

PORT OF SEATTLE
MEMORANDUM

COMMISSION AGENDA

Item No. 4a

Date of Meeting October 9, 2012

DATE: October 2, 2012
TO: Tay Yoshitani, Chief Executive Officer
FROM: Michael McLaughlin, Director of Cruise and Maritime Operations
SUBJECT: Special Order of Business: Seafair Fleet Week Recognition

Representatives from Seafair and partner Seattle Navy League—whose mission is to support the Sea Services and the men and women who serve through direct action and enhancing community awareness—will recognize the Port of Seattle for its continued partnership in planning and supporting Seattle Seafair Fleet Week.

Seafair is Seattle’s traditional summer festival that brings an entire community together in celebration. For over 60 years, Seafair has been about community events, parades, Miss Seafair, the Navy and Coast Guard, amateur athletics, airplanes and of course, boat racing. But most of all, Seafair has been about people, and it continues to be.

Seafair Fleet Week has been a big part of this tradition in Seattle since 1950 with many U.S. naval vessels annually coming into the Port of Seattle to celebrate this region’s premier summertime festival. In partnership with the Navy League – Seattle Council and Port of Seattle, Seafair Fleet Week honors the men and women of the military who proudly and courageously serve our country.

Behind the scenes is a dedicated 40-member Board of Directors, a talented year-round staff of only seven, and a dozen seasonal staff and summer interns that along with 5,000 volunteers bring it all together.