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Independence Seaport Museum to Reopen July 18

The Museum has been closed since March 14 due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

PHILADELPHIA, PA (July 8, 2020) – Independence Seaport Museum announced today that it will reopen its doors to visitors on July 18, with a special member preview on July 15.

The Museum will operate on a weekend only schedule, from 10:00AM-5:00PM both days. A capacity limit has been activated to ensure a socially distant, but still enjoyable experience. Independence Seaport Museum has also implemented additional safety procedures inside the building as well as onboard National Historic Landmark ship Cruiser Olympia which include, but are not limited to, increased daily cleaning schedule, plastic partitions at all points of sale, staff requirement to wear masks, additional installation of hand sanitizer devices in high trafficked areas, and adjustment or removal of certain exhibit components based on levels of interactivity.

“After a long hiatus, it is wonderful to be welcoming visitors once again,” said John Brady, President & CEO, of Independence Seaport Museum. “Please be assured we are taking all the recommended precautions while providing a fantastic visitor experience. Come enjoy our award-winning exhibition River Alive!, board the indoor Schooner Diligence, and tour an actual, battle winning, flagship, Olympia.”

The Museum is highly encouraging visitors to purchase tickets in advance on our website. Admission tickets are timed and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visitors should check our website, www.phillyseaport.org, to learn about what new procedures have been put in place for guests. Examples include the wearing of face masks at all times and using hand sanitizer after interacting with exhibits, among others.

Please note that National Historic Landmark ship Submarine Becuna will remain closed until further notice for visitors and staff’s safety. While Paddle Penn’s Landing also remains closed, limited kayak excursions will begin on July 25.

About Independence Seaport Museum
Independence Seaport Museum increases the awareness, knowledge, and experience of our waterways by highlight the important role of the Delaware River through direct contact with our collections, exhibits, and the water. Our boating programs provide direct access to recreation and the scientific
study of the water from the standpoints of biology and physics while art is used to represent the importance of competing uses of the river. Through our historic ships, Cruiser Olympia and Submarine Becuna, we provide the ideal platform for examining the interaction of society and water over our nation’s history. Our educational student outreach programs ensure generational awareness of the Museum’s mission. Learn more about the Independence Seaport Museum at phillyseaport.org.

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