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FREE Public Tours on the Ocean Survey Vessel Bold

- WHO:** United States Environmental Protection Agency
Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program
State of the Gulf of Mexico Summit
- WHEN:** March 27 – 29, 2006
Tours 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- WHERE:** Cargo Dock 1 located in the Plaza at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center
- WHAT:** The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP) is excited to announce the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Ocean Survey Vessel *Bold* will be in Corpus Christi, Texas, March 27 – 29, 2006. The *Bold* is a special guest in conjunction with the State of the Gulf of Mexico Summit being held at the Omni-Bayfront Hotel March 28 – 30, 2006.

The OSV *Bold* is the former Navy vessel, United States Naval Ship (USNS) *Bold*. The Navy decommissioned the USNS *Bold* in 2004, and then transferred the vessel to the EPA. The *Bold* is EPA's new ocean and coastal monitoring ship which will operate in coastal waters of the Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic and Pacific. It will provide EPA and other environmental organizations with valuable monitoring and assessment information of the health of our nation's coastal waters.

The *Bold* will be located at Cargo Dock 1 in the Plaza at the Solomon P. Ortiz Center in Corpus Christi, Texas for 3 days.

Please note: Purses, handbags and backpacks are subject to being searched.

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