



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
May 22, 2006

**CONTACT:** Nicole Halsey/ Kristi Betz  
Weinberg Harris & Associates  
410.427.0123 x 232, 225  
nhalsey@weinbergharris.com  
kbetz@weinbergharris.com

Helen Bentley/KeyKidder  
helenbentley@hotmail.com

## **ONE THOUSAND PARTY-GOERS TO FLOCK TO PORT OF BALTIMORE'S 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GRAND EVENT ON JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**WHAT:** The Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee will host PORT 300! -- the Signature Event commemorating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Port of Baltimore. Approximately one thousand guests will celebrate this milestone event at the newly unveiled \$13 million cruise ship terminal in South Locust Point.

With FOX news anchor, Brit Hume, as the Keynote speaker, and the popular swinging band, Mood Swings, featuring classic big band sounds, the night is sure to be spectacular. Enjoy tours on local historic vessels; socialize with characters from Baltimore's maritime history; celebrate 300 years of the Port's success with a cocktail reception, seated dinner, and dancing. Dress is black tie optional.

**WHERE:** South Locust Point Cruise Terminal  
2001 E. McComas Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 1, 2006

**TIME:** 5 – 7 p.m. Visit the vessels on display – World War II Liberty Ship *John W. Brown*, 100-year-old Steam Tug *Baltimore*, and Maryland's ambassador to the world *Pride of Baltimore II* (Be sure to wear low-heeled shoes!)

7 – 7:45 p.m. Cocktail reception with "living history" characters

8 p.m. Seated dinner

9 p.m. Program and dessert (Keynote Speaker Brit Hume)

10 – 11 p.m. Dancing (Music provided by Mood Swings)

11 p.m. Fireworks display

**TICKETS:** Tickets are available ONLY in advance and will cost \$150 per person. They can be obtained by visiting [www.portofbaltimore300.org](http://www.portofbaltimore300.org) - Shop for Merchandise or by calling 410-427-0123. Proceeds from PORT 300! will benefit future educational outreach for the Port of Baltimore. There is no sales tax on event tickets.

-more-

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Members of the media are encouraged to attend. For security purposes, if you plan to attend the event you must call 410-427-0123 (Weinberg Harris & Associates), 410-952-2122 (Nicole Halsey) or 443-570-3012 (Kristi Betz) by noon Wednesday, May 31 to be placed on the Visitor's list. You must bring a photo ID to the event.

***About The Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee*** ([www.PortofBaltimore300.org](http://www.PortofBaltimore300.org))

*Under the leadership of the Honorable Helen Delich Bentley, the Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee was created in June 2005. The Port of Baltimore Tricentennial Committee is a group of maritime industry experts as well as representatives from the city and state who are coordinating efforts to promote the 300<sup>th</sup> celebration year of the Port of Baltimore. Campaigns throughout the year recognizing the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary include a signature event to be held in June 2006, bus tours of Dundalk and Seagirt Marine Terminals, participation in the city's semi-annual Waterfront Festival and the Volvo Ocean Race in the Inner Harbor, the unveiling of a commemorative 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary license plate and fine lithograph print, as well as special exhibits and activities with partner organizations.*

# # #