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WoodenBoat Show Returns to Mystic Seaport Museum in June 2008

Due to the overwhelming success of the June 2007 WoodenBoat Show held at Mystic Seaport, Mystic, CT, *WoodenBoat* Magazine recently announced that the 17th annual WoodenBoat Show is officially scheduled to return to Mystic Seaport in 2008. Show dates are June 27-29, 2008. Verified show attendance for the 2007 event exceeded 13,000 wooden boat enthusiasts and marine history buffs in just three days.

In making the announcement, Carl Cramer, publisher of *WoodenBoat* magazine said, "We are ecstatic to be returning to Mystic Seaport as it is the place where the WoodenBoat Show comes most alive." He added, "Uniting the WoodenBoat Show, the most dynamic in the country, with Mystic Seaport, the premier American maritime museum, creates an unforgettable weekend of excitement that should not be missed."

Expanded exhibit space, and additional docks are planned. More than 70% of the 2007 exhibitors have already signed on to return and exhibit at the 2008 event. Exhibit space is very limited, and expected to sell out quickly. Anyone interested in exhibit space should contact Kate Holden at WoodenBoat as soon as possible. T: 207-359-4651.

This year's WoodenBoat Show will include the return of Family Boatbuilding. *WoodenBoat* magazine also plans to host a special dinner even to honor multi-hull pioneers Jim Brown, Meade Gougeon, Walter Green, Nigel Irons, Dick Newick and James Wharram. The tribute will be held the evening of Saturday, June 28th and specific details will be announced shortly. Several notable boats from these designers and builders will be on display at the Show.

One admission price gains access to all the boat show displays and activities plus the Mystic Seaport waterfront village, historic tall ships, and working shipyard. This compelling combination will create a potent experience as the authority on wooden boats in the United States joins the Museum of America and the Sea. Adult admission is \$18.50; children ages 6-17 are \$13.00, and children 5 and under are admitted free. The Show and the Seaport will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

The WoodenBoat Show presents traditional classics and contemporary wooden boats of every type: cruising yachts, launches, runabouts, fishing boats, performance powerboats, daysailers, dinghies, rowboats, canoes, performance shells, and racing boats of all kinds. Some represent centuries of evolution and traditional application while others have been developed to take advantage of today's technologies in adhesives and coatings. In addition to beautiful boats, this unique celebration of craftsmanship, ingenuity and beauty

features more than 150 exhibitors showcasing products and services for all aspects of the marine industry. Additional activities include exhibitor demonstrations, workshops by industry experts, author book signings and slide presentations, boat trials and interactive family activities.

To read about the successful 16th annual WoodenBoat Show, and to sign up to receive the Show newsletter, go to www.TheWoodenBoatShow.com. Exhibitor information can also be found at the website or by calling Kate Holden at WoodenBoat Publications, T: 207-359-4651.

Mystic Seaport – The Museum of America and The Sea – is the nation’s leading maritime museum. Visitors explore American maritime history firsthand as they climb aboard historic tall ships, stroll through a re-created 19th century coastal village or watch a working preservation shipyard in action. Founded in 1929, Mystic Seaport Museum is open every day except December 24th and 25th. Learn more at www.MysticSeaport.org

CALENDAR LISTING

17TH Annual WoodenBoat Show

Friday, June 27th through Sunday, June 29, 2008

Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355

Show Hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Admission: \$18.50 adult, \$13.00 children 6-17, children 5 and under admitted free

Advance purchase discounts available online before March 31st at

www.TheWoodenBoatShow.com or call 1-800-273-7447

Photos are available: Contact Michele Corbeil at michele@woodenboat.com

The WoodenBoat Show is owned and produced by WoodenBoat Publications Inc. which includes *WoodenBoat* magazine, *Professional BoatBuilder* magazine, a series of online resources for boatbuilders at www.proboat.com and the WoodenBoat Show.

WoodenBoat Magazine, the international publication dedicated to wooden boat owners, builders, and designers, features a wide range of articles about wooden boat design and construction, reporting on both emerging technologies and traditional methods. The WoodenBoat Show is an annual festival celebrating the design and craftsmanship of wooden craft. The event moves annually across the country; in 2008 it will be held at Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Connecticut.