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### **Navy and Coast Guard ships open for public tours during Fleet Week New York City 2011**

Public visitation on U.S. Navy ships participating in this year's Fleet Week will be held May 26 – May 31. The amphibious assault ship **USS Iwo Jima** (LHD 7), **USCGC Willow** (WLB 202) and **USCGC Tampa** (WMEC 902) will be moored in Manhattan at Pier 88 at 48<sup>th</sup> St. and 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. Public visitation will be open to the first 2,500 in attendance beginning at 8 a.m. daily, except Sunday.

Amphibious assault ship **USS New York** (LPD 21), and three Oliver Hazard Perry-class frigates **USS Kauffman** (FFG 59), **USS Carr** (FFG 52), **USS John L. Hall** (FFG 32) and **USCGC Katherine Walker** (WLM 552) will be moored at the Homeport Pier in Staten Island, and will be open daily beginning at 8 a.m.

In addition to public visitation of participating ships, there will be a number of exhibits highlighting technology of the maritime services and the skilled expertise of our service members.

Occurring nearly every year since 1984, Fleet Week New York celebrates the sea services with events throughout the city and immediate surrounding areas. This event provides an opportunity for citizens to meet Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, as well as see, first-hand, the latest capabilities of today's maritime services.

For more information, visit the official Fleet Week New York City Web site at [CNRMA Fleet Week web site](http://www.fleetweeknewyork.com) or find "Fleet Week New York" on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FleetWeekNewYork).

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