

**MAY 27, 2010
VIPMOAA OUTING
MISS HAMPTON II HARBOR CRUISE
BOARD BY 9:45 AM**

**NARRATED TOUR DEPARTS PROMPTLY AT 10:00 AM
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MISS HAMPTON II

We are meeting for a special boat tour on board the Miss Hampton II led by Mike Cobb, Curator of the Hampton History Museum, who gave us a truly memorable program on the history of Fort Wool in November. **This 2 ½ to 3 hour Harbor Tour** departs promptly at 10:00 AM (please **board NLT 15 minutes before departure**) from the Historic Downtown **Hampton waterfront** and proceeds out the Hampton River, passing **Hampton University** and **Blackbeard's Point**, where the notorious pirate's head was displayed on a pike after his capture off the coast of the Outer Banks.

Entering the Hampton Roads Harbor, you will be **sailing the waters of Captain John Smith and the First Settlers**. Your tour continues past historic **Fort Monroe** and the Old Point Comfort Lighthouse, the oldest continuously operating lighthouse in America. After an awe-inspiring view of the magnificent **Chesapeake Bay** the cruise will stop (weather permitting) for a 30-minute guided walking tour of the Civil War Island Fortress of **Fort Wool**. And who better to guide us on this tour than our friend, Mike Cobb, whose comprehensive book on the history of Fort Wool was published in July 2009?

Another highlight of your tour will be an in-depth view of the massive warships at the **Norfolk Naval Base**, home to aircraft carriers, nuclear-powered submarines, and various types of support ships. And the return trip to Hampton features a captivating narrative of the famous **Battle of the Ironclads: the Monitor and the Merrimac!** Light food, snacks and drinks for purchase are available on board. No high heels – rubber soles recommended. A list of local restaurants will be on board for those who wish lunch after the cruise. Park (free) in the garage across from the Crown Plaza Hotel.

This promises to be a truly outstanding program and should be of great interest to our members.

WE'LL SEE YOU ON THE MISS HAMPTON II ON MAY 27TH.

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