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Dear Friends,

It's almost [WoodenBoat Show](#) time! In fewer than 50 days we will be celebrating wooden boats together at the incomparable Mystic Seaport. If there is a boat in your life (or you wish there were one), you can't afford to miss this year's [WoodenBoat Show](#)! We are very excited about the broad range of boats coming to the Show. In this edition, we'll tell you about one extremely interesting boat that carries a fascinating and heroic back story, a fabulous motor yacht, as well as some fascinating new workshop offerings you won't want to miss.

Tips for the Family

Kids' Stuff at Mystic

What to do with the kids? [Mystic Seaport](#) is continuing their wildly successful "Hands On History" program this summer. Let the kids make their own boat while at the WoodenBoat Show.

For older kids, don't miss the new ["Map Spot"](#) exhibit, an interactive adventure which features maps from our country's earliest explorers.



CG36500 Heroism and History

We are pleased to announce that the [CG36500](#) will be joining us this year. The CG36500 is considered a floating museum. Built in 1946, she performed admirably during her years of service at the Chatham, Massachusetts Lifeboat Station. This boat's fame stems from its risky 1952 rescue of 32 survivors of the ill-fated tanker Pendleton, during a tremendous 70 knot northeasterly storm. The crew of four took CG36500 across the treacherous Chatham sandbar in what seemed to be an impossible mission. Their successful rescue of the 32 survivors earned each crewman a Gold Life Saving Medal.



Today the boat survives due to a timely restoration in 1981 by the [Orleans Historical Society](#). Volunteers with the local historical society and professional shipwrights have worked since the Fall of 2008 on the second major restoration of the boat, and you can see her in all her glory in the water at the Show!

MORGAN Restoration Update

What's Happening with the [MORGAN](#)?

While you're at the Show you will certainly want to observe the ongoing restoration of the Charles W. Morgan, America's oldest surviving whaling ship.

From the [Mystic Seaport](#):

"The challenge now is for the shipwrights to control the movement of the hull. To this end they are fitting the full with a series of moulds. They can then remove rotten planking and the ceiling and replace these with new materials thereby restoring the hull's longitudinal strength and maintaining its shape."

Be sure to visit the MORGAN viewing platform, specially built for visitors to watch the shipwrights work on this ongoing restoration project.

CANIM Returns

If you happened to attend the WoodenBoat Show in Newport a few years back, you may remember [CANIM](#), a gorgeously restored 96 ft. fantail yacht designed by renowned naval architect Ted Geary and built at Lake Union drydocks, Seattle, WA.



Built in 1930, CANIM is quite a head turner. Originally commissioned by Seattle Times publisher, Col. C.B. Blethen, she was intended to impress the denizens of the Seattle Yacht Club. She has seven sister vessels, all built during the period between 1928-1930, which are still in service today.

Any lover of wooden boats will certainly appreciate the beautifully appointed varnished mahogany and teak interior evoking the elegance of an earlier age.

Learn More about Flags, Oars, Heads

Our Exhibitors Share their Knowledge

On Friday and Saturday of the WoodenBoat Show we have a full day of Exhibitor workshops planned for you. Learn how to design and make your own flag from [The Sailbag Lady](#); outfit your boat with the proper size oars and paddles from [Shaw and Tenney](#); learn about the latest advances in composting toilets from [Airhead](#); and much more.



We're proud to have been recently named **"one of Connecticut's Top 20 Events for the Summer"** by *Yankee Magazine's* Travel Guide. Old or young, armchair sailor or seasoned cruiser, there's something for everyone at this year's [WoodenBoat Show](#). [Tickets](#) are selling briskly, don't miss out! Call today (800-273-7447) to reserve yours and plan to have a day (or two with ticket validation) of fun with the entire family!

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