

# **16th century Spanish galleon replica to visit New Bedford May 19-22**

El Galeon, a full-size replica of a 16th century Spanish galleon will be visiting New Bedford from May 19th to May 22nd. The vessel will be parked at the State Pier and open to the public daily from 10am – 7pm. Tickets can be purchased at the dock, \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

“El Galeon, a full-size replica of a 16th century Spanish galleon. One of the most exciting international nautical events of 2016, Spain delivers a full-size reconstructed Spanish sailing vessel used in early Colonial times to ports on Florida’s East and West coasts. With daily tours providing unforgettable memories and information about 16th century European sailing techniques and technology, El Galeón will tell the 500 year story since the arrival of Juan Ponce de León on the Eastern shores of Florida. A 1/1 scale reconstruction of a 16th Century Spanish galleon, she sails up and down the Eastern US Coast. Spanish Galleons, used primarily for their cargo transporting abilities, were frequently bought and sold by Spanish and English governments during the 1600s, and often taken over and converted into Pirate ships in the rough Caribbean sea waters.”