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LEARN ABOUT OUR UNIQUE "MAIL BY THE PAIL" SERVICE FOR FREIGHTERS PASSING THROUGH THE DETROIT RIVER MAY 10 AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

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DETROIT – Stop by the Dossin Museum on Belle Isle and learn about Detroit's unique mail delivery system for Great Lakes freighters! Visit our free "Mail by the Pail" Family Day on Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The J. W. Westcott Company operates the mailboat for the U.S. Postal Service marine post office in Detroit —the only mailboat that delivers mail to freighters while they are moving. This unique story is told in the children's book "Mail by the Pail" by Colin Bergel, published by Wayne State University Press. A special quantity of these books will be available for purchase at this event in the Dossin Great Lakes Museum Store.

After visiting the Museum, drop by the neighboring dock at Pavilion #9 and visit with the crew of the J.W. Westcott mail boat and Captain Sam Buchanan to experience the operation firsthand!

The Dossin Museum, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free at the Museum for the duration of 2008 through the generous support of the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation, however, donations are welcome. During the week, the Museum is open for group tours by advance reservation. Permanent exhibits include the Miss Pepsi vintage 1940s championship hydroplane, a bow anchor from the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter S.S. William Clay Ford, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. New exhibits include Smugglers on the Straits and Fun, Fast & Fancy: Great Lakes Yachts. For more information, call (313) 833-5538 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.