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Miss Hampton II Sets Sail for the Season Beginning July 14

Hampton, VA - Today, Tuesday, July 14, the Miss Hampton II Harbor Cruises returns to the downtown Hampton waterfront for its 2020 season. This double-decked tour boat offers daily narrated cruises of the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay. The Harbor Tour departs daily at 11 a.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

The three-hour Harbor Tour leaves from the historic downtown Hampton waterfront (710 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA 23669) and proceeds out the Hampton River, passing Hampton University and Blackbeard's Point.

During the tour, guests will pass by historic Fort Monroe and the Old Point Comfort Lighthouse, the oldest continuously operating lighthouse in America. They will also get an in-depth view of the massive warships at the world's largest naval installation, the Norfolk Naval Base.

Fort Wool is no longer open for public tours and is now a migratory bird sanctuary. The Miss Hampton II will get as close to the fort as possible without disturbing the habitat while passengers learn how the historic island fortification is being used as a home to more than 20,000 waterbirds displaced by the construction of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel expansion.

For the safety of all boarded guests and staff, the following protocols have been implemented:

- Sailing capacity has been limited to 50 passengers.
- Temperature checks are required prior to boarding. Any guest with a reading of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be permitted onboard.
- Physical distancing will be enforced on both the upper and lower decks. Lower deck tables will be staggered to permit families up to 6 to be able to sit together and still be 6' from the nearest table.

- Topdeck seating will in groups of 3 (or more if needed) spaced 6' apart or more.
- All passengers over the age of six are required to wear masks.
- Miss Hampton II crew will regularly wipe down handrails, passenger areas, restrooms, and other high traffic areas during the duration of the 3-hour cruise.
- Passengers will not be permitted to visit the wheelhouse.

Tickets for the Miss Hampton II Harbor Cruises can be purchased online at www.misshamptoncruises.com [misshamptoncruises.com]. Adult tickets are \$31.00, Senior (over 60) and retired Military are \$29.00, Military (active or reserves) are \$15.50, Children 7-12 are \$18.00 and children 6 and under are Free. Prepayment online or payment by phone is recommended.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.

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