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2009 CLASSIC LYMAN AND ANTIQUE BOAT RENDEZVOUS SET FOR BOOTHBAY HARBOR

All classic and antique boat owners invited July 31st to August 2nd

(BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME) What started fifteen years ago as an informal get together of a few Lyman Boat owners has grown to be one of the key events of the summer boating season in Mid-Coast Maine. This year, the fourteenth annual Classic Lyman and Antique Boat Show is set for July 31st to August 2nd in Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

"The Rendezvous has always been held on the first Saturday of August, said 2009 Rendezvous Coordinator Philip Yasinski. "This year we will be continuing that tradition, however we want all classic boat owners to know they are invited to attend. Many antique and classic boats have been in the same families since they were built 20, 30 even 50 years ago."

Recent Rendezvous have seen upwards of 35 Lymans from the local area. Some are owner-maintained and some have been professionally restored and maintained to better than new standards.

"It makes no difference it's just a fun get together," Yasinski said. "In fact, this year we are also inviting the owners of other antique and classic boats to attend and show off their treasures. If you have a classic Chris Craft or Hacker, Thompson, White or any other antique vessel we hope you'll come to Boothbay Harbor this August. Of course, we aren't expecting a fleet of restored Trumpys or Elcos to show up but we would be delighted to welcome them if they want to join in the fun."

To encourage more classic Lyman and antique boat owners to attend, this year's activities have expanded to include the entire weekend. Friday, July 31, Mike Mayne, owner of Edgecomb Boat Works will have an open house from 3:00 to 5:00pm. Mike and his crew will give tours of the yard and current projects which include a Lyman or two. And, it is a great place to stop on your way into the Boothbay area. Friday evening, Jack Cogswell, owner of the Carousel Marina, will host a Classic Boat Owners Welcome Dinner at the Whales Tale Restaurant at the Marina from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Dockage will be available for all owners who wish to come by boat, and the Carousel's launching ramp will be available to put your boat in the water.

On Saturday, August 1, the traditional Classic Lyman and Antique Boat Rendezvous will be held at the Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club from 10:00am to 2:00pm. It always includes a social period while boats are arriving at the dock, or to be displayed on trailers. Then revelers enjoy a noon luncheon and camaraderie, followed by a boat parade around Boothbay Harbor. This year, the Parade will go through the Harbor, out around Ocean Point, then up the Damariscotta River to the Ocean Point Marina and the East Boothbay Town Landing. That evening, owners are invited attend a Cocktail and Seafood Reception sponsored by the Boothbay Land Trust starting at about 6:30pm. Then on Sunday, owners are invited to attend the Annual Ship Builders Festival held at Ship Builders Park, Ocean Point Marina and Hodgdon Bros. Yacht Yard, right in East Boothbay.

Costs for the different events are all on an a la carte basis. However, the local hosts have been partnering with the marinas, motels and event management to arrange special pricing for participating boat owners, families and friends. For owners arriving with boats on trailers there are several very good municipal launching ramps as well as cost-free ramps at Ocean Point and Carousel marinas. Arrangements are also being made for car and trailer storage for the weekend and there several very good RV facilities for those arriving by land cruiser with a boat in tow. A complete calendar of all events is available at www.OldBoatLovers.com. All Classic and Antique Boat owners who wish to attend should remember that the first weekend in August is high season and reservations for overnight accommodations need to be made in advance.

For more information, registration, and/or reservations, all are encouraged to visit www.OldBoatLovers.com

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