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A “Blessing of the Sails” ceremony will be held for Navy Week ships

BOSTON (CNRMA) – Old North Church will host a “Blessing of the Sails” ceremony for visiting U.S. and Tall Ships participating in Boston Navy Week as part of the commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. The event will be held at the Old North Church at 5:00 p.m. on July 1.

A celebration of the nation's sea services, Boston Navy Week provides an opportunity for the citizens of Boston and New England to meet Sailors, Marines and Coastguardsmen, as well as see the latest capabilities of today's maritime services first-hand.

Boston Navy Week is one of many signature events around the country commemorating the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Star-Spangled Banner. The commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812 is a salute to all Sailors and Marines who fought gallantly in that conflict, who served in all our nation's conflicts since then, and who continue defending freedom around the world today.

Since winning our independence in 1776, the United States has been a maritime nation, relying on unobstructed access and free use of the world's oceans, which are essential to our national security and prosperity. The performance of America's Sailors and Marines in the War of 1812 set the standards upon which our naval forces continue to build today.

For more information, visit the official Boston Navy Week Web site at www.bostonnavyweek.com or search "Boston Navy Week" on Facebook.

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