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INTRODUCING THE USS HORNET PROJECT TO PALM BEACH

Palm Beach Maritime Museum to Host Exhibit in Support of New Tall Ship Educational Program

In the early 19th century, the USS HORNET symbolized the bold ambitions of a young nation, became a crucible of leadership, and built a “Heritage of Excellence” that endured for generations. The Naval Heritage Society and the Palm Beach Maritime Foundation plan to bring her back to do it again.

The USS HORNET Project is a completely unique educational model designed to instill traditional U.S. Navy standards of teamwork and leadership in civilian and military audiences alike. This unique programming will be hosted onboard the first reconstruction of a fully-functional sailing warship as an integral part of hands-on training and teaching. The re-created ship will be manned by a crew of Navy veterans who will lead participants in one-of-a-kind teamwork and leadership programs, empowering audiences in the new millennium with 18th century technology.

The historical HORNET was one of the most successful and decorated of the War of 1812, and went on to fight slavery on the coast of Africa before becoming a fixture in Florida history in the 1820’s. In 1821, HORNET was present at Pensacola to ensure a peaceful transition of Florida from Spain to

the United
States. The ship remained in Florida waters for nearly a decade combatting piracy.

The Palm Beach Maritime Museum will host a special feature exhibition on the historical USS HORNET.
The exhibit will feature a huge 16-foot long model of the ship, as well as the figurehead of the new ship,
a gilded eagle with a 10-foot wingspan. The exhibit will officially open to the public on Friday, December
20th at 2 pm at the museum at 2400 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407. Everyone is
welcome.

The USS HORNET exhibit will be open now through Summer 2014. For more information on the USS
HORNET Project, visit www.navalheritage.org or www.pbmm.org.

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