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DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM TO REMEMBER MARINERS LOST ON THE INLAND SEAS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

DETROIT -- The **Detroit Historical Society's Dossin Great Lakes Maritime Auxiliary** will host its annual remembrance for sailors lost on our inland seas Monday, November 10 at 6 p.m. at the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**.

The cost of admission is \$5 for Detroit Historical Society and Maritime Auxiliary Group members and \$10 for guests. For more information or reservations, call **(313) 833-1801** or visit our website at www.detroithistorical.org. In addition, the event will be made available as a live webcast at www.detroithistorical.org for those unable to attend.

The event takes place on the 33rd anniversary of the sinking of the Great Lakes ore freighter *Edmund Fitzgerald* in a furious storm on November 10, 1975 off Whitefish Point in Lake Superior – claiming the lives of 29 crewmen. The *William Clay Ford* was the first boat to arrive on the scene. Artifacts from these freighters, the *Fitzgerald* bow anchor and the *Ford* pilothouse, are displayed at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum. In addition, this year's event will also commemorate the 50th anniversary of the loss of the self-unloading steamer *Carl D. Bradley*, which sank in Lake Michigan during a fierce storm on November 18, 1958 killing all but two of its crew of 35 – most of whom hailed from the northern Michigan port of Rogers City.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- **6 p.m.** – Guests will light lanterns outside during a ceremony at the *Fitzgerald* anchor remembering both the crew of the *Fitz* and *Carl D. Bradley*.
- **6:15 p.m.** – **Lee Murdock**, the Great Lakes balladeer, will perform as guests enter the museum.

- **7:00 p.m.** – Assembly of an honor guard including members of the United States Coast Guard, Canadian Coast Guard, and Great Lakes regional maritime professional organizations.
- **7:02 p.m.** – Reading of the lost crew roster of the *Carl D. Bradley* by Kathy McGraw of the Dossin Great Lakes Maritime Auxiliary with a bell toll for each name.
- **7:06 p.m.** -- A wreath will be taken to the edge of the Detroit River for pickup by a flotilla of U.S. and Canadian Coast Guard vessels, along with the *J.W. Westcott* mail boat.
- **7:10 p.m.** – The wreath honoring those lost on the Great Lakes will be laid out in the river with a salute of all water cannons by the Detroit Fire Department’s *Curtis Randolph* present. Overhead, a helicopter from the Selfridge Air National Guard base will light the scene.
- **7:11 p.m.** – The playing of “Taps” on the river with a Canadian echo.
- **7:15 p.m.** – Presentation by guest speaker, **Reverend Richard Ingalls, Jr., Rector of Mariners’ Church**, on the topic “Mariners’ Church of Detroit: Its Role in the History and Lore of the Great Lakes” followed by a memorial prayer and benediction.
- **7:45 p.m.** – Lee Murdock concludes the event with his rendition of “**Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald,**” along with a video collage of the ship’s history.

The Dossin Great Lakes 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. Permanent exhibits include the *Miss Pepsi* vintage championship hydroplane, a bow anchor from the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter *S.S. William Clay Ford*, and the one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. For more information, call **(313) 833-5538** or visit

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