



## Swing into spring with a series of events in Historic Yorktown

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Ring in the spring season this year in historic Yorktown, where events ranging from a pirate invasion to river sails on the waterfront, to farmer's markets are sure to please everyone.

**The Schooner Alliance** has returned, so don't miss an opportunity to set sail into history aboard Yorktown's 105-foot tall ship. Daily Sails and Sunset Cruises continue through early November. Or, beginning **May 27**, bring the kids to Captain Mayhem's School of Piracy aboard the Yorktown schooner for the very popular pirate adventure cruises.

**April 8 and 9 is Yorktown Civil War Weekend** featuring **Smoke on the River** with history, exhibits, music, and events at the Watermen's Museum and other Yorktown locations and the **National Park Service Civil War Weekend** including tactical demonstrations, encampments, and a Confederate field hospital interpreting the role Yorktown played in the 1862 Peninsula Campaign.

Don't miss the **Yorktown Kite Demo & Gathering** on **April 8** from 1 to 5 pm on the Yorktown Beach for kite demonstrations and an afternoon of kite flyer.

A family favorite on **April 15** is the **National Park Service Junior Ranger Day**. Bring the kids out to Yorktown Battlefield and enjoy special activities while they work toward earning their Junior Ranger patches. Celebrate Easter weekend with a delicious Sunday lunch or dinner buffet at **Riverwalk Restaurant**.

The **Sister Cities French Market** returns on Saturday, **April 22**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come to an authentic French Market and experience all things French with your favorite French products.

**Yorktown Market Days** kicks off early this year on Saturday, **April 29**, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. bringing you fresh meats and seafood, produce, herbs, flowers, and everything you've grown to love about the market.

**Water Street Grille** and the **Yorktown Pub** feature live music on Friday and Saturday evenings in April.

The fun continues Saturday and Sunday, **April 29 and 30**, as the **Pirates Invade Yorktown**. Visit the encampments, watch cannon firing demonstrations, sing with the pirates and cruise with Captain Mayhem and his pirate crew aboard the Schooner *Alliance*, Yorktown's pirate ship. Don't miss **Captain Mayhem's Schooner Soiree** cruise on Saturday, **April 29** at 6 p.m. **The Watermen's Museum** is hosting the Floating Folk Jam and Yorktown Story Slam on select Monday and Wednesday evenings.

To round out the month of April, join us for a lecture presentation by **Admiral Walter Doran**, former Commander-in Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet as he shares the importance of 1942 Battle of Midway in WWII at York Hall on **April 30**.

The first weekend in May brings the **Yorktown Plant Sale** on **May 5 and 6** at Yorktown Baptist Church and the **Yorktown Garden Stroll** on Saturday, **May 6**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. where

you can tour 10 private cottage gardens and select kitchens. Call (757) 890-4490 for information on homes and tickets.

The first weekend in May continues with the fourth annual 2-day festival combining blues, brews, BBQ, and the arts. Join us Saturday, **May 6**, for Yorktown's **Blues, Brews & BBQ** – a festival on the River – and enjoy down-home blues, incredible microbrews, and amazing BBQ from noon to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Continuing on Sunday, **May 7**, come celebrate the **Art at the River** Juried Art Show featuring over 40 of some of the region's best artists, live entertainment, and food from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both events take place at Riverwalk Landing on the Yorktown Waterfront. A special exhibit, **York County High School Student Art** will be held in conjunction with Art at the River from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Freight Shed.

**Yorktown Market Days** hosts the seventh annual **Health and Fitness Market** on Saturday, **May 13**. This program supports improving the quality of life for residents by educating citizens about the importance of healthy living and highlighting tools available to make healthy lifestyle choices. Shop the market and make your way to the fitness section for exercise classes, vendors, health screenings, and free giveaways all tying in with the theme of the farmer's market. Weekly markets continue through October 28 (except October 7).

The **Gallery at York Hall** opens its season with a "Quilts" exhibit, featuring beautiful handmade quilts by local quilters. In addition to the exhibit, the Gallery offers a host of new and beautiful art, jewelry, pottery, and more for sale.

Join **Auntie M's American Cottage** for another fun and exciting workshop on Sunday, **April 23**, at 1 p.m. Call (757) 369-8150 to sign up.

**On the Hill Gallery** is hosting the "Portraits of the Bay" art show featuring artist Mike Kravchak, watercolor artist. On-going adult and children's art classes are available. For more information, call (757) 369-1108.

Spring is the perfect time to get out of the house and take in all the sights and sounds of the area. While in Yorktown, don't miss the opportunity to take a ride on the free Yorktown trolley, take a guided Segway tour in Yorktown or rent a bike, kayak, or paddle board from **Patriot Tours & Provisions**. Enjoy an ideal getaway with your own private party of up to six people on a leisurely cruise along the historic York River with **Let's Go Sail**, or experience a fishing charter combining some bottom fishing with an equal amount of time spent live baiting for cobia or trolling for striped bass, bluefish, or Spanish mackerel with **York River Charters**. If you're looking for a special occasion photo, contact **Alexander's Photography** for your wedding, family reunion, anniversary, or family photos.

Event parking is available at Riverwalk Landing in the two-level parking terrace. Additional parking is available at York Hall, the County Administration Building and the Courthouse/Finance Building Complex – all within two blocks of the waterfront.

For more information on these activities or any other events in York County, visit [www.visitorktown.org](http://www.visitorktown.org). Please note: dates, times and activities are subject to change.



