



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BOSTON 12-01

June 18, 2012

Navy Week Sails Into Boston; Ships and Events Announced

Norfolk, VA (CNRMA) - Twenty U.S. and coalition ships will participate in Boston Navy Week, a celebration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, from June 28-July 6.

The U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard, National Oceanographic Administration (NOAA), along with coalition navy and tall sailing ships will arrive at various times and locations beginning June 28 and will open for general public visitation throughout the week.

Visitation hours of the tall ships will be published as they become known.

In addition to public visitation, there will be a number of public events, including performances by the U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team and the Leapfrogs, the Navy's parachute demonstration team.

A celebration of the nation's sea services, Boston Navy Week provides an opportunity for the citizens of Boston and New England to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, first-hand, the latest capabilities of today's maritime services.

This year, Boston Navy Week is one of the signature events around the country commemorating OpSail 2012, the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Star-Spangled Banner. The commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 is a salute to all Sailors and Marines who fought gallantly in that conflict, who served in all our nation's conflicts since then, and who are defending freedom around the world today.

Since winning our independence in 1776, the United States has been a maritime nation, relying on unobstructed access and free use of the world's oceans which are essential to our national security and prosperity. It is for those reasons – access and free use – the United

States went to war in 1812 to defend, and that is what the U.S. Navy has been protecting ever since.

The performance of America's Sailors and Marines in the Wary of 1812 set the standards upon which our naval forces continue to build today.

Boston Navy Week Ships and Docking Locations

The ships will dock at the following locations:

North Jetty Massport

USS Wasp (LHD 1)

Black Falcon Terminal

USS Gravelly (DDG 107)

HMCS Preserver (AOR 510)

HMCS Iroquois (DDH 280)

RFA Argus (A 135)

FGS Hessen (F 221)

City of Boston Pier 4

HNOMS Thor Heyerdahl (F 314)

HDMS Esbern Snare (L17)

NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson (S 222)

USCGC Juniper (WLB 201)

Charlestown Navy Yard

USS Constitution ("Old Ironsides", the U.S. Navy's oldest U.S. commissioned warship afloat)

USCGC Eagle (WIX 327)

HMCS Goose Bay (MM 707)

HMCS Moncton (MM 708)

USCG Base

HMCS Kingston (MM 700)

HMCS Summerside (MM 711)

USCGC Marcus Hanna (WLM 554)

Fish Pier Massport

Cisne Branco (Brazil)

Boston Navy Week 3-3-3-3

BAE Guayas (Ecuador)

ARC Gloria (Columbia)

Dewaruci (Indonesia)

Visitors to ships should plan on wearing comfortable clothing and should be aware if you are bringing a handbag or camera case it will be searched prior to entering. A ship is an industrial environment and guests are encouraged to wear flat, rubber soled shoes. Guests should avoid high-heels, open toe shoes, necklaces that can get caught on ship equipment and bags that will be too heavy to carry comfortably. Visitors should look for clearly marked entrances. Everyone must go through a security check prior to accessing any ship. The security check is similar to what is present at most airports and consists of a walk-through metal detector and/or wand scan. All adults should present a photo I.D. when going through security. Tours are open on a first come-first served basis, no reservation is required or accepted.

There is no age requirement to tour U.S. Navy Ships during Boston Navy Week. However, there may be steep ladders (stairways) to climb and uneven surfaces to traverse during a ship tour, and thus, tours may not be appropriate for small children and may be difficult for individuals with heart conditions, breathing difficulties, or other medical conditions impacting their ability to navigate such challenges. The ships are not handicapped accessible.

Photography is permitted on board the ships during tours. Items not permitted are glass bottles, cans or containers of any type; banners, posters or signs of any type; mace, pepper spray, or other defensive sprays or chemicals; knives, firearms, fireworks or any explosive; illegal drugs or paraphernalia; flammable liquids or aerosol spray cans; club weapons; and animals. The U.S. Navy reserves the right to prohibit other items not listed above.

Schedule of Boston Navy Week Public Events.

