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Maritime Museum hosts 24th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Festival June 17-19

The 24th Annual Antique & Classic Boat Festival is coming to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD on Friday, June 17 through Sunday, June 19. The largest event of its kind in the mid-Atlantic region, the Father's Day weekend festival features more than 100 antique and classic boats, building demonstrations, maritime artists and craftsmen, craft vendors, classic used boats and motors, and a nautical flea market. A selection of regional and grilled foods, beer and music will be provided throughout the festival.



This year's featured attraction is Gar Woods' award-winning *Miss America IX*—a 30' Mahogany hydroplane racer and the first boat to ever achieve 100 mph. The event also showcases a variety of antique and classic wooden and fiberglass boats, including Chris-Craft, Egg Harbor, Matthews, Rybovich, Century, Lyman, Trumpy and more.

National and regional artists and artisans including painters, sculptors, scrimshanders, photographers, wildlife carvers, jewelers, and furniture and model makers will be on hand with boat-related wares. Boat builders, boat restorers, boat kits, boat products and boating safety resources will also be available throughout the event.

The event is hosted by the Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society International with the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Event sponsors include Patron Spirits' Pyrat Rum, Antique Boat America, Haggerty and SeaBuddyonBoats.com.

Festival hours are Friday, June 17, from 11am to 5pm; Saturday, June 18, from 10am to 5pm; and Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, from 10am to 2pm. The Museum's ten exhibit buildings and working boat yard will also be open throughout the festival. The event is free for members and children under six or with Museum admission of \$13 for adults; \$10 for seniors; and \$6 for children 6-17. For more information, call 410-745-2916 or visit www.cbmm.org.

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