## Southeast Tourism Society Selects the 29th Annual Georgetown Wooden Boat Show as an 'STS Top 20 Event' Travel industry organization has saluted region's best events since 1985

ATLANTA, Ga. – Southeast Tourism Society has named the 29th Annual Georgetown Wooden Boat Show as one of the STS Top 20 Events in the Southeast for October 2018.

This year's Wooden Boat Show will be held on October 20 and 21, 2018 in historic Georgetown, SC. 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 boat building, 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 benefiting the <u>South Carolina Maritime Museum</u>.

"The Southeast is home to unique and memorable events throughout the year. In spotlighting the Top 20 festivals and events each month, STS is not only giving these events the recognition they deserve but we're also creating a quick reference guide to some of the best festivals in the Southeast," said Bill Hardman, president and CEO of the Southeast Tourism Society. "These events are important to the economic vitality of our communities and this is a way for us to acknowledge the time and resources organizers have tirelessly spent to create memories for their attendees."

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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