Hawaiian Chieftain to Visit Westport Before California Trip

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - The tall ship Hawaiian Chieftain will visit Westport Friday through Sunday before setting sail for a six-month tour of California ports. The ship will tie up at the Westport Marina Friday afternoon and welcome visitors for walk-on tours Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. Saturday, Hawaiian Chieftain will entertain guests on a three-hour Adventure Sail, which features demonstrations of tall ship handling, a sea shanty, and maritime storytelling.

The Adventure Sail will be the final opportunity for Grays Harbor residents and visitors to sail on the vessel until she returns in the spring of 2010. Tickets are $55 adults, $45 students/seniors/active military, and $35 for children under 12. Tickets are available by calling 800-200-5239 or online at www.historicalseaport.org.

On Sunday morning, the vessel will depart Westport for Oakland, Calif., a voyage scheduled to take 10 days. Passage berths are available for passengers. Tickets may be purchased online at www.historicalseaport.org, or by calling 800-200-5239. The Westport-to-Oakland Passage is recommended for experienced travelers only; guests will be assigned a watch and may be called on to assist with vessel operations.

The theme for Hawaiian Chieftain’s trip is “California 2009-2010: Hands-on History for Youth.” The tour emphasizes the ship’s mission of delivering valuable—and in some cases, life-changing—educational experiences for young people. Scheduled ports of call include: San Francisco, Sacramento, Antioch, Rio Vista, Santa Cruz, Newport Beach, Oxnard, Ventura, Oakland, Redwood City, Eureka, Crescent City, and Coos Bay, Ore.