Lady Washington & Hawaiian Chieftain Return to Grays Harbor This Month

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Aberdeen, WA - The tall ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain return to their home ports of Aberdeen and Westport this month after a successful four-month season of visits to ports in Puget Sound, the San Juan Islands, and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. While in Grays Harbor, both ships will offer walk-on tours, three-hour public sailings, and K-12 educational programs. The nearly complete summer season included the successful addition of special value-priced Evening Sails on Hawaiian Chieftain or Lady Washington. The ships’ crews proposed the Evening Sails early in the season as a way to increase revenue for the Seaport and offer crew members more sea time. The Historical Seaport introduced the products in July. Both vessels conducted 19 Evening Sails, mostly on Wednesdays and Fridays. (One is scheduled for this evening in Port Angeles. Three are scheduled for next week.) Of all 20 sails through tonight, four were sold out (including tonight’s in Port Angeles), and in eight cases, a second boat was added due to high ticket demand. The Historical Seaport is pleased with the performance of this new product, and the organization is considering the addition of more Evening Sails next summer.

Grays Harbor Schedule Hawaiian Chieftain: The topsail ketch is scheduled to arrive at the Westport Marina Sept. 16. The ship will open for tours Sept. 17, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and Sept. 18-19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The vessel will take guests on a family-friendly Adventure Sail, featuring demonstrations of tall ship handling, a sea shanty, and a chance for guests to help sail a real tall ship. The Adventure Sail is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sept. 19. On Sept. 20, Hawaiian Chieftain will sail for Aberdeen and shut down for maintenance. On Sept. 25 and 26, the ship will welcome visitors from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Aberdeen Landing. An Adventure Sail aboard Hawaiian Chieftain is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sept. 25. Lady Washington: After a haul-out in Port Townsend for routine maintenance and her annual U.S. Coast Guard inspection, Lady Washington will sail for Aberdeen, with a scheduled arrival Sept. 23. She will open for tours at Aberdeen Landing 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 25, and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 28 and 29. An Adventure Sail aboard Lady Washington is scheduled for Sept. 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets for Adventure Sails are available at www.historicalseaport.org or by calling 800-200-5239. Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain return to Westport Sept. 30. They are scheduled to sail for San Francisco on Oct. 2 to begin their annual education tour of California ports. The arrival of Lady Washington in the Bay Area marks the first time the ship has visited the Golden State since the installation of her new auxiliary engine last winter. The new engine put her in compliance with California emissions rules.