

SEATTLE'S MARITIME EVENT CENTER AT BELL HARBOR NOW OPEN FOR PRIVATE PARTIES AND MEETINGS

Waterfront Location on Pier 66 Becomes Unique Multipurpose Venue

SEATTLE (April 20, 2009) – The Maritime Event Center at Bell Harbor International Conference Center in downtown Seattle is now open for meetings and events for up to 700 guests. The space was previously home to the Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center, an interactive nautical museum. The marine exhibits remain on display, providing a distinctive setting for events on Seattle's waterfront.

"We're thrilled to offer the Maritime Event Center as an outstanding new option for meeting and event planners," said Greg Werry, general manager of Bell Harbor International Conference Center. "The maritime theme and location on Puget Sound provide the ideal Seattle destination for a business or social gathering."

In partnership with Friends of the Maritime, a not-for profit board of local maritime leaders, the Maritime Event Center will introduce the Maritime Education Initiative. Through complimentary community events and student programs at the Maritime Event Center, this new initiative will engage 10,000 youth and community families with educational programs and tours.

This newly available venue is located adjacent to Bell Harbor International Conference Center and offers more than 20,000 square feet of space at Pier 66. The Maritime Event Center offers unbeatable views of Elliott Bay and Seattle's skyline, along with top notch catering service provided by Bell Harbor International Conference Center.

The unique multilevel floor plan of the Maritime Event Center provides 40-foot-high ceilings, second-level catwalks, intimate gathering spaces, breakout meeting rooms and spacious galleries. For more information call (206) 441-6666.

Bell Harbor International Conference Center

Bell Harbor International Conference Center is Seattle's premier waterfront conference venue, with 18 meeting rooms totaling 98,387 square feet and capacity for up to 6,000 guests. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology and amenities, this quintessential Seattle meeting venue provides the finest service and cuisine. Bell Harbor International Conference Center is owned by the Port of Seattle and managed and operated by Seattle-based Columbia Hospitality, Inc. To learn more visit www.bellharbor.com.

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