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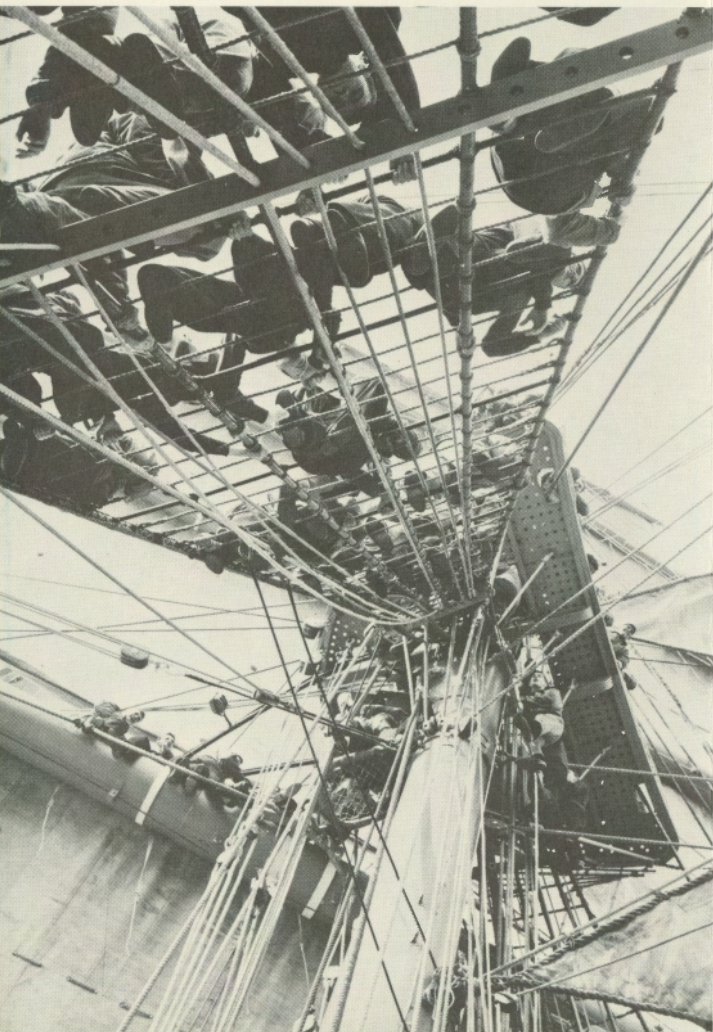
USCGC EAGLE

⚓ "Many nations still maintain sailing ships, almost an anachronism in the nuclear age, because they believe there is no better way to build character in young men than sail training."

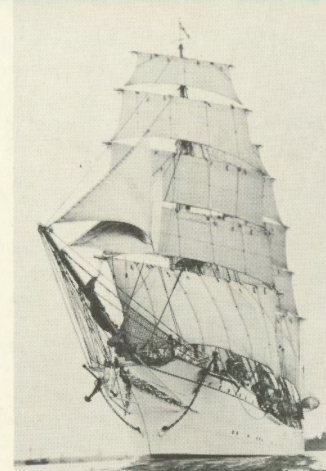
HARALD, Crown Prince of Norway

There are perhaps 35 major sail training ships in the world. In addition to these there are countless smaller sailing crafts used for training purposes. The Operation Sail committee, a private, non-profit organization of sailing and maritime enthusiasts, has invited these vessels to join in honoring our nation's 200th birthday by visits to American ports.

Cadets in Sailing Ship Rigging



Sailing Ship "SAGRES" — Portugal



Danish Sailing Ship "DENMARK"

THE PROGRAM

The British Sail Training Association has invited the world's sail training ships, large and small, to race across the Atlantic. Their schedule is as follows:

- Sun., May 2, 1976** *Race from an English port to Lisbon*
- Thurs., May 13, 1976** *Cruise in company with crew interchange from Lisbon to Tenerife*
- Sun., May 23, 1976** *Race from Tenerife to Bermuda*
- Mon., June 21, 1976** *Race from Bermuda to Newport, R.I. (At Bermuda it is anticipated that many vessels from the Far East, Australasia, Latin America and the United States and Canada will join the fleet.)*



The races will be run by the Sail Training Association, which since 1956 has done so much to publicize the cause of sail training.

After the trans-Atlantic race the entire fleet will enjoy the hospitality of Newport, R.I., and will engage in various inshore regatta activities. On Thursday, July 1, the ships will leave Newport for the parade to New York. Those too large to get under the historic Brooklyn Bridge will go "outside" to Sandy Hook, where they will be welcomed by N.J. residents. All the others will pass down through Long Island Sound, with overnight stopovers, as required, at various ports along the way.

HIGH GOALS

OPERATION SAIL has high goals. There is truth to the brotherhood of the sea. It has a real meaning, especially today in the world of atomic power and great risk to humanity survival. We are all sailors aboard spaceship earth. The oceans bind us together, and OPERATION SAIL will make this truth evident to many millions. It can be a positive force in the cementing of better relationships between the peoples of the world. It will be.

An anticipated thousands of young people from 20 to 30 nations will gather together, will sing together, will dance together, will parade together. Will lead the world together in the generation oncoming. It is planned that ships from this fleet will be able to visit many other ports on the Atlantic, Gulf, Great Lakes and Pacific coasts after their rendezvous at Newport and New York.

Their presence will remind America of its past maritime glories, will suggest that the seas still have much to offer.

"AMERIGO VESPUCCI" — Italy



COVER PHOTO:

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *EAGLE*, magnificent sail training ship of the Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., which will be host ship for *OPERATION SAIL — 1976*.



SHIPS MADE AMERICA, AND IN THE SUMMER OF 1976 THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WILL SALUTE OUR MARITIME HERITAGE. SAIL TRAINING SHIPS OF THE WORLD WILL GATHER IN AMERICAN WATERS BRINGING THE MESSAGE THAT THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE SEA IS REAL. THE RENDEZVOUS WILL INCLUDE VISITS AT MANY AMERICAN SEAPORTS DURING 1976. KNOWN AS "OPERATION SAIL — 1976" THE COLORFUL EVENT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION BICENTENNIAL ADMINISTRATION AS ONE OF ITS MAJOR EVENTS.



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Sailing Ships "LIBERTAD" and "EAGLE"



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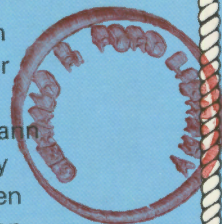
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