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SAIL BOSTON -- NORTH JETTY AND FISH PIER  
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This spectacular sight of nearly 250 vessels and the festivities surrounding "Sail Boston" represent as many cherished traditions and hold as many sentiments as the diversity of people gathered here.

We in America honor our own spirit of freedom, born here in Boston Harbor, so many generations ago.

We also honor Christopher Columbus, without whose daring there might not be an America. Columbus' voyage linked forever the Old World and the New. His courage and sense of adventure resulted in the development of permanently established water routes that are the highways uniting the modern world.

So today "Sail Boston" joins people throughout America and the world in saluting the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus.

We in America also pay tribute to a new spirit of internationalism which has always existed in seafaring people, but today pervades the world. Transportation and communications have made the world much smaller. As we welcome visitors from 34 countries here today, let us hope that Operation Sail extends the spirit of international cooperation to all our endeavors.



But the most important sentiment we honor today is the love of freedom that blossoms around the world. This sentiment was expressed by a Ukrainian sailor in the Boston Herald a couple of days ago. He said his biggest thrill was the new flag flying on his ship's mast. This young sailor said hoisting the Ukrainian flag over his ship was something to remember. And it is something we should all remember about 1992. Certainly it's cause for celebration.

In most of the world freedom lives and maybe someday soon freedom will thrive around the globe.

Thank you very much. God bless America, and God bless all her friends.

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