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USS WASP embark availability Friday for News Media

Norfolk, VA (NRMA) – Twenty-six U.S. and coalition ships will participate in OpSail 2012 Virginia™, a celebration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, beginning with the Parade of Sail on Friday, June 8.

There are seats available for news media to embark the multipurpose amphibious assault ship USS WASP (LHD 1) during the Parade of Sail. The ship will be the official viewing platform for the parade. Media interested in embarking the ship should contact the Regional Public Affairs Office at 757-322-2853 no later than noon on Thursday, June 7.

All the ships will be open for public visitation during the weeklong celebrations. Visit the OPSAIL 2012 web site for updated information on ship location, hours and visitation information. <http://www.opsail2012virginia.com>

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