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## **U.S. and coalition ships compete in softball tournament**

BOSTON (CNRMA) – An intramural softball tournament, between teams from U.S. and coalition ships participating in Boston Navy Week, will take place on July 2, at the Boston Common baseball fields.

Opening ceremony for the tournament will include the ceremonial first pitch thrown out by Rear Adm. Tim Alexander, commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, the national anthem performed by U.S. Navy Band Northeast and a presentation of colors by the color guard from USS Gravelly (DDG 107).

Times of each tournament are:

- **Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Ships:** USCGC Eagle versus USS Constitution
- **Time:** 10:30 a.m.  
**Ships:** USS Wasp (LHD 1) versus USS Gravelly (DDG 107)
- **Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Ships:** HMCS Preserver versus HMCS Iroquois

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 200<sup>th</sup> 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

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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](http://www.bostonnavyweek.com) or search "Boston Navy Week" on Facebook.

Media interested in covering this event should contact Boston Navy Week public affairs at 617-918-6268 or [BOSTONPAO2012@gmail.com](mailto:BOSTONPAO2012@gmail.com).

**Transportation paragraph if needed in your press release:**

Parking is very limited in event areas. We strongly encourage using public transportation, biking or walking to and from Boston Navy Week events the entire week. Visit Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) online at [www.mbtta.com](http://www.mbtta.com) for the best way to get around the Greater Boston area via public transportation. You will find schedules, maps and fare information, important tips for subway, commuter rail, bus and boat transportation. Special event transportation will also be available. Also, on July 4th, the public will be able to park at UMASS in South Boston (Columbia Street exit off) and there will be shuttle bus service from the parking lot to Castle Island.

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