Historical Seaport Public Work Party Saturday 10am-4pm

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Aberdeen, WA - The Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority is inviting residents of Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Cosmopolis, Westport, Ocean Shores, Elma, Montesano and all Grays Harbor communities to participate in a public work party Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help Historical Seaport staff perform critical maintenance on the rigging of Lady Washington. Tasks include disassembling blocks, stripping down rigging, and repair of the tall ship’s sails. All levels of experience and skill are welcome, including beginners.

Members of the GHHSA board of directors and Historical Seaport staff, including marine operations manager Micah Allnutt, will also be hand to discuss the Lady Washington’s new Scania 12 L marine engine, which will be installed in the vessel this winter.

The engine was purchased with funds raised through the Historical Seaport’s SAILING GREEN capital campaign, which is still under way. The new engine will reduce Lady Washington’s carbon footprint, enabling it to meet California’s strict emissions standards. Lady Washington is scheduled to return to the Golden State later this year as Grays Harbor’s tall ship ambassador.

The work party is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Historical Seaport’s headquarters at 712 Hagara Street in Junction City. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. All tools and liquid refreshments will be provided. Volunteers should wear suitable clothing. For more information, call 800-200-5239.