**Sail Aruba’s Event Program Packed with Excitement**

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The two full day event will open on Friday, May 1st, 2015 at 10:00 am. The public will be able to park in the vicinity of the Port of Oranjestad and walk over to the Main gate entrance (near Diamond’s International), where they can  enjoy the local Seafood Festival, Open Market, Visit to all the ships in port, and the Port Exhibition “The Hearbeat of Oranjestad” at the main cruise terminal.  Starting at 2:00 p.m. the Dutch marines will host a wide array of stunts and activities. These activities will include Fly-by’s, Boarding Boat demonstrations, Search and Rescue demonstrations, and K-9 demos. They will also have food and drink stands where the public can enjoy some downtime during the festivities.

While the daytime activities will also take place on Saturday May 2nd, on Friday, there will be a special performance of the longest running production in the Netherlands, Soldaat van Oranje at 7:30 pm on port premises. The international producers and cast of the piece will adapt the production to a local hero’s story. Boy Ecury, a WWII hero and victim who’s story will be relayed in the production which will take place on Friday at 7:30. The event will concluded by a marvelous Fireworks display on the water.(???)

On both evenings families and movie lovers in general will also be able to enjoy the Sail in Cinema hosted by the Renaissance Resort & Casino near the Schoener Haven. On both Friday and Saturday, at 9:00 and 8:00 p.m. respectively, attendees can delight in a showing of *Pirates of the Caribbean* and the classic movie *Jaw*s, land-side or seaside. Definitely a first and unique experience!

The festivities will take place in commemoration of the 200 year existence of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The Committee “Viering 200 jaar Koninkrijk Aruba” is responsible for putting together the program for the Sail Aruba 2015 celebrations. It is scheduled to be the largest event to take place at the Port of Oranjestad.  The activities will be open to the public and will encompass all the authority’s properties such as the Harbor Arena and the surrounding waters which fall under port jurisdiction, for example the Schoener Haven. Active partners include:  Aruba Ports Authority N.V., Marinierskazerne Savaneta and the Kustwacht Caribisch Gebied, SEL Maduro & Sons, NOW! Advertising,  DIVI Resorts.

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