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H.M.S. BOUNTY REPLICA MEMORIAL DEDICATION

On Saturday, July 19 at 1p.m., there will be a ceremony dedicating the memorial stone for the replica of the *H.M.S. Bounty*. The ship had visited the Newburgh waterfront twice, forging bonds between the crew members and the community, and capturing the imaginations of all generations. The dedication will take place between the restaurants Cena 2000 & River Grill. At 2 p.m. the U. S. Coast Guard will demonstrate an air-sea rescue. Parking will be in the ferry parking lot at the southern end of Front Street on Newburgh's waterfront.

The *Bounty* replica was commissioned by the Metro Goldwyn Mayer film studio for the 1962 film, Mutiny on the Bounty. She was the first large vessel built from scratch for a film using historical sources. *Bounty* was built to the original ship's drawings from files in the British Admiralty archives, and in the traditional manner by more than 200 workers over an 8 month period in Nova Scotia. In 1986 media mogul Ted Turner acquired the MGM film library and *Bounty* with it. The ship was used for promotion and entertainment, and was used during the filming of Treasure Island with Charlton Heston in 1989. In 1993, Turner donated the ship to the Fall River Chamber Foundation in Massachusetts, which established the Tall Ship Bounty Foundation to operate the ship as an educational venture. In February 2001, *Bounty* was purchased from the Foundation by the HMS Bounty Organization LLC.

On October 29, 2012 during Hurricane Sandy, the ship's master reported that *Bounty* was taking on water off the coast of North Carolina, about 160 miles (260 km) from the storm, and the crew were preparing to abandon ship. There were sixteen people aboard. Later, Vice Admiral Parker, USCG, reported the ship had sunk and fourteen people had been rescued from life rafts by two rescue helicopters. Claudene Christian, one of the two missing crew members and who claimed to be a descendant of *HMS Bounty* mutineer Fletcher Christian, was found by the Coast Guard. She was unresponsive, and rushed to a hospital where she was pronounced dead. The other missing *Bounty* crew member was long-time captain Robin Walbridge; the Coast Guard search for him was suspended on November 1, 2012.