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Wooden Boat Kids teaches today's youngsters old nautical and maritime traditions Children's program takes place at the 42nd Annual Wooden Boat Show

BEAUFORT, NC - There's a long tradition of craftsmanship in custom wooden boat building in North Carolina. And, Carteret County is no exception.

That's why Christine Brin, School & Group Coordinator for the North Carolina Maritime Museum, looks forward to Annual Wooden Boat Show.

"The Annual Wooden Boat Show is one signature event that we really get to showcase the art and skill of traditional boat building to the small children' says Brin. She goes on to explain, "we want them to learn a little about the rich boatbuilding heritage of North Carolina coast through wooden boat building so we let them build a toy sailboat out os wood to use in our custom-built pool."

The 43rd Annual Wooden Boat Show takes place Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Whether you're not a wooden boat enthusiast or landlubber the Annual Wooden Boat Show offers something for everyone. "We have activities for children and opportunities for families to do things together," states Brin.

Youngsters can take part in Maritime games and crafts in the Wooden Boat Kids area.



Families can team up to test their skills in sailing radio-controlled model boats. And, kids can enjoy traditional skills demonstrations & displays, educational activities, historic vessels, boat models, sailboat races.

On Thursday, May 4, and Friday, May 5, free boat rides will be offered from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. outside the Watercraft Center (a \$5 per person donation is suggested, which will go to the sailing program).

The 43rd Annual Wooden Boat Show has once again received top honors from the Southeast Tourism Society. The organization selected the North Carolina Maritime Museum's Annual Wooden Boat Show as a "Top 20 Event for the Southeast" for May 2017. This is the third year in a row the museum has received the prestigious honor for the Annual Wooden Boat Show.

For a complete schedule of events for the 43rd Annual Wooden Boat Show on May 6, visit www.beaufortwoodenboatshow.com.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum is located at 315 Front Street, Beaufort. 252-728-7317. For more information, visit their website at www.ncmaritimemuseumbeaufort.com.

About the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort

The North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort reflects coastal life and interprets lighthouses and lifesaving stations, the seafood industry, motorboats, and more. Studies in marine life, science, and ecology are available for all ages. The Beaufort museum is the repository for artifacts from Blackbeard's wrecked flagship, *Queen Anne's Revenge*, among them cannons, grenades, belt buckles and beads. The Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center teaches boatbuilding for all ages.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort is open Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The museum is open to the public with free admission. Donations are always appreciated.

The North Carolina Maritime Museum system is comprised of the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras, the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Beaufort and the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport. All three museums are part of the Division of State History Museums in the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

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