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PORT OFFERS FREE BOAT TOURS – MAY 20 & 21, 2006 *Waterfront Offers Activities Galore for All Ages!*

SAN PEDRO, Calif. – Join the Port of Los Angeles for free boat tours on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21, in observance of World Trade Week 2006. The hour-long tours of the nation's busiest port will depart both days between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from Ports O' Call Village in San Pedro and Banning's Landing in Wilmington.

The Port sponsors these free, fully-narrated tours each year to keep people up-to-date about what's going on at the Port and to convey the importance of international trade to everyday living. And, there's even more to see and do on the waterfront this year! Stroll the picturesque Cruise Ship Promenade with its colorful public art, as well as the recently-dedicated Harbor Boulevard Parkway with "story rope" narratives. Enjoy the international restaurants and galleries of historic downtown San Pedro and see exhibits there about future waterfront plans. Also open for tours are the World War II vessel *S.S. Lane Victory*, adjacent to the Cruise Ship Promenade, and the Los Angeles Maritime Museum at the entrance to Ports O' Call. Sightseers can enjoy free rides on the Waterfront Red Car Line to all these attractions, with free transfers for the rubber-tire San Pedro Electric Trolley to downtown San Pedro, or to the Cabrillo Beach Aquarium and Bathhouse.

Reservations are not required for the free boat tours, which will board on a first-come, first-served basis. Wheelchair access is available at each departure point. 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 or call (310) 732-3508 during normal business hours.

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After 5:00 p.m.:

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World Trade Week is a national, month-long program of tours, seminars and other events to educate the public about the significance 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) 580-7569, 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 259,000 regional jobs and \$8.4 billion 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. The Port of Los Angeles – A cleaner port. A brighter future.

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