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Portsmouth to Host Coast Guard City Celebration August 4-6, 2011

Portsmouth, VA – In conjunction with the 221st birthday of the US Coast Guard (USCG), the City of Portsmouth will host its second Coast Guard City Celebration for the community, August 4th through August 6th.

Coast Guard City Celebration events for all ages will kick off on the US Coast Guard's birthday, Thursday, August 4th, with the theme, "Celebration of 100 Years of Flying".

Schedule of events:

Thursday, August 4th

- 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. Starboards' Birthday Celebration
Starboards' Coffee Kiosk; 101 High Street
Open to public
- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. "Coast Guard Art & Aviation" Exhibit
Skipjack Nautical Wares & Marine Gallery; 1 High Street (on riverfront)
Free and open to public
- 11 a.m. (Doors open for seating/lunch)
"Recollections of a Pioneer" Audio-Visual Event with Sergei Sikorsky
Commodore Theatre; 421 High Street
Presentation starts at 12 noon and is free and open to public
Lunch at own expense (kitchen closes at 11:45 a.m.)
- 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. First Responders BBQ & Slaw Throwdown
North Landing; near 8 Crawford Parkway
Open to public - Cost: \$15/person; \$12/USCG active duty ID holders

Friday, August 5th

- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. "Coast Guard Art & Aviation" Exhibit
Skipjack Nautical Wares & Marine Gallery
Free and open to public
- 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Concert in the Courtyard: Robbin Thompson
Courthouse Galleries Courtyard; 420 Court Street
Free and open to public

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Saturday, August 6th

- 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Coast Guard City Century Bike Tour
Virginia Sports Hall of Fame; 206 High Street
Open to public (<http://cgcc.eventbrite.com>)
- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Coast Guard City Portsmouth Street Festival
Rides, slides, and family fun all day!
Free and open to public
- 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Coast Guard “100 Years of Flying & More” Exhibit
Children’s Museum of Virginia - Orientation Room; 221 High Street
Exhibit is free and open to public; use side entrance
- 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. Closing Ceremony
High Street Landing
Free and open to public

For more information, please call the Portsmouth Visitor Center at 757-393-5111 or visit:
www.CoastGuardCityPortsmouth.com.

In November 2009, the City of Portsmouth received congressional approval for designation by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) as an official “Coast Guard City.” The shared history of Portsmouth and the Coast Guard began in 1820 when the U.S. Lighthouse Service anchored its first lightship off Craney Island. In 1870, the Lighthouse Service boat depot and buoy yard was established and in 1874 the Sixth Life Saving District was established in Portsmouth. The Coast Guard selected Portsmouth due to the city’s nearly 200 years of support for the Coast Guard. The honorary distinction is indicative of the productive, ongoing relationship between the Portsmouth community and local Coast Guard units, including the 5th District, Atlantic Area, Base Portsmouth and Sector Hampton Roads.

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