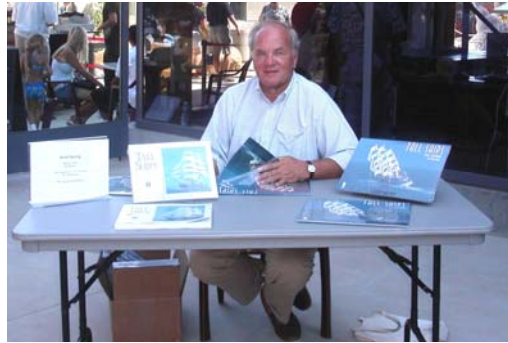


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Tall Ship Photographer Thad Koza

## **ASTA TALL SHIPS<sup>®</sup> GALLERY TO CELEBRATE PHOTOGRAPHER THAD KOZA**

NEWPORT, RI: As part of Newport Gallery Night, the American Sail Training Association is hosting an exhibit of photographs by Rhode Island photographer, Thad Koza. The event takes place Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5 – 8pm at the ASTA TALL SHIPS<sup>®</sup> Gallery located at 240 Thames Street, on the second floor. There will be refreshments and a chance to meet Mr. Koza.

A resident of Newport, Thad Koza has been photographing tall ships for over two decades. He pursues his tall ships research through firsthand photography and sailing excursions on tall ships around the world. In addition to his photographs, Mr. Koza writes magazine articles about tall ships and their history, as well as presents slide lectures throughout the U.S. and Canada. The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Mr. Koza's coffee table book, *TALL SHIPS<sup>®</sup>: The Fleet for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, will be out in June 2006.

Founded in Newport, RI in 1973, the American Sail Training Association is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization focused on youth education, leadership development and the preservation of North American maritime history and traditions. ASTA's mission is to encourage character building through sail training, promote sail training to the North American public and support education under sail.

The TALL SHIPS<sup>®</sup> Gallery is one of many resources ASTA provides to share the magic of tall ships and inform the public of the many sailing opportunities available on board member vessels throughout the world.

Newport Gallery Night is a free event open to public every second Thursday of the month. For more information on ASTA TALL SHIPS<sup>®</sup> Gallery and Thad Koza, call 401.846.1775 or visit the ASTA website at [www.sailtraining.org](http://www.sailtraining.org).