Caribbean Pirate Documentary to be Filmed on Lady Washington

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Aberdeen, WA - A British production company will film scenes for a new documentary on Caribbean pirates aboard the tall ship Lady Washington while she is docked in Everett Wednesday and Thursday. UK-based Blink Films and Proper Television, on behalf of the Smithsonian Channel, BBC Worldwide, the History Channel UK, CanWest, and Channel Five (UK), is producing the film, tentatively titled Pirates of the Caribbean: The Real Story. The project is part of the Real Stories series, which appears on the Smithsonian Channel in the U.S. A transmission date has not been set. A production crew has chartered Lady Washington on Wednesday and Thursday, June 2 and 3, for shooting several scenes in the 60-minute film. The vessel will be in Everett on Wednesday, and it will sail for Edmonds on Thursday with film crew aboard. Lady Washington crew are scheduled to appear in the production, as well as local actors. The Historical Seaport, which owns and operates Lady Washington, will also supply set dressing and technical expertise during the Everett shoot. The ship will be closed to the general public during the filming.

The Real Stories series is a high-end and intelligent collection of documentaries telling the story of the real-life events or characters that have inspired Hollywood movies. Each documentary features dramatic reconstructions, forensic investigations, and interviews with key experts. These elements come together to form fascinating, entertaining and revealing films. Pirates of the Caribbean: The Real Story reveals the true story behind the Pirates of the Caribbean movies by exploring the golden age of piracy from 1690 to 1720.

Lady Washington appeared in the 2003 Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl as the fictional British warship HMS Interceptor. Lady Washington sailed to the Caribbean Sea via the Panama Canal in 2001 for filming of the movie. The vessel has appeared in several other movies, beginning with Star Trek: Generations in 1994, as well as promotional and corporate video productions.

For information about Lady Washington and her film work, contact (media only) Joe Follansbee, 360-589-0766, jfollansbee@historicalseaport.org. Editors may download high-res images of Lady Washington at http://historicalseaport.smugmug.com. Click the “Media Images” category and select a gallery. Information is subject to change without notice. A vessel fact sheet is available on the Press Releases page at www.historicalseaport.org. Follow our activities on Facebook (facebook.com/graysharbor.seaport) and Twitter (@graysharborhist).