

Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain to Return to Harbor, Offer Three Hour Tour

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - The tall ships Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain return to their home port of Grays Harbor Wednesday Sept. 16 after a summer-long tour of Puget Sound celebrating 20 years of changing people's lives. The ships are scheduled to arrive at Aberdeen Landing, 701 E. Heron St., in Aberdeen in the afternoon after firing a cannon salute to the city near the Chehalis River Bridge. Planned activities include public tours and sailings.

At noon on Sept 17, the Hawaiian Chieftain will take guests on a three-hour Adventure Sail up the Chehalis River. A second Adventure Sail featuring both vessels is scheduled for 10 a.m. Sept 20. Tickets for each Adventure Sail are \$55 adults, \$45 students/seniors/active military, and \$35 children under 12. Purchase tickets at www.historicalseaport.org or call 800-200-5239.

On Sept. 19, the ships will participate in the Chehalis Watershed Festival, opening up for public tours at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. (The ships will remain at Aberdeen Landing. Most festival activities are at Morrison Park in Aberdeen.) At 2 p.m. Sept 19 and 20, Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain will offer three-hour Battle Sails, featuring booming cannon and close-quarters maneuvers similar to an 18th century naval skirmish. Tickets are \$60 adults, \$50 students/seniors/active military, and \$40 children under 12. Purchase tickets at www.historicalseaport.org or call 800-200-5239.

Starting Sept. 22, both ships will close to the public for maintenance. The Hawaiian Chieftain will make preparations for her upcoming California tour, themed "California 2009-2010: Hands-on History for Youth." The Lady Washington will remain in Aberdeen through the end of the year and receive a new diesel engine, upgrades to her electrical system, and routine repairs to her rigging.