

HOLIDAY CAROLING ON THE CHANNEL

A few thoughts to make the caroling on the M/V Sam Houston more enjoyable:

- Every adult must have a government issued photo I.D. (Drivers License, State issued Identity Card TWIC Card, Military I.D. or Passport). Photo I.D. for children under 18 is not required.
- Enter through the Port Gate #8 from Clinton Drive, approximately one and one half miles west of the East Loop 610, or through the main port gate. See last bullet for directions and map below.
- Plan to be through the security check and parked NOT LATER THAN 5:45 p.m. The Chaplain in charge likes to give an orientation at about 5:30 so earlier is better. The vessel sails at 6:00 p.m.
- If you are bringing food for a party afterwards, plan on dropping it off at the main Seafarer Center before going to the tour boat. Add 15 minutes to do this and drive through the port.
- Space is limited on the vessel and this is primarily an adult activity. Children take allocated spaces but usually want to stay inside, depriving others of the opportunity. We suggest getting a sitter or making other arrangements for them if possible.
- Be sure to dress for the weather. If it is cold and the wind is at your back going down the channel, it will be in your face going back to the dock. Warm hats, mufflers and gloves are recommended if it is cold. Also, the deck is sloped somewhat so flat shoes are recommended. Rubber soles are best.
- Each person should bring some type of small light to see the words on the provided song sheets outside on deck. Remember, it will be dark out.
- The cruise normally takes from sailing at 6:00 until about 8:00. If you are going to the center for a party afterwards, that can last until 10:00.
- Photography may be restricted to photographs only at the dock and up at the Seafarer Center. Check with the Chaplain in charge before sailing to see what the regulations are.
- **Directions to M/V Sam Houston Pavilion:**

Leave East Loop 610 at Clinton Drive (exit # 28). Proceed west (right) on Clinton, pass McCarty to Gate 8. Enter Gate 8 and stay to the right. A security guard and signs will direct you to the pavilion.

