TALL SHIP LADY WASHINGTON SETS SCHEDULE FOR 2009 COLUMBIA RIVER VOYAGE

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...Tall ship Hawaiian Chieftain will accompany Washington State's official ship on celebratory trip Aberdeen, Wash. - The brig Lady Washington, the Official Ship of the State of Washington, has announced the schedule for its 2009 "Rediscovering the Columbia River" voyage, the first half of the year-long 20th anniversary celebration of its launch in Aberdeen on March 7, 2009. Lady Washington and its companion ship Hawaiian Chieftain arrive at Ilwaco on April 23 and continue upriver, reaching Pasco on May 22. Departing Pasco May 31, the ships return to Ilwaco on June 24.Scheduled Columbia River stops going upriver include: Ilwaco, Astoria, Cathlamet, Kalama, Vancouver, Washougal, Stevenson, Hood River, The Dalles, Arlington, Umatilla, and Pasco. Heading downriver from Pasco, scheduled stops include: Umatilla, Arlington, The Dalles, Hood River, Stevenson, Washougal, St. Helens, Rainier, Astoria, and Ilwaco. The following table lists days of public access to the ships.

Port Dates Ilwaco April 23-25 Astoria April 26-27 Cathlamet April 29 Kalama May 1-4 Vancouver May 6-11 Hood River May 15-17 Pasco May 22-31 The Dalles June 4-8 Hood River June 10 Stevenson June 12 Washougal June 14-15 St. Helens June 17 Rainier June 19-21 Astoria June 23 Ilwaco June 24 On days of public availability, Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain will invite the public for walk-on tours of the vessels. Each tour is hosted by crew in 18th-century costume. The ships will also invite the public on three-hour sailing adventures at each port. The ships may also make brief overnight stops at many of the ports as they progress upriver and downriver. Visit the Sailing Schedule page of the Historical Seaport website, www.historicalseaport.org, for ticket pricing, availability, and a complete schedule. Lady Washington is a replica of a ship that accompanied Capt. Robert Gray's vessel Columbia Rediviva, for which the Columbia River was named in 1787. Designated Washington State's official ship in 2007, she and Hawaiian Chieftain visit more than 40 ports a year in Washington, Oregon, California, and British Columbia. Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority, the Aberdeen-based agency that owns and operates the ships, employs 30 people and has a budget of $1.2 million. Information is subject to change without notice. A Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain fact sheet is available on the Press Releases page at www.historicalseaport.org. Celebrating 20 Years of Changing People's Lives: 1989-2009 - The Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) public development authority based in Aberdeen, Wash. that owns and operates the tall ships Hawaiian Chieftain and Lady Washington, launched March 7, 1989, now the Official Ship of the State of Washington. GHHSA's mission is to provide educational, vocational, recreational and ambassadorial activities and experiences that promote and preserve the maritime history of Grays Harbor, the Pacific Northwest, and our nation while serving the needs of the community.