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For several festive days in June, Baltimore celebrated its maritime history with visiting ships, fireworks and a flight demonstration from the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels.

Star-Spangled Sailabration was a commemoration of the War of 1812 and Fort McHenry's place in American history. Tall ships and naval vessels from around the globe dropped anchor in the Baltimore harbor, opening their portholes and putting out the gangplank so landlubbers could get

a glimpse of a seafaring life. Composer Phillip Glass was commissioned to create a commemorative piece that was performed by the Baltimore Symphony. The Navy's precision fighter jet team, the Blue Angels, roared and soared above the city. Nearly one million people enjoyed the spectacle.

The festivities return in 2014 when the city hosts another celebration marking the bicentennial of the War of 1812's conclusion and the creation of the National Anthem. 🌐