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Green Port Fest to Feature Train Tours

Annual event adds tours to showcase Port rail operations

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Train tours have been added to the long list of activities and attractions at the third annual Green Port Fest on October 13, where guests can see, learn and discover the Port of Long Beach.

The train tours will be co-hosted by Metrolink, Southern California's regional commuter rail operator, and Pacific Harbor Line, which dispatches and switches trains within the Port. The tours will take guests inside working cargo terminals aboard Metrolink's bi-level passenger cars.

The rail tours will leave throughout the day from a special "Green Port Express" train station at Green Port Fest, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port Administration Building. Free parking is available at the Queen Mary, 1126 Queens Highway.

On the 30-minute train tours, guests will see up close how cargo is moved and how the Port is working to reduce air pollution and manage traffic congestion through the greater use of on-dock rail yards. The tours will visit two of the Port's international container shipping facilities, International Transportation Service and Pacific Container Terminal.

"Trains are a key to moving cargo and minimizing environmental impacts at the Port of Long Beach, so we are very pleased to add these tours to our Green Port Fest," said Port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. "It will be a great way for Long Beach residents, their families and friends to gain a full perspective on Port operations."

As in past years, Green Port Fest will continue to offer boat tours to allow the public to see the Port from the water. About 70 displays and interactive exhibits, such as the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific marine life touch tank and visits by canine units from the U.S. Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection.

Three-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer Aaron Peirsol will be on hand to sign autographs and discuss protecting the health of the oceans.

More information about Green Port Fest is available at the Port's web site, www.polb.com.

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