



News Release

Thousands Ride Port Train Tours Community gets inside look at seaport over weekend

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Nearly 2,500 people took a ride on the Port of Long Beach's free Train Tours this past Saturday and Sunday, enjoying a rare, close-up view of cargo movement, rail operations and new development at the massive port complex.



The Port's one-hour, narrated Train Tours rolled through a long stretch of the Port from container terminals to construction projects to the start of the Alameda Corridor rail connection. The Port's tours help to educate and inform the community on the economic impact of trade that flows through the Port, and the vital role of trains in transporting that freight.

"We had a tremendous amount of interest in our Train Tours – it's not every day that you can ride a train right into a working marine terminal," said Art Wong, Port of Long Beach Acting Director of Communications/Public Information Officer. "People of all ages flocked to the tours this past weekend. They were able to learn about port operations, and really enjoy themselves."

The public signed up for the free tours via www.polb.com/porttours. The next Train Tour dates have not yet been set, but the Port also offers its popular Harbor Tours from May through September each year via the same web page. The Harbor Tour is one of the "hottest tickets" in Long Beach. Today, the reservations for the July Harbor Tour dates opened and were filled in two minutes.

The next opportunity to reserve seats on a Harbor Tour will be 8 a.m. Monday, July 1, 2013, for the August dates.

The Port of Long Beach is one of the world's premier seaports, a primary gateway for trans-Pacific trade and a trailblazer in innovative goods movement, safety and environmental stewardship. With 140 shipping lines connecting Long Beach to 217 seaports worldwide, the Port handles trade valued at \$155 billion each year and supports hundreds of thousands of jobs in Southern California.

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