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ENJOY THE FIREWORKS SPECTACULAR AT INDEPENDENCE SEAPORT MUSEUM

Philadelphia, PA (April 2, 2014) – [Independence Seaport Museum](http://www.phillyseaport.org) will be hosting the annual Fireworks Spectacular on July 6, 2014 at 9:30 p.m. in order to celebrate Independence Day. The Museum will remain open until 10:30 p.m. Visitors have the choice between two different celebrations: participate in festivities on the 2nd floor balcony or enjoy the view onboard Cruiser *Olympia* at our VIP Fireworks Spectacular reception.

The festivities on the 2nd floor balcony include prime viewing access to the fireworks on the Seaport Museum balcony, Museum admission and free activities for children. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase (while supplies last). The tickets cost \$13.50 for adults and \$10 for children, college students, and seniors (65 & over). Members and children two and under are free. If visitors purchase a Museum admission earlier in the day, they are welcome to come back and enjoy the activities.

The VIP Fireworks Spectacular reception will provide guests with remarkable views of the fireworks onboard Cruiser *Olympia*. The tickets include access to the Seaport Museum, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and sparkling water, wine, beer, and soft drinks. Visitors can enjoy the beautiful view, while being entertained by Gin Canaries. Tickets cost \$100 for non-members, \$75 for members and \$25 for children.

In order to avoid crowds and parking fees, guests should arrive early and take public transportation. Independence Seaport Museum's \$5 after 5 p.m. promotion will not be offered for the Historic Ships on July 6, because the ships will be closed for the preparation of the VIP Fireworks Spectacular reception.

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Independence Seaport Museum maintains one of the largest maritime collections in North America, combining more than 25,000 artifacts with hands-on exhibits and large-scale ship models. In addition, the Museum has a traditional wooden boat shop, the J. Welles Henderson Archives and Library and a 530-seat concert hall with sound stage quality acoustics. The Museum also includes two National Historic Landmark ships—the Spanish-American War Cruiser, Olympia, and the World War II Submarine Becuna. Located at Philadelphia’s Penn’s Landing Waterfront, the museum is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit www.phillyseaport.org for more information.

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