



See, Learn, Discover at Green Port Fest October 13

Port's annual event features free boat, train tours, celebrity appearance, more

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The Port of Long Beach's annual open house is now Green Port Fest. The event is on October 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port Administration Building, with free parking at the Queen Mary, 1126 Queen's Highway.

The event provides the public with an interactive opportunity to learn about one of the world's busiest seaports and its groundbreaking Green Port Policy – a sweeping framework for how the Port is addressing environmental impacts and changing the very way it does business. Last year the event drew 5,000 people. New to the event this year are train tours and a celebrity appearance by three-time Olympic gold medal swimmer and environmental advocate Aaron Peirsol.

Here's a preview of what's in store...

- **Go Out on the Water**
Boat trips scheduled every hour will take passengers on tours of the Port. Seats are limited, so arrive early to get your boat reservations and tickets.
- **Ride the Green Port Express**
Train tours will be departing a special station throughout the day, so hop aboard the rails to see how cargo moves in and out of the Port by train.
- **Celebrity Appearance by Aaron Peirsol**
Three-time Olympic gold medalist swimmer Aaron Peirsol will sign autographs and talk about his environmental advocacy on behalf of clean oceans.
- **Learn from the Experts**
About 70 interactive displays will show how the Port is protecting wildlife, reducing air pollution, improving security and more.
- **Security Station**
Check out security equipment, patrol boats, robot demonstrations, canine partners and meet officers from the Port Harbor Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection who protect the Port.
- **A Touching Display**
Get a hands-on look at sea anemones, starfish, sharks and other sea life at the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific's touch-tank.

- **Free Parking**
Shuttle buses will take visitors from the free parking site, at the Queen Mary, to Green Port Fest. Long Beach Transit hybrid-powered buses will shuttle visitors to the boat tour dock area.
- **Big Machines**
See the giant “top picks,” “yard hostlers” and other heavy equipment that move cargo containers around Port terminals.
- **You’re the Engineer**
Don’t miss the rail simulator, where you can experience what it’s like to drive the kind of locomotive that moves freight trains at the Port.
- **Music and Dance**
The entertainment stage will feature the best of local Long Beach entertainment, including music, dancing and other performances throughout the day.
- **Eyes Under the Sea**
See how the Port’s new underwater security submersibles are assisting the Harbor Patrol to protect the community.
- **What’s in the Box?**
A cargo container helps visitors understand how our shipping system works.
- **Children’s Playground**
Children can visit the bounce house, slide, an arts and crafts activity center, or sit for a face painting.
- **Green Port Theater**
The stage play “Pollution Solution,” by International City Theater, will be featured.
- **A Walk through History**
Historical photographs and artifacts in our special “Discovery Center” will bring the Port’s past to life.

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