

COLOMBIA: IN FOCUS

A WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE EMBASSY OF COLOMBIA

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Colombia's Ambassador to the Seas Arrives in Baltimore

Yesterday, Colombia's ambassador to the seas and ports around the world, the ARC "Gloria," arrived at Maryland's Port of Baltimore with 25 vessels from 15 countries participating in OpSail 2012 – an event commemorating the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The three-mast sailing vessel, which is Colombia's flagship and the training ship of the Colombian Navy, will be in Baltimore until Sunday, June 17.

- Baltimore, MD is the **fourth largest U.S. city** to welcome the ARC "Gloria" in 2012. Other port cities the ship has visited this year include Mayport, FL, New York, NY and Norfolk, VA.
- The ARC "Gloria" is **manned by a crew of 167 people**, including 81 cadets, of whom 10 are women; 25 officers, of whom two are women; and 61 sub-officers.
- In its 43 years of service, the ARC "Gloria" has **visited over 70 countries and traveled more than 744,000 miles** for more than 7,215 days. It has **reached over 180 ports** while training new apprentices, cadets and officials of the Navy.
- The tall ship is a Bergantin Barca, **spanning 249.3 ft x 34.8 ft and weighing 1,300 tons.**

The ARC "Gloria" is open to visitors today and tomorrow between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome.



What's News

In Case You Missed It...

["Baltimore's Star-Spangled Sailabration," Washington Post, June 14, 2012](#) [Click on slide 11 in the photo gallery to see a picture of the ARC "Gloria."]

["Pictures: Sailabration ships cruise in from Norfolk," Baltimore Sun, June 12, 2012](#) [Click on slide 3 in the photo gallery to see a picture of the ARC "Gloria."]

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