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AIRCRAFT CARRIER INTREPID MOVES INTO DRY DOCK

*Intrepid to undergo 60-75 days of restoration and refurbishment at
Bayonne Dry Dock & Repair Corp.*

[April, 10, 2007, Bayonne, NJ] The fabled aircraft carrier Intrepid today will move to dry dock at Bayonne Dry Dock & Repair Corp. on the Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor to begin the next phase of her refurbishment.

The Intrepid will be tugged from her current berth at Cape Liberty Cruise Terminal at approximately 8:00 AM. It could take up to four hours for Intrepid to be tugged from her berth, and then winched bow-first into the dry dock.

Closing the dry dock's door at the stern of the Intrepid is tidally dependent, and will tentatively be closed from noon – 12:30 PM. Water will then be pumped out of the dry dock until it is one foot above the docking blocks on which Intrepid will sit.

Divers will enter the water at approximately 2:30 PM to inspect the ship's hull and make sure that she is properly aligned above the docking blocks. The inspection will likely take approximately one hour to complete.

After the ship is aligned, from approximately 3:30 – 4:30 PM, water will be pumped from the graving dock, until the ship is resting on the blocks. Divers will re-inspect and adjust the blocks as needed, before pumping the remaining water from the dry dock on Wednesday, April 11th.

“We're thrilled to see Intrepid moving into her next phase of refurbishment. She's going to get quite a facelift here at Bayonne Dry Dock. When Intrepid leaves here, she is going to look brand new after being coated with 6,500 gallons of 'battleship gray' paint,” said Bill White, president of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.

While in dry dock, the ship's hull will be water blasted, primed and repainted. Intrepid's flight deck will be repainted and relined. Additionally, steel on the ship's hull and superstructure will be refurbished or replaced as needed.

“We’re very proud to serve as Intrepid’s temporary home, and to give her the updates she so deserves. She’s in good hands here,” said Mike Cranston, president of Bayonne Dry Dock & Repair Corp.

It is anticipated that Intrepid will remain at Bayonne Dry Dock & Repair for approximately 60 – 75 days. The ship will then be moved to Homeport on Staten Island.

While in Staten Island, Intrepid’s interior will receive a thorough renovation. Many of the ship’s exhibits will be redesigned and refurbished. New exhibits, including state-of-the-art interactives will be added. Never-before-seen areas of the ship will be opened to the public for the first time including the fo’c’sle (commonly known as the anchor chain room), as well as junior officer and general berthing quarters.

About the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum

Established in 1982, the Intrepid Sea, Air, & Space Museum complex is comprised of the 900-foot-long aircraft carrier Intrepid with two full decks and four theme halls; the guided missile submarine Growler; and an extensive aircraft collection including the A-12 Blackbird, the fastest plane in the world, and the British Airways Concorde, the fastest commercial aircraft in the world. The Museum has been offering a wide variety of programs and events for children and adults. The Intrepid will return to a brand new, state-of-the-art Pier 86 on Manhattan’s West Side in the fall of 2008.

About Bayonne Dry Dock & Repair Corp.

Bayonne Dry Dock & Repair Corp. operates a full service ship repair yard located in the Port Jersey area of New York/New Jersey harbor. Conveniently situated just miles from the Verrazano Bridge, the Bayonne facility has no aerial draft restrictions and is ideal for both commercial and government vessels. The graving dock measures 1092' x 148', with a dock floor load capacity of 99,000 tons. Complementing the yard's full service machine, pipe and valve shops is a professional staff of experienced marine fabrication and repair craftsmen. Available 24-hours a day, Bayonne Dry Dock offers high quality, expert service on any standard or specialized job, particularly in an emergency.

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