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Ships Open for Public Tours during Boston Navy Week

BOSTON - 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.

Public visitation on participating ships in this year's Boston Navy Week will begin Thursday, June 28 and continue through Thursday, July 5.

The following is a complete schedule of all ship locations and visitation hours:

- **Location:** North Jetty Massport
Ship: USS Wasp (LHD 1)
Public visitation hours: June 30 – July 3; and July 5 from 12 p.m. to 6 p. m.
*NOTE: There is no public visitation on July 4th on USS Wasp.
- **Location:** Black Falcon Terminal
Ships: USS Gravely (DD 107), HMCS Preserver (AOR 510), HMCS Iroquois (DDH 280), RFA Argus (A 135), and FGS Hessen (F 221).
Public visitation hours: June 30 to July 5 from 12 p. m. to 6 p. m.
* NOTE: RFA Argus will close visitation at 2 p.m. on June 30.
HMCS Iroquois will close visitation at 2 p. m. on July 1.
HMCS Preserver, HMCS Iroquois, and RFA Argus will not be open for visitation on July 5.
- **Location:** City of Boston Pier 4
Ships: HNOMS Thor Heyerdahl (F 314), HDMS Esbern Snare (L17), NOAA Ship Thomas Jefferson (S 222), and USCGC Juniper (WLB 201).
Public visitation hours: June 30 to July 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
*NOTE: USCGC Juniper will open for visitation at Noon on June 30.
HNOMS Thor Heyerdahl and HDMS Esbern Snare will close visitation at 2 p.m. on July 2.

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- **Location:** Charlestown Navy Yard
Ships: USS Constitution, USCGC Eagle (WIX 327), HMCS Goose Bay (MM 707), and HMCS Moncton (MM 708)
Public visitation hours: June 28 to July 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
* NOTE: USS Constitution will be only ships open for visitation June 28 and June 29.
USCGC Eagle will not open for visitation until June 30 at 1 p.m.
USCGC Eagle will close visitation at 5 p.m. on July 1.
HMCS Goose Bay and HMCS Moncton will open July 1 and July 2 only.
USCGC Eagle will close visitation at 5 p.m. on July 3.
USS Constitution will not be open for visitation on July 4.
USCGC Eagle will not be open for visitation on July 4 or July 5.
- **Location:** U.S. Coast Guard Base
Ships: HMCS Kingston (MM 700), HMCS Summerside (MM 711), and USCGC Marcus Hanna (WLM 554)
Public visitation hours: June 30 and July 1 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Location:** Fish Pier Massport
Ships: Cisne Branco (Brazil), BAE Guayas (Ecuador), ARC Gloria (Columbia) and Dewaruci (Indonesia)
Public visitation hours: June 30 and July 1, 4 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.;
July 2, 3 and 5 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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

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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.

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 War of 1812 set the standards upon which our naval forces continue to build today.

For more information, visit the official Boston Navy Week Web site at "Boston Navy Week" on Facebook.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Media interested in covering any of the general public visitations should contact Heather Welch at 757-438-4021 or email heather.welch@navy.mil.