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Public Invited to Join in Mock Cannon Battles in Ocean Institute’s “Duel of the Privateers”

DANA POINT, CA, January 3, 2008 – Hear the cannons roar and watch tall ships engage in battle maneuvers in an exciting re-enactment of a 19th century sea skirmish between the *Spirit of Dana Point* and *Lynx*, where everything is real but the cannon balls. The “Duel of the Privateers” mock battles will be held on Saturday and Sunday, February 2 & 3, 1-4 p.m. There will be dockside tours of both ships 10 a.m. to noon.

Reserve your spot onboard one of the ships by calling (949) 496-2274. The cost is \$55 adults, \$25 children (ages 4-12). For members of the Ocean Institute: \$49 adults, \$22 children. Boarding for the *Spirit* is alongside the Ocean Institute, 24200 Dana Point Harbor Blvd., Dana Point.

Ongoing Activities

The Ocean Institute is open to the public on weekends, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Visitors can enjoy ongoing exhibits, view hundreds of living ocean animals, and witness shark and jellyfish feedings. Cost is \$6 adults, \$4 children. Or, with the purchase of a membership, a family can enjoy year-round free admission, benefit from member-only events and receive discounts on all other programs. For information, visit www.ocean-institute.org.

Founded in 1977, the Ocean Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to ocean preservation through education, setting the standard for educational excellence and serving as a leading resource for universities, museums, teachers and all others seeking to increase their knowledge of the ocean. The Ocean Institute is open to the general public on weekends, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 children (ages 4-12), Ocean Institute members free. Unique maritime and ocean-themed items are available in the Chambers Gallery everyday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Institute address: 24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point. Website: www.ocean-institute.org.

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