Southeast Tourism Society Selects the 28th Annual Georgetown Wooden Boat Show as an 'STS Top 20 Event'

Travel industry organization has saluted region's best events since 1985

ATLANTA, Ga. (date) – Southeast Tourism Society has named the 28th Annual Georgetown Wooden Boat Show as one of the STS Top 20 Events in the Southeast for October 2017.

This year's Wooden Boat Show will be held on October 21 and 22, 2017. The STS Top 20 Festival and Event Awards have highlighted programs around the Southeast since 1985. Travel industry experts select 20 events per month, and STS publicizes them throughout the United States. The complete list is published on two websites: Southeast Tourism Society and <u>Travel Media Press Room</u>.

The Georgetown Wooden Boat Show – always held on the third weekend in October – features one of the Southeast's best wooden boat exhibits with more than 140 classic wooden boats displayed on land and water, children's model boatbuilding, knot tying, maritime art and crafts, food and music. A special attraction is the Wooden Boat Challenge when teams of two race to build a rowing skiff within a 4-hour time limit and then test their boats for seaworthiness. All events take place on the waterfront and along Front Street in Historic Downtown Georgetown. The Show is produced by the Harbor Historical Association, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, with proceeds benefitting the <u>South Carolina Maritime Museum</u>.

"The Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Festival and Event list is an excellent guide for the Southeast's visitors, residents and travel writers. The events selected represent the best, and often most unique, activities in our region," said Bill Hardman, president and CEO of the Southeast Tourism Society.

Events considered for the STS Top 20 recognition must be at least three years old and have attendance of at least 1,000. The online nomination link and submission deadlines are available at <u>SoutheastTourism.org</u> or by calling 770-542-1523.

STS, founded in 1983 and headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting tourism to and within 12 states – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

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