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### FREE PORT OF LOS ANGELES TOURS ENJOYED BY THOUSANDS



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**(SAN PEDRO, CA)** - More than 9,350 guests spent their weekend in San Pedro and Wilmington enjoying free harbor boat tours and learning about the nation's busiest harbor and its economic value to the local region and the nation. The Port of Los Angeles, in celebration of World Trade Week, sponsored the free harbor boat tours.

Visitors arrived by the busload at Ports O' Call Village and families from as far away as the San Fernando Valley drove down to be a part of the experience. Tours from Berth 77 and 79 located at Ports O' Call Village accommodated more than eight thousand visitors over the two-day event; Banning's Landing in Wilmington hosted more than a thousand visitors.

All delighted in the informational tours of the harbor, Maritime Museum, Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, Banning's Residence Museum and the delicious food available at Ports O' Call Village. People of all ages learned the historical perspective of the port and its importance to everyone's daily lives. Over six million TEUs (TEUs are twenty-foot equivalent units, standard maritime measurement used when counting marine cargo containers) came through the Port of Los Angeles in fiscal year 2002. More than half of all goods coming into the Port of Los Angeles remain in the Los Angeles area.

World Trade Week is a national event held annually in May. For more information about World Trade Week and/or Port of Los Angeles, visit our website at [www.portoflosangeles.org](http://www.portoflosangeles.org)

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