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PATRIOTS POINT NAVAL & MARITIME MUSEUM TO REOPEN FOLLOWING TEMPORARY CLOSURE

Museum Will Reopen to Visitors on Tuesday, December 19

MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. – Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum will reopen to visitors on Tuesday, Dec. 19, after temporarily closing due to the historic USS Yorktown slightly shifting its berth because of the record-setting storm surge caused by the Nor'easter that passed through Charleston. Since arriving in Mount Pleasant in 1975, the ship has only moved one other time, during Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

Patriots Point staff worked with engineering firms it has contracted to perform a complete safety assessment of the museum and its ships, the USS Yorktown and the USS Laffey.

The storm did not affect Spiritline Cruises and Fort Sumter Tours' Patriots Point location. Those businesses are open to the public.

The destroyer USS Laffey is secured through mooring lines and moves freely with the Charleston Harbor tides. The USS Yorktown is buried more than 25 feet in the mud and does not rise and fall with the tides. During Hurricane Hugo, the ship was lifted an estimated six feet before resettling. During the Nor'easter Sunday, the ship moved approximately six inches.

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum visitors can visit www.patriotspoint.org for updates related to holiday hours and event information.

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About Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, on the Charleston Harbor, is the #1 attraction in Mount Pleasant, S.C., and is home to a fleet of National Historic Landmark ships, and the only Vietnam Support Base Camp in the U.S. Patriots Point is also headquarters to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and the agency's official Medal of Honor Museum. Visit www.patriotspoint.org for more details, or find us at @patriots_point on Twitter and Instagram, and Facebook at www.facebook.com/PatriotsPoint.org.

About the USS Yorktown Foundation

The USS Yorktown Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to raising funds to provide scholarships for educational programs at Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, as well as supporting new exhibits, symposiums and special programs. The Foundation's mission is "to cultivate a unique learning environment that connects generations by celebrating America's history and its heroes, inspiring freedom, patriotism, leadership and service." For more information, please visit www.USSYorktownFoundation.org or call 843.881.5925.