Historical Seaport Announces $100,000 SAILING GREEN Capital Campaign

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - The Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority has announced its SAILING GREEN capital campaign to raise $100,000 by December 31, 2009 for the purchase of a new fuel efficient diesel engine for the tall ship Lady Washington. The new engine, as well as electrical system upgrades, will reduce the vessel’s carbon footprint.

Wind–the greenest energy source on earth–is Lady Washington’s preferred power source. But she also needs an engine to maneuver in small marinas and keep up with a 21st century schedule. Although the ship’s current 1950s-era engine has been dependable, its carbon footprint is no longer acceptable. As caretaker of the Official Ship of the State of Washington, the Historical Seaport believes Lady Washington should operate under the greenest power possible.

The Historical Seaport will replace Lady Washington’s aging Detroit Diesel 8V-71 with a new fuel efficient engine and marine gear. The new engine will meet or exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Tier II exhaust emissions standards, California marine engine exhaust standards, and the standards established by the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution From Ships (Annex VI).

Without a new engine, the Lady Washington may be prevented from sailing in California waters due to the state’s strict air pollution regulations. The new engine, along with planned upgrades of the ship’s electrical and lighting systems, will reduce fuel consumption, emissions and her carbon footprint.

The Historical Seaport is gratefully accepting donations to its SAILING GREEN campaign online at www.historicalseaport.org. Donors may also call 800-200-5239 or mail a check to SAILING GREEN, Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority, PO Box 2019, Aberdeen, WA, 98520. For more information, contact Capt. Les Bolton, GHHSA executive director, 800-200-5239, les@historicalseaport.org.