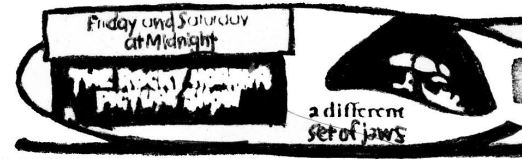


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## TALL SHIPS: A TALL TALE

The Tall Ships are visiting Newport from Wednesday to Sunday of this week. They are a gathering of over 30 beautiful ships from all over the world. Of course, everyone has heard the official rhetoric about their purpose here - good will and all that stuff. But, as you and I obviously know, that's all it is - rhetoric. We all know the real reason that these extraordinary ships have come here. It's their way of saying "Thank you, Newport Rocky Horror Picture Show."

You know, it really amazes me when I see the extents people will go through to see the RHPS in Newport. Out-of-staters come here days ahead of time to make sure they have tickets to the shows. With nothing left to do except kill time until the weekend, most of them end up giving the mansions a lot of business. The foreign crowd, such as the Tall Ship people, are really something, though. They feel a great need to show us something special that it may please us. Now, come on, they didn't have to go to such measures just for us.

Nevertheless, we at the Newport RHPS will go along with it. We do think these ships are very special. That's why we've told our fans throughout the United States and Canada to be sure and show up this weekend to greet the Tall Ships, because there are only 10 of us and we don't have all day. We are very busy, but some of us will try to drop by and browse around a bit just to help their cause. Some might say we humble ourselves to do such a thing, but we don't look at it that way. These are some of our most distant and loyal fans. They don't see us that often. How can we turn our backs on them? We won't go the way of the Hollywood crowd and become so snobbish and conceded that we can't say "You're welcome, world."

Indeed, it would be ridiculous for us to become so bigheaded about ourselves. I know I havn't.

### SCOTT SPEAKS - "Science Fiction Double Feature" by Bob Andoscia

The opening song of the RHPS is really what the show is about. It is a parody of all the well-loved horror movies that have been made. If you look at the characters in the RHPS, you can see many of the elements of those films. For instance, there is a creepy butler, a maid, a would-be Dr. Frankenstein who appears vampiristic, a creation which also appears as King Kong, and an investigator. All that's missing are the villagers. In the song "Science Fiction Double Feature," a lot of these movies are mentioned. Can you remember Micheal Rene and Klaatu in "The Day the Earth Stood Still" or how about Robbie the Robot of "Forbidden Planet" fame? Then there was Claude Riens as the "Invisable Man." You know, to this day I still don't know what he really looks like! One part of the RHPS which is a deliberate scene from a movie is when Frank dies. King Kong and Fay Wray are reserected as Rocky climbs the RKO Radio tower with Frank. That set is a fantastic recreation of the RKO logo that appeared at the begining of "King Kong" and other RKO MGM movies of that day. Another thing which is made parody of are the great MGM musicals, openly recreated in the floor show complete with a swimming pool and a chorus line and solo production numbers. Thus, we can see that the RHPS is a tribute to movie history.

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