

RIMPAC 2004 Media Availabilities

Eight nations will participate in the Pacific regions largest international maritime exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2004, scheduled June 29 through July 27 in the waters around the Hawaiian Islands. There are numerous opportunities for reporters and photographers to cover the exercise, ships, aircraft, Sailors, and Marines. All media availabilities will start from the Combined Information Bureau at the Naval Reserve Center at 530 Peltier Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96818.

Date	Time	Event
28 June	TBD	Fly from Hickam AFB to the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa via helicopter. Ride Tarawa into Pearl Harbor.
29 June	TBD	View the JCS Carrier Strike Group (CSG) as it enters Pearl Harbor from a vantage point at the mouth of the harbor
29 June	TBD	RIMPAC Kick-off Press Briefing and exercise overview 29 June by VADM McCabe, Commander Third Fleet and Commodore Roger Girouard, Commander Canadian Fleet Pacific. Girouard will be Commander of the Multi-national Force comprised of ships from Canada, the United States, Australia, Chile and Republic of Korea. The Press Briefing will be video teleconferenced to Navy Region South West in San Diego, Calif. and the Navy Chief of Information, Washington D.C.
29 June	TBD	Media tour of USS Lake Champlain
30 June	0900	RIMPAC Soccer tournament
1 July	0900	RIMPAC Softball tournament
2 July	0900	RIMPAC Volleyball tournament
3 July	0900	RIMPAC Skateboard contest
5 July	0900	RIMPAC Basketball tournament
5/6 July	TBD	Walk on to aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (JCS) and stay overnight after it gets underway. Opportunity to talk to sailors and observe aircraft carrier operations, including flight operations.
7 July	TBD	Media Tour of U.S. P-3C Orion aircraft
12 July	TBD	Fly-out to the High Speed Vessel (HSV-2) "Swift" for daylight embark. Swift is 321-foot, catamaran hull, high-speed vessel that has a top speed of over 50 knots.
19/20 July	TBD	Embark at sea with the 3 rd Marine Regiment as they conduct an Amphibious assault or observe the amphibious assault from the beach as the assault vehicles come ashore.
23 July	TBD	King/Queen of the Beach RIMPAC competition