



THE NATIONAL CIVIL WAR NAVAL MUSEUM

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Port Columbus RiverBlast! March 22, 2014

COLUMBUS, GA – Each spring, sailors and marines both Union and Confederate gather at Port Columbus for Port Columbus' largest living history event, RiverBlast! This year's theme is *Rivers to the Past*. Through outdoor programming and the History Now! Museum Theatre Festival, the museum will take a special look at the recruitment, training and daily life aboard ship of the Civil War sailor as well as civilians, both free and enslaved who lived, worked, and served along the banks of the Chattahoochee River during the American Civil War.

Outdoor programming on the museum's 9-acre grounds and full scale replica of the USS *Water Witch* will feature weapons drill and demonstration, cannon firings, naval landing party demonstrations, and much more.

Inside the museum, the History Now! Museum Theatre Festival will present performances by Living History Interpreters. These performances will also be staged at the River Walk Amphitheatre – the 19th century construction site of the Civil War ironclad *Jackson* – free to the public as part of ArtBeat.

RiverBlast! 2014

Saturday, March 22: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cost: Regular Admission

ArtBeat Programming

Saturday March 22: 11am

Cost: FREE

Port Columbus is located at 1002 Victory Drive in Columbus, Georgia, and is open Sun-Mon 12:30pm-4:30pm and Tues-Sat 10am-4:30pm. For more information, visit www.portcolumbus.org or call 706-327-9798.

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About the National Civil War Naval Museum: The National Civil War Naval Museum features two original Civil War military vessels, uniforms, equipment and weapons used by the Union and Confederate navies. The Museum has special events scheduled throughout the year including living history programs, tours and community outreach. A schedule of events can be located on the Museum website. The Museum is located in South Commons near the Civic Center in downtown Columbus. For more information, call 706-327-9798 or visit www.portcolumbus.org.