norwegian Navy leases the ship for several months every year.

Norfolk has become a favorite port of call for the ship and her crew; this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row that the ship has called on Norfolk as part of their sail-training schedule. The port visit is sponsored by Norfolk Festevents, Ltd.

Please contact Festevents at 757.441.2345 or visit [www.festevents.org](http://www.festevents.org) for **public visitation hours**. For **school tour information** please contact Karen Scherberger at [scherbergerk@festevents.org](mailto:scherbergerk@festevents.org) or 757.441.2345. Schools must provide their own transportation, to and from Otter Berth.



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### **Facts & History: HNoMS Statsraad Lehmkuhl**

- The Barque 'Statsraad Lehmkuhl' is from Bergen. It is a three masted Barque, launched in 1914. She was built by JC Tecklenborg, Bremerhaven, Germany and is Norway's oldest and largest sailing vessel.
- Overall Length: 98 metres (321.522309711')
- Length of Hull: 259'
- Rig: Three-masted barque
- Height of Rig: 158'
- Beam: 12.6 metres (41.338582677')
- Draught: 5.2 metres (17.060367454')
- High Carbon Steel Hull
- Carries a crew of 125 (100 training)

For more information on events, including hours, park regulations, and parking can be found by visiting the [www.festevents.org](http://www.festevents.org) or calling 757.441.2345.

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