38th Voyage of the Charles W. Morgan
Itinerary and Port Exhibition Schedule

The 38th Voyage of the Charles W. Morgan will begin with a month-long fitting out period in New London, CT. Due to the shallow depth of the Mystic River; the ship cannot be properly ballasted for sailing at her berth at Mystic Seaport. New London also offers easy access to Long Island Sound for sail training.

Once preparations and training are complete, the ship will proceed to each port on a one-day sail so it can be safely berthed in the next harbor by nightfall. Obviously, weather conditions are a determining factor in the decision to head to sea each day. Therefore, each port transit is scheduled with a three-day window of opportunity with the intention that the ship will sail on the first acceptable day.

Once in port, the ship will be open to the public on select days. These days will feature a dockside exhibition program that involves live demonstrations, music, and much more—as well as the opportunity to board the ship and explore an 1841 whaling vessel.

The leg of the voyage on Stellwagen Bank has a somewhat different operating plan: the Morgan will moor off Provincetown as a base for day sails onto the Marine Sanctuary in collaboration with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. There will be no dockside exhibition or visitor access to the ship in Provincetown, although there will be extensive online programming during the day sails and the Massachusetts whale watching fleet may choose to follow the ship.

The 38th Voyage will begin with the Morgan being towed down the Mystic River en route to New London. This will be the first time the ship has been below the bridge since she arrived at Mystic Seaport on November 8, 1941. It is expected to be quite a moment and the public is invited to line the shores of the river to watch the procession.

All dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or other unexpected situations.

May 17 — Charles W. Morgan departs Mystic Seaport for New London.

May 24-25; 31 and June 1 — New London, City Pier. Ship is open to the public with the dockside exhibition program.

June 7-8, 11-12 — Sea trials off New London

June 14-16 — Sailing window New London to Newport, RI.

June 17 — Newport, Fort Adams State Park. Ship is open to the public (no dockside exhibition).
June 18-20 — Sailing window to Martha’s Vineyard.

June 21-24 — Vineyard Haven, Tisbury Wharf. Ship is open to the public with the dockside exhibition.

June 25-27 — Sailing window to New Bedford, MA.

June 28-July 6 — New Bedford, State Pier. Ship is open to the public with the dockside exhibition. There will be a July 4th celebration and many other community activities.

July 7-11 — Sailing window to Provincetown via the Cape Cod Canal. There will be an overnight stop at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (No public access).


July 15-17 — Sailing window to Boston.

July 18-22 — Boston, Charlestown Navy Yard. The ship is berthed next to the USS Constitution and open to the public with the dockside exhibition.

July 23-25 — Sailing window to Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA) via the Cape Cod Canal.

July 26-27 — Massachusetts Maritime Academy. Ship is open to the public with the dockside exhibition. The visit coincides with the centennial celebration of the opening of the Cape Cod Canal.

July 28-30 — Sailing window to New London.

August 6-8 — Sailing window to Mystic Seaport.

August 9 — Homecoming celebration.

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