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### **Carolina Maritime Model Boat Exposition continues to be big draw for small boats**

**The longest running boat show in the Southeast takes place May 6, 2017.**

BEAUFORT, NC - One of the main attractions at the Annual Wooden Boat Show is the many traditional wooden boats. But, there's another show that takes place on a smaller scale and it's always a big draw for boat enthusiasts and landlubbers alike. It's the Carolina Maritime Model Exposition with model boats ranging in average from 25" to 40". The event takes place at the North Carolina Maritime Museum on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The number of model boats on exhibit will range from thirty to close to sixty models. Often some members of the Carolina Maritime Model Society bring in as many as eight to ten models each.

"These handcrafted vessels are indeed a labor of love, sometimes taking 12 to 14 months to complete," according to William Prentice, Manager of the Museum's Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center.

Visitors to the show will have the opportunity to vote for "Spectator's Choice" award. The award goes to the "most popular" model at the show and is voted on solely by those visitors. The exposition is held in the auditorium of the North Carolina Maritime Museum.

For those interested in learning more about the model boatbuilding, you can watch members of the Carolina Maritime Model Society meticulously and methodically build small wooden boats at the Harvey W. Smith Watercraft Center. It's a unique opportunity to witness a craft as old as shipbuilding itself taking shape – the construction of wooden model boats.

Beaufort's Annual Wooden Boat Show is the longest ongoing wooden boat show in the Southeast.



The 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wooden Boat Show on May 6, visit [www.beaufortwoodenboatshow.com](http://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](http://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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NCDNCR includes 27 historic sites, seven history museums, two art museums, two science museums, three aquariums and Jennette's Pier, 39 state parks and recreation areas, the N.C. Zoo, the nation's first state-supported Symphony Orchestra, the State Library, the State Archives, the N.C. Arts Council, State Preservation Office and the Office of State Archaeology, along with the Division of Land and Water Stewardship. For more information, please call 919-807-7300 or visit [www.ncdcr.gov](http://www.ncdcr.gov).

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