

Hudson River Maritime Museum Hosts the Maritime Festival

Featuring the Antique & Classic Boat Show and the National Boat Building Challenge

The Hudson River Maritime Museum in Kingston, New York has partnered with the Hudson River Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society and the National Boat Building Challenge to present The Maritime Festival. Held on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the museum will welcome returning local competitors and national champions to compete in the National Boatbuilding Challenge. Teams of two compete to build a 12-foot Carolina Bateaux in under four hours and then race them. The museum's docks will host a wide variety of antique and classic boats. There will be a boat parade on the Rondout Creek in the afternoon.

The Maritime Festival will also feature children's activities, vendors, Rondout Lighthouse Tours, and more! This festival is free to the public and the Hudson River Maritime Museum will offer discounted admission throughout the festival. It's the perfect opportunity to revisit exhibits such as "The Hudson and Its Canals: Building the Empire State" and this year's new exhibit "Rescuing the River: 50 Years of Environmental Activism on the Hudson" presented by Bank of America.

"We are thrilled to expand this year's programming," says Executive Director Lisa Cline. "What better way to connect our communities to the water than an event celebrating vintage vessels and boat building on the Rondout."

For more information about The Maritime Festival featuring the Antique & Classic Boat Show and the National Boat Building Challenge, please visit www.hrmm.org.

