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Tall Ship Danmark Arrives At Frederiksted Pier Today; Free Public Tours Monday And Tuesday

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ST. CROIX -- The Tall Ship Danmark, the international nautical ambassador for the Government of Denmark, will arrive in the Frederiksted Pier on Sunday afternoon as part of the ship's visit to the territory to commemorate the Transfer Centennial.

The 234-foot, square-rigged sailing ship will be open for public tours on Monday April 3 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and on Tuesday April 4 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Tours are free and open to the public with a valid photo ID.

The Danmark was built by the Naskov Shipyard in Lolland and launched in 1932. She weighs 790 gross tons, with a 17-foot draft and 32-foot beam, and complement of 26

sails. The Danmark has been in nearly continuous use since its launch to train officers of the Danish merchant marine, except for a four-year period during World War II when Denmark lent the vessel to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy to train its cadets. A bronze plaque aboard the Danmark's mainmast commemorates her service to the U.S. as USCGC Danmark (WIX-283). The Danmark is currently sailing with 80 cadets and 19 crew

The Danmark arrived in St. Thomas on March 28, where she, her cadets and officers participated in several official events of the V.I. Transfer Centennial such as a parade, reception and public tours.

For more information, contact the VI Centennial Transfer Commission at (340) 772-1000, ext 4719

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