

The Virgin Islands Consortium

Ships From Denmark To Arrive In Territory As Part Of Transfer Day Commemoration

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The Spanish Galleon sailing ship, [El Galeón Andalusia](#), offered more than 2,000 Virgin Islands students an opportunity to tour its five decks. Now, three more Danish ships are set to arrive in the coming weeks for the Centennial events and activities, according to a release issued on Friday. Above, the El Galeon Andalusia.

The Danish government and Søren Blak from the Danish Council, have extended two opportunities for students and teachers to visit and engage two very different types of vessels that will be in the territory in commemoration of the Transfer Centennial. While both types of vessels are designated warships, they are used almost exclusively to train young cadets to become professional sailors and officers.

The sailing vessels *Svanen* and *Thyra* are 60 ft. Bermuda sloop rigged international open-ocean racers that will be competing in this year's [St. Thomas International Regatta \(STIR\)](#) March 24-26. These smaller boats are ideal for older students, juniors and seniors, who have a career interest in the naval or maritime services, industry or are involved in similar programs at your respective schools. The tall ship *Danmark*, is scheduled to arrive in St. Thomas March 28 and remains there until April 1 when she arrives in St. Croix. At 234 ft. it is a much larger training ship and international nautical ambassador for the Government of Denmark. This is more in line with visitations similar to that of the tall ship *El Galeón*. It can handle larger classes and a variety of interest levels. We highly encourage the *Danmark* for general interest public visits for students.

Here are the tentative tour dates and times for visits:

Ship(s)	Location	
Dates	Times	
SVANEN/THYRA	Yacht Haven Grande	20-21
March	10:00-3:00	
DANMARK	Crown Bay	29-
30 March	10:00-4:00	
DANMARK	Christiansted, St. Croix	1
April	Tentative	

These dates and times are subject to change. Please stay tuned to your local radio and television stations for updates on the visit schedules. You may also contact to your local team at the VI Centennial Foundation (VICF) or 340 Group VI (340GVI) for assistance at (340) 244-3590 or (340) 513-8191. VICF and 340GVI are proud to partner with the VI Transfer Centennial Commission and our local Danish representatives and societies to bring additional maritime educational opportunities to our local students and the general community.