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From The Harbor

Free Harbor Tours: As part of World Trade Week, the Port of LA will be offering free hour-long tours of the Harbor.

The Port of Los Angeles will be offering free boat tours to the public on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, in celebration of World Trade Week 2008. The hour-long tours of the nation's number one container port will depart both days between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. from Ports O' Call Village, 1100 Nagoya Way in San Pedro, and Banning's Landing Community Center, 100 E. Water Street in Wilmington. The Port sponsors the free, fully-narrated tours each year to keep community members up to date about the latest Port developments, driving home the importance of international trade to everyday living.

Stroll the scenic Los Angeles Cruise Ship Promenade with its colorful public art, and the Harbor Boulevard Parkway with "story rope" narratives. Tour the World War II warship *S.S. Lane Victory*, docked at the Promenade, and visit the Los Angeles Maritime Museum at Sixth Street



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and Sampson Avenue. Sightseers can enjoy free rides on the Waterfront Red Car Line to all these attractions. Afterward, enjoy the lunch at one of the many international restaurants in historic downtown San Pedro. Reservations are not required for the free boat tours, which will board on a first-come, first-served basis. Wheelchair access is available at each departure point. Information about the Port's World Trade Week Boat Tours program is available 24 hours a day on the Port's toll-free special events line at (800) 831-PORT or call (310) 732-3508 during normal business hours.

World Trade Week is a national, month-long program of tours, seminars and other events to educate the public about the significance of international trade to the local economy. For information about other local World Trade Week activities, call the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce at (213) 580-7569, or visit the official event Website at www.worldtradeweek.com.



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Port of Los Angeles featured on the National Geographic Channel

Consumers nationwide got an in-depth look at the complex, water-borne supply chain that stocks America's store shelves and often runs through the Port of Los Angeles, the nation's largest container port. On April 6, the National Geographic Channel (NGC) premiered *America's Port*, a new eight-part weekly series that delivered an insider's view of the massive Port of Los Angeles complex and the intrepid individuals charged with keeping it running smoothly and securely 365 days a year.

While Los Angeles is known more for entertainment than global trade, 20 miles south of downtown L.A. is one the most important trade gateways in the world. It's a City within a city, brimming with a workforce of thousands and potential crises 'round the clock: longshoremen urgently offloading cargo; customs officials investigating suspicious containers; a port pilot circumnavigating busy and unpredictable waterways; police divers searching for missing persons; a counterterrorism chief inspecting target points — and a tireless woman at the helm of the Harbor Department.

"I think people will be amazed at the sheer magnitude of our operations," said Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "And I'm certain they will embrace the individual character, dedication and pride of the people who work here, as they get a solid sense of the inherent danger, security measures and daily pressures



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of getting it right, every time." At the epicenter of the Port's whirlwind of activity, Dr. Knatz is the Port's first female executive director and has been credited with making environmentalism a top priority — pledging to curb the Port's air pollution from trucks, ships, locomotives and other equipment by at least 45 percent in five years as part of the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, L.A.'s unprecedented clean air initiative in collaboration with the neighboring Port of Long Beach.

America's Port provides an unblinking view of this vibrant and colorful nerve center for global trade. Episodes of *America's Port* took viewers behind the scenes of the port — from bomb squad deployment in a post-9/11 world, to capturing counterfeits and illicit drugs, to the massive "green growth" campaign focused on eliminating hundreds of tons of vessel, train and truck pollution. There were personal stories and candid accounts from those in the heart of the operations who have seen and done it all.

America's Port was produced for National Geographic Channel by Original Productions, the acclaimed producers of "Ice Road Truckers" and "Deadliest Catch."

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