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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR FLEET WEEK SAN DIEGO**  
***The Sea & Air Parade Sailed Through the San Diego Big Bay***

**SAN DIEGO, MAY 27, 2008** – U.S. Navy warships and aircraft stormed the San Diego Big Bay during the Port of San Diego Sea & Air Parade, May 3. The event kicked off Fleet Week San Diego, which pays tribute to San Diego’s military throughout the year.

Spectators viewed Navy vessels comprised of a Cruiser, a Frigate, two destroyers and two Amphibious ships. Also, two Tall Ships, *The Californian* and *the HMS Surprise*, were in action as they displayed an exciting and thunderous mock battle.

This free event allowed over 125,000 spectators to view the spectacular show on both sides of the waterfront on the shores of Shelter Island, Point Loma, Harbor Island and Coronado. Many also chose to set sail aboard their own private boat and view the parade as it passed by them along the waters.

In an unprecedented move, the Red Bull Air Race World Series followed the Sea & Air Parade. The Air Race featured the world’s best pilots in a motor sports competition based on speed, precision and skill using the fastest, most agile and lightweight racing planes in the world.

The globe’s newest motorsport series not only brought a new dimension to racing, but also dominated the skies and awed the crowds. Englishman Paul Bonhomme came in first place, while Americans Mike Mangold and Kirby Chambliss finished in second and third place, respectively.

**2008 Schedule of Events**

Fleet Week San Diego 2008 events have just begun. Below is a sampling of the many events planned to properly pay tribute to our nation’s military. Visit [www.fleetweeksandiego.org](http://www.fleetweeksandiego.org) for more information.

July 6  
Bands and Booms  
produced by the San Diego Symphony

August 25  
Fleet Week Baseball Game

September 20  
Star Spangled Salute presented by AT&T

September 27-28  
Coronado Speed Festival

October 3-5  
Miramar Air Show

October 11  
Fleet Week Football Classic

*Fleet Week San Diego is a nonprofit, public benefit corporation. In addition to honoring the military services through the annual Fleet Week events, the foundation’s goals are to foster awareness of the contributions made by enlisted military personnel and their families, to enhance relationships between the civilian, business and military communities, to provide events that Military personnel and their families can attend at little or no cost, and to raise funds for charitable efforts benefiting enlisted service members and their families. Benefiting organizations include the USO, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and the Armed Services YMCA. For more information, or for a complete listing of all of the Fleet Week events, please visit [www.fleetweeksandiego.org](http://www.fleetweeksandiego.org).*

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