

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(ST MICHAELS, MD – August 9, 2011)



CBMM hosts 29th Annual Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival on October 1 & 2

The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels, MD is hosting one of the nation's largest gatherings of small boat enthusiasts and unique watercraft at the 29th Annual Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2.

Come marvel at the craftsmanship and innovation used in traditional and contemporary small watercraft. Sailing skiffs, rowing shells, kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, prams and one-of-a-kind boats will be on display and in the water throughout this family-oriented event. Music, scenic river cruises, and food and beverages will be available to round out the weekend festival.

While exploring the museum's 18-acre waterfront campus and hands-on exhibits, you can chat with boat owners hailing from all over the country as they share their knowledge and boating experiences throughout the weekend.



On Saturday, the museum's boat yard staff and instructors from the Chesapeake Wooden Boat Builders School will be on hand to offer boat-building workshops and maritime demonstrations. Festival-goers can also vote for their favorite boat, with the People's Choice award and others announced Saturday evening among participants.

On Sunday, small craft racing along the Miles River can be watched from the museum's waterfront campus and docks. Festival-goers are also invited to bring nautical items to swap or sell at Sunday's traditional swap meet.

The Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival is free for museum members and children five and under – otherwise admission is \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$6 for children ages 6

to 17, with all museum exhibits open throughout the festival. For more information, call CBMM at 410-745-2916, or visit www.cbmm.org/mascf.

###

