



WBYC Cruise to.....

25th Annual Newport

Black Ships Festival 2008

The 25th Annual Black Ships Festival
July 17-20, 2008

All Club members are encouraged to join us on this Fantastic Cruising opportunity where we will experience one of Newport's lively summer festivals.

The Black Ships Festival offers a variety of events that emphasize both Japanese art and culture. Events include Origami, Martial Arts, and a Japanese Tea Ceremony. A highlight will be the Annual Festival of Drums, featuring the Maturiza Taiko Group.

The Black Ships Festival commemorates the historic achievements of Commodore Matthew C. Perry, USN, of Newport, Rhode Island. The "Black Ships," or "Kurofune," refers to the Japanese term for foreign ships which, with one exception, were excluded from Japan for two hundred years until 1854. Commodore Perry negotiated the Treaty of Kanagawa in 1854, the first treaty between the United States and Japan, thus ending two centuries of Japanese isolationism. This year the Black Ships Festival celebrates over 150 years of the signing of the treaty, which brought the two countries together as trading partners.

[For more information, please see: http://www.newportevents.com/Blackships/](http://www.newportevents.com/Blackships/)

Cruise Captains: Jay and Alicia Eshleman

Where: Newport, (we will be mooring in Conanicut Marine, Jamestown RI)

When: July 17 through July 20 (come for the days you can make it!)

Cruise Fee: 20.00 per boat

For more information and Cruise Registration, Please follow this link:

<http://sites.google.com/a/westbayyc.com/westbay-yc-cruising/Cruising-Destinations/black-ship-festival---newport>