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**31st Annual Wooden Boat Show, Georgetown, SC
October 17 and 18, 2020**

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The Harbor Historical Association of Georgetown will present the 31st Annual Wooden Boat Show on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday, October 18, 2020. This year's show will feature one of the nation's best wooden boat exhibits, a wooden boat building competition, a corrugated boat regatta, children's model boat building, knot tying, maritime art & crafts, food and live music. All events will take place on the waterfront and along Front Street in historic downtown Georgetown. Admission is free to the public. The Show is produced by the Harbor Historical Association, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. All proceeds will benefit the South Carolina Maritime Museum.

The Georgetown Wooden Boat Show has been designated by the Southeast Tourism Society as one of the Top 20 Events in the Southeast for October.

Saturday, October 17 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

More than 120 classic wooden boats will be displayed in the water and along Front Street. Vessels ranging in sizes from kayaks to cruising yachts will be exhibited in categories including: row, canoe, kayak, surfboard, sail, inboard power, outboard power, owner designed and built, century class (100 years or older), model boats and "classic" categories for boats that are aged 50 years or older. Visitors will be able to meet and talk to wooden boat craftsmen, manufacturers and owners. Maritime art & crafts will also be on display.

The Wooden Boat Challenge will begin at noon under the big tent on Broad Street. Two-person teams will race to build a rowing skiff within a four-hour time limit. At 5 p.m. the teams will test their completed skiffs for seaworthiness in a rowing relay across the Sampit River. The teams will be scored on speed of construction, quality of work and rowing speed. Cash prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners.

At 7 p.m. an awards ceremony and banquet will be held for boat exhibitors, boatbuilding competitors, sponsors and guests. Prizes will be presented to the winners in each of the exhibit categories as well as the People's Choice Grand Award winner, to the Six Knot Challenge winner, and to the winning Wooden Boat Challenge competitors.

Sunday, October 18 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

In addition to the wooden boat exhibits and maritime art and crafts, Sunday's activities will begin at 11 a.m. with a children's Optimist Pram Regatta organized by the South Carolina Maritime Museum's Youth Sailing Program.

Sunday's featured event will be the 5th Annual Corrugated Boat Regatta which is open to participation by families, youth and civic groups. Visitors can preview the corrugated boats from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. under the big tent on Broad Street. The Regatta will begin at 2:30 p.m. when the corrugated boats are launched on the Sampit River from the floating docks at Francis Marion Park.

For more information about the show or to participate as an exhibitor, boat builder or sponsor, contact Georgetown Wooden Boat Show, PO Box 2228, Georgetown, SC, 29442, email boats@woodenboatshow.com, or visit www.woodenboatshow.com.