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FREE BOAT TOURS OF THE PORT OF L.A. - MAY 14 & 15 *Bring the Family for a Day at the Waterfront!*

SAN PEDRO, CA – Free boat tours of the Port of Los Angeles will be available to Southland residents and visitors of all ages on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, in observance of World Trade Week 2005.



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After 5:00 p.m.:

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The hour-long narrated tours of the nation's busiest port will depart both days between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Ports O' Call Village, Berths 77 and 79, 1100 Nagoya Way, San Pedro, and Banning's Landing, Berth 186, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington.

Reservations are not required for the free boat tours, which board on a first-come, first-served basis. Access for non-motorized wheelchairs is available at each departure point.

The Port's annual free boat tours program is an excellent way to learn about the Port's role in international trade. An impressive array of ships, machinery, wildlife and other sights unique to the harbor provide a fascinating sightseeing adventure.

When arriving for the tours, visitors in San Pedro will see construction in progress on the Port's *From Bridge to Breakwater* project. Exhibits at Ports O' Call Village, Berth 77, and Banning's Landing Community Center will highlight the waterfront development projects, and staff will be available to answer questions.

After the tours, visitors can enjoy the shops and restaurants in Ports O' Call Village, learn about harbor area history at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, or take free rides on the Port's Waterfront Red Car Line.

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The Red Cars offer free transfers for the rubber-tire San Pedro Electric Trolley, to connect to the shops, galleries and restaurants in historic downtown San Pedro, and to Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Cabrillo Beach and the Cabrillo Beach Bathhouse. The Waterfront Red Car Line also goes to the Cruise Ship Promenade, where visitors can stroll the beautiful new boardwalk and visit the historic S.S. Lane Victory, a floating museum.

Saturday, May 14 is also Los Angeles Fire Department Fire Service Recognition Day. There will be equipment exhibits and demonstrations at Fire Station 112, located at Harbor Boulevard and 5th Street, San Pedro, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Information about the Port's World Trade Week Boat Tours program is available 24 hours a day on the Port's toll-free special events line at (800) 831-PORT and at www.portoflosangeles.org.

World Trade Week is a national, month-long program of tours, seminars and other events to educate the public about the importance of international trade to the local economy. For information about other local World Trade Week activities, call the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce at (213) 580-7538, or visit the official event website, www.worldtradeweek.com.

The Port of Los Angeles is America's premier port. As the leading container port in the nation and a critical hub in the international supply chain, the Port generates thousands of stable jobs and billions of dollars in annual wages and tax revenues. The Port of Los Angeles also places a high priority on responsible growth initiatives combined with high security, environmental stewardship and community outreach. The Port of Los Angeles is a proprietary, self-supported department of the City of Los Angeles. . . Anchoring a bright future.

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Directions to Ports O' Call Village, San Pedro:

From the north: Take the Harbor 110 Freeway south and exit at the Vincent Thomas Bridge/Harbor Blvd. off-ramp. Turn right onto Harbor Blvd. Turn left at 6th Street, turn right immediately onto Sampson Way, and follow the signs to the boat tours at Spirit Cruises, Berth 77, and Fiesta Cruises, Berth 79. Free parking is available.

From San Fernando Valley: Take the 101, 405 or I-5 Freeways south to the Harbor 110 Freeway south and proceed as indicated above.

From Inland Empire: Take I-10 Freeway west to the Harbor 110 Freeway south and proceed as indicated above.

From Long Beach: Take Ocean Blvd. west onto Terminal Island, drive along Ocean Blvd./Seaside Ave., go over the Vincent Thomas Bridge and take the Harbor Blvd. exit. Turn right onto Harbor Blvd. Turn left at 6th Street, turn right immediately onto Sampson Way, and follow the signs to the boat tours at Spirit Cruises, Berth 77, and Fiesta Cruises, Berth 79. Free parking is available.

From Orange County: Take the 405 Freeway north to the Harbor 110 Freeway south. Exit at the Vincent Thomas Bridge/Harbor Blvd. off-ramp. Turn right onto Harbor Blvd. Turn left at 6th Street, turn right immediately onto Sampson Way, and follow the signs to the boat tours at Spirit Cruises, Berth 77, and Fiesta Cruises, Berth 79. Free parking is available.

Directions to Banning's Landing, Berth 186, Wilmington:

From north or south: Take the Harbor 110 Freeway and exit at "C" Street. Turn right onto Figueroa Street, and left onto Harry Bridges Boulevard. Drive east on Bridges Boulevard, turn right onto Avalon Boulevard and drive to the end. Park at the Banning's Landing Community Center, 100 E. Water Street, or follow signs to nearby parking.

From San Fernando Valley: Take the 101, 405 or I-5 Freeways south to the Harbor 110 Freeway south and proceed as indicated above.

From Inland Empire: Take I-10 Freeway west to the Harbor 110 Freeway south and proceed as indicated above.

From Long Beach: Take Anaheim Street west. Turn left on Avalon Blvd. and drive south to the end. Park at the Banning's Landing Community Center, 100 E. Water Street, or follow signs to nearby parking.

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