

# Duyfken joins the Tall Ships visit

AS YOU MAY have heard, last month saw the arrival of three Dutch Tall Ships the Oosterschelde, Europa and Tecla.

In the same month the British Tall Ship, the Lord Nelson also arrived on our fair shores, except that the arrival for some of these majestic vessels was far from 'fair'. It was smack bang in the middle of the severe weather fronts that

came through in late July.

Unfortunately, planned festivities were slightly disrupted and the parade of sail did not eventuate, but that's to be expected with boating matters.

However reports from the crews say they were overwhelmed with the friendliness, warmth and generosity of the welcome they received.

The 'Friends of the

Duyfken' even hosted a fun Sundowner on the Sunday 28 July and the Dutch and English crews were incredibly impressed with our Little Dove!

By time you read this article the Dutch ships will have headed north to the Abrolhos Islands to the last resting place of the infamous Batavia wreck.

To celebrate this visit the Geraldton Museum and the WA Maritime Museum will have displays and archival information on this less than happy moment in Dutch maritime history.

Some readers may have heard of Mike Dash, a local author of the book 'Batavia's Graveyard'. If you have not read this book, see if you can get a copy. It's an amazing and bloodthirsty tale of perseverance and survival on these deserted islands.

Mike will join the three Dutch ships and give lectures to the crew, as they voyage to the islands where this terrifying event took place on 4 June, 1629 after the Batavia was shipwrecked when it hit the 'morning reef', near Beacon Island.

The Oosterschelde, Eu-

ropa and Tecla Tall Ships will return to Fremantle on about the 14 August before re-provisioning and heading south to cross the Great Australian Bight to Adelaide.

For those who have yet to explore a tall ship replica then don't forget that our very own Dutch ship, the Duyfken, (Little Dove) is open daily for tours.

A very interesting and informative DVD called The Duyfken Dream is available to buy on-line at [www.duyfken.com](http://www.duyfken.com) where you'll find a wealth of information about the ship. Why not also log on to the site and become a Friend of the Duyfken.

## WIN WIN WIN

*To be in the draw to win one of four The Duyfken Dream DVDs valued at \$19.50 simply send an email to [win@haveagonews.com.au](mailto:win@haveagonews.com.au) with the subject line – The Little Dove or send an envelope to The Little Dove – C/- Have a Go News Comp – PO Box 1042, West Leederville 6901. Please include your name, address and phone number on the reverse side. Only over 45s eligible and competition closes 8/09/13.*



Clockwise from left; Oosterschelde - Europa - Tecla