- All events are free and open to the general public -

Friday, June 29

10 a.m.-6 p.m.	USS Constitution Public Visitation
Noon-12:30 p.m.	USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
2 -2:30 p.m.	USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
4-4:30 p.m.	USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills

Saturday, June 30

- 10 a.m.-8p.m. Public Ship Visitation, various locations. Hours may vary.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. U.S. Navy Recruiting Displays, City Hall Plaza
- 11 a.m. Navy Band Northeast participates in Annual Independence Day Parade, Braintree
- Noon-12:30 USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
- 1-1:30 p.m. US Coast Guard Search and Rescue Demonstration, Puopolo Park
- 2-2:30 p.m. USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
- 4-4:30 p.m. USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
- 4:30-6 p.m. Tug-a-War Competition, City Hall Plaza
- 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Party on the Plaza with live entertainment

Sunday, July 1

- 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Public Ship Visitation, various locations. Times may vary.
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. U.S. Navy Recruiting Displays, City Hall Plaza
- Noon-12:30 USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
- 1-1:30 p.m. US Coast Guard Search and Rescue Demonstration, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 2-2:30 p.m. USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
- 2:45-3:45 War of 1812 Privateer Replica Sail Reenactment, Boston Harbor
- 4-4:30 p.m. USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills

Monday, July 2

- 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Inter-service softball game, Boston Common
- 10 a.m. U.S. Navy Leapfrogs Parachute Jump, Puopolo Park
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. U.S. Navy Recruiting Displays, City Hall Plaza
- Noon-6 p.m. Public Ship Visitation, various locations. Times may vary.
- Noon-12:30 USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
- 2 p.m. U.S. Navy Leapfrogs Parachute Jump, Boston Common
- 2:45-3:45 p.m. War of 1812 Privateer Replica Sail Reenactment, Boston Harbor
- 3:30-3:45 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Silent Drill Team Presentation, Charlestown Navy Yard

Boston Navy Week 5-5-5-5

4 p.m.-5:15 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Band concert, Charlestown Navy Yard
4-4:30 p.m. USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills

Tuesday, July 3

10 a.m. U.S. Navy Leapfrogs Parachute Jump, Puopolo Park
10 a.m.-6 p.m. U.S. Navy Recruiting Displays, City Hall Plaza
10 a.m.-5 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Historic Ships Company on hand to discuss War of 1812, Charlestown Navy Yard
Noon-6 p.m. Public Ship Visitation, various locations. Times may vary.
Noon-12:30 USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
2-2:30 p.m. USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
2 p.m. U.S. Navy Leapfrogs Parachute Jump, Boston Common
2:45-3:45 War of 1812 Privateer Replica Sail Reenactment, Boston Harbor
4-4:30 p.m. USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills

Wednesday, July 4

9:15-10:30 a.m. U.S. Navy Band Northeast participates in Independence Day parade at City Hall Plaza
10 a.m.-6 p.m. U.S. Navy Recruiting Displays, City Hall Plaza
11 a.m.-1 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Historic Ships Company discuss War of 1812, Castle Island
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Annual USS Constitution Turnaround Cruise.
NOTE: This will include other ships, including USCGC Eagle and USS Wasp. Public is invited to watch from various vantage points.
10 a.m.-8 p.m. Public Ship Visitation, various locations. Times may vary.
12:17 p.m. U.S. Navy Leapfrogs Parachute Jump, Fan Pier
Noon-1:15 p.m. U.S. Navy Blue Angels and military flyover
1:30-1:45 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Silent Drill Team Presentation, City Hall Plaza
2-6 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Historic Ships Company discuss War of 1812, Charlestown Navy Yard
2-3:20 p.m. U.S. Coast Guard Band concert, City Hall Plaza
3:00 p.m. Naturalization Ceremony, USS Constitution

Boston Navy Week 6-6-6-6

Thursday, July 5

9-6 p.m.	Office of Navy Research Exhibits at Charlestown Navy Yard
10 a.m.-8 p.m.	Public Ship Visitation, various locations. Times may vary.
Noon-12:30	USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
2-2:30 p.m.	USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills
4-4:30 p.m.	USS Constitution Boarding Pike/Gun Drills

Friday, July 6

Ships begin to depart Boston

9 a.m.-6 p.m.	Office of Navy Research Exhibits at Charlestown Navy Yard
---------------	---

-USN -