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FREE PORT OF LOS ANGELES TOURS ENJOYED BY NEARLY 9,000

SAN PEDRO, CA – Nearly 9,000 guests from all across Southern California visited San Pedro and Wilmington over the weekend, enjoying free harbor boat tours and learning about the nation's busiest Port. The Port of Los Angeles sponsored the free tours in celebration of World Trade Week.

In addition to learning about the Port's role in international trade, exhibits on the Port's *From Bridge to Breakwater* development and Wilmington Waterfront Development proposals provided overviews of the harbor's upcoming transformation as a premiere tourist destination.

"This was a great weekend," said Arley Baker, director of public affairs at the Port. "Many passengers disembarked with sincere thanks, saying they learned things they didn't know about the Port and international trade. This annual program is a great way to have people see what's really going on at the harbor and understand its impact on their daily lives and the nation's economy."

World Trade Week is celebrated annually in May. Visit www.portoflosangeles.org for links and information about World Trade Week, and watch for announcements of other upcoming special events.

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. The Port of Los Angeles. . . Anchoring a bright future.

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