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America's Tall Ship Eagle to Visit Curacao

The Coast Guard Cutter Barque Eagle, also known as America's Tall Ship, will arrive at the West Wharf in Curacao from Cartagena de Indias (Colombia) on Friday, May 28, at 10 am.

The Eagle participates in the VELAS SUDAMERICA 2010 tall ships regatta. The regatta celebrates the Bicentennial of the First National Governing Board. The Navies of Chile and Argentina have also joined in the organization of "Sails South America 2010". The Bicentennial Regatta unites several magnificent sailing ships, among them frigates, schooners and brigs, both civil and military, from various countries sailing the seas of South America and the Caribbean.

The Eagle is the only square-rigged ship in active American government service and was originally commissioned as the Horst Wessel in 1936 as a German training ship. Since 1946, the Eagle has sailed each summer in support of United States Coast Guard officer training programs, exposing future Coast Guard leaders to their first taste of life at sea. The 74-year old Eagle is a 295' long, three-masted square rigger with over 23,500 square feet of sail and six miles of rigging. You can follow Eagle's summer cruise on face book at: www.facebook.com/coastguardcuttereagle

The Eagle will be open for free public tours from 10am until 6pm on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 29th through 31st.

Media are invited to meet the Eagle upon its arrival to Curacao on Friday. Media will be given the opportunity to see the ship first hand and speak with members of the crew. If interested, please email Christopher Nolan at Christopher.d.nolan@uscg.mil.

For more information on USCGC Eagle visit: www.cga.edu.

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