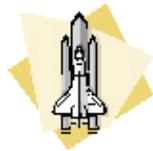


## Discovery receives new orbital boom sensor system



### ▲ Shuttle Update:

A new orbital boom sensor system has been installed in space shuttle Discovery's payload bay. The previously used boom was removed for repairs on the manipulator positioning mechanism, the pedestals that hold the boom in place in the payload bay. Discovery is the designated orbiter for the second return-to-flight mission, STS-121.

▲ **ELV Update:** The New Horizons spacecraft was transported to Pad 41 on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on Saturday, Dec. 17. The launch has been rescheduled for no earlier than Jan. 17. This will enable Lockheed Martin, the launch services contractor, the time needed to conduct an additional inspection of the Atlas V launch vehicle following problems identified on an updated Atlas propellant tank similar to the one being flown on this mission.

■ **Scheduled Road Closure** — Schwartz Road will be closed for construction from Contractors Road to the KSC landfill on Friday, Dec. 16 through Wednesday, Dec. 21. The landfill may be accessed via Static Test Road. Please follow the signs that have been put in place for your convenience.

## New Horizons launch rescheduled for NET Jan. 17

### ■ Shuttle Bus Holiday Schedule

— No shuttle bus service will be available beginning Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Jan. 2. Normal bus service will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3. Please direct any questions to NASA Transportation at 867-3420.

### ■ KSC Bulletin Holiday Schedule

— The KSC Bulletin office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Jan. 2. The last issue of the KSC Bulletin in 2005 was published on Friday, Dec. 16. The deadline for official, unofficial and personal notices for the Jan. 13 issue is 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 6. Additional information and back issues of the KSC Bulletin are available on KSC's internal Web site at <http://kscbulletin.ksc.nasa.gov/>.

### ■ KSC Post Office Holiday Schedule

— The KSC Post Office will be closed beginning Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Jan. 2. Normal operational hours from 10 a.m. through 3 p.m. will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3. Please call 867-3752 or 867-1736 for additional information.

### ■ KICS Phone Operator, Help Desk Holiday Schedule

— The KICS Administrative Telephone Operators and Help Desk staff will be off duty beginning Friday, Dec. 23 at 4 p.m. through Monday, Jan. 2.

During off-duty hours, operators will not be available for trouble calls, to place overseas international calls or to schedule teleconference calls. However, teleconference calls can be scheduled in advance up to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23.

For emergency telephone repair for operational requirements or wide-scale outages, please contact the KICS Communications Support Center at 861-2666, menu option 2.

Administrative telephone operations will return to normal duty at 6 a.m. on Tuesday Jan. 3. Please direct any questions to the KICS Administrative Telephone Operators by dialing 0 or 867-5000.

### ■ Graphics, Audio-Visual Departments Holiday Schedule

— Both the J-BOSC Graphics and Audio-Visual Departments will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 through Monday, Jan. 2, and will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 3.

■ **Did You Know?** The National Safety Council predicts that 381 people will live through an accident this holiday season because they took a few seconds to buckle their safety belts. The council also recommends that rest stops be planned into the itinerary of holiday trips and that emergency equipment be carried for travels in winter climates.