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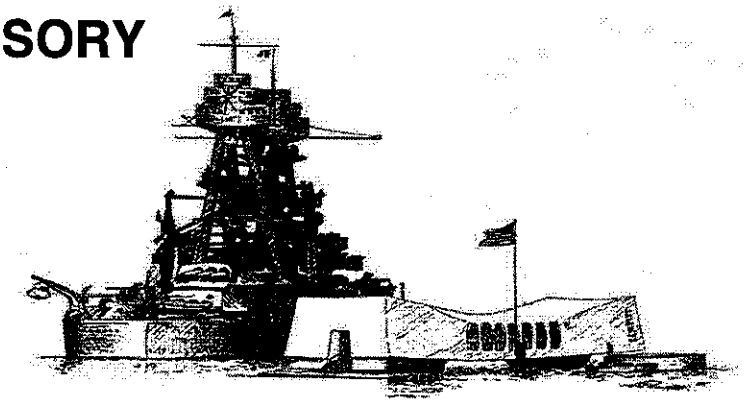

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UNDERWAY OPPORTUNITY ONBOARD CHILEAN TALL SHIP ESMERALDA

The Chilean Navy has invited media representatives for an overnight underway opportunity onboard its tall ship Esmeralda. Interviews with sailors and a demonstration of the rigging and maneuvers will be part of the media opportunity.

Esmeralda was launched in 1952 for the Spanish Navy as a sailing training vessel but was sold to the Chilean Navy and commissioned in 1954. Esmeralda, a four masted Barquentine, is one of the largest sailing vessels afloat, carrying a crew of 271 sailors and 80 cadets. The ship has participated in many maritime events around the world and is regarded as a national symbol of Chile.

The ship will depart from Lahaina, Maui at 6 p.m. on May 13, 2004. Guests must be onboard by 4 p.m. The ship will arrive in Pearl Harbor, Hawai'i, at 8:30 a.m. on May 14th. All underway expenses, including messing and berthing, will be paid for by the Chilean Navy. There are no accommodations for female passengers.

Media representatives who would like to cover this event must contact the Navy Region Hawai'i Public Affairs Office at (808) 473-2888 by April 15th. Requests will be forwarded on a first come, first serve basis to Chilean Naval Mission in Washington D.C.

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