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**BOAT DESIGNS of ATKIN FAMILY TRIBUTE and DINNER to be
HIGHLIGHT of UPCOMING 18th ANNUAL WOODENBOAT SHOW**

Once again, the 18th Annual WoodenBoat Show will honor a boat designer who has been influential to a generation of boatbuilders. In this year's case, the designs of William, John and Pat Atkin will be featured at a special Saturday evening Tribute and Dinner, June 27th, following the day's ongoing Show events.

Notes Carl Cramer, publisher of *WoodenBoat*:

“For a great portion of the 20th century, William and (later) his son John designed inspirational boats, and wrote about them in various boating magazines of that era. Their individual and collective philosophies brought so many of us into boating and boatbuilding. This is our chance to pay homage to them.”

Presenting during the Tribute will be: Carl Cramer, Walter Ansel, Joe Youcha, Dan MacNaughton, and Timm Schleiff. Meet and listen to Pat Atkin, John's wife, who has been instrumental in keeping his designs active and in the forefront of the amateur and professional wooden boatbuilder.

In addition, there will be a wide array of Atkin-designed boats in the water and on land – including in the “I Built it Myself” area at the WoodenBoat Show. From flat-bottomed skiffs to catboats to schooners to power cruisers, there's much to celebrate in the Atkin designs.

The dinner will be a shore side barbeque served buffet-style in the Mystic Seaport Boat Shed at 6pm. Tickets must be purchased in advance from the WoodenBoat Store, 1-800-273-7447 or by visiting www.woodenboatstore.com

The 18th Annual WoodenBoat Show, June 26-28, 2009, is an annual festival celebrating the design and craftsmanship of wooden craft, presented and produced by *WoodenBoat* magazine and hosted by Mystic Seaport, the Museum of America and the Sea.

What: 18th Annual WoodenBoat Show **Atkin Tribute and Dinner**

When: Saturday, June 27, 2009

Where: The Boat Shed, Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT, 75 Greenmanville Ave.

What time: 6pm

How much: Admission to the Dinner and Tribute is by pre-paid ticket (\$35) purchased through the WoodenBoat Store (www.woodenboatstore.com) or by calling **1-800-273-7447**.