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**THE DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONTINUES ITS FALL WEEKEND  
FILM SERIES WITH “RAISING THE ANCHOR OF THE EDMUND  
FITZGERALD” ON NOVEMBER 8 & 9**

**DETROIT** – The Detroit Historical Society continues its fall weekend film series with **“Raising the Anchor of the Edmund Fitzgerald”** showing **November 8 & 9 at 1 p.m.** at the **Detroit Historical Museum**. Each screening is free with regular admission to the Museum.

When a link of the anchor chain separated in 1974, the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald* left her 12,290 pound starboard bow anchor in the Detroit River near Belle Isle, 800 feet off Riopelle Street, east of the Renaissance Center. The anchor was discovered by divers on May 20, 1992 with the help of a metal locating device called a proton magnetometer. After much planning, the anchor was removed from the water on July 20 of that same year and brought to the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle the following day. The event received live television coverage on WDIV-TV Local 4 and thousands came to see the anchor in the following weeks. The film provides actual footage of the 1992 Detroit River dive that recovered the anchor, while documenting the *Fitz*'s history from its launch in 1958. The run time for the film is 48 minutes.

On November 9, 1975, the *Fitz* left Superior, Wisconsin on what was to be its final voyage. While en route to Detroit, the freighter encountered severe weather conditions and on November 10, 1975, the ship and its crew of 29 men perished in the waters of Lake Superior. Today, the *Fitz* anchor is permanently displayed outside the Dossin Museum, where a special **Lost Mariners Remembrance** event takes place on **Monday, November 10** starting at **6 p.m.** to commemorate the loss of sailors on the *Fitz* and other Great Lakes ships over the centuries.

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5

p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling **(313) 833-7979**. Adult admission is \$6. Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and youth ages 5-18 pay \$4. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$4 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, *Frontiers to Factories*, *The Motor City*, and *The Glancy Trains*. For more information, call the Museum at **(313) 833-1805** or check out our website at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

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