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**JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL LOST MARINERS REMEMBRANCE
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM**

DETROIT- The annual Lost Mariners Remembrance program at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum honors those who have lost their lives serving on the Great Lakes. This year's event will take place at the museum on **Tuesday November 10** from **6 to 8 p.m.** and also commemorates the 40th anniversary of the loss of the *Edmund Fitzgerald*.

A lantern vigil at the *Edmund Fitzgerald* anchor begins the night, followed by a performance by Lee Murdock, Great Lakes balladeer, and an Honor Guard escort of the memorial wreath to the Detroit River for receipt by the Honor Flotilla of Great Lakes vessels. This year is also the 100th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard, formed from combined units of the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service and the U.S. Life-Saving Service. Renowned marine artist Robert McGreevy will tell the story of brave lifesaving crews who have patrolled the Great Lakes.

Schedule of events:

6:00–6:10

Lantern Vigil at the *Edmund Fitzgerald* Anchor
“The *Edmund Fitzgerald* Family” – Pam Johnson
Daughter of Robert Rafferty, Cook Aboard the *Edmund Fitzgerald*

6:15

“Ballads of the Great Lakes Mariners”
Lee Murdock, Great Lakes Balladeer – In DeRoy Hall

6:50

Memorial Wreath Ceremony
Reading of Necrology
Pipers Lead Honor Guard to River

7:10

Wreath is Blessed and Passed to USCG Vessel
Taps and *Last Post* Bugle Salutes
Wreath Dispatched to the River
Public Participation with Flowers and Prayer

7:25

Memorial Moment for Dennis Hale

Lost Vessel Tribute

“They Had to Go Out: U.S. Life Saving Service and the Wreck of the Schooner *St. Clair*” – Robert McGreevy

8:00

Benediction and Closing Ballad

Admission is \$5 for Detroit Historical Society members, \$10 for guests, and \$25 for families of up to six. Seating is limited, and advance registration is strongly recommended, as the event regularly sells out. Tickets may be purchased online at <https://detroithistorical.org/shop/tickets/lost-mariners-remembrance-ticket> or by calling 313.833.180 through Monday, November 9. Co-sponsored by the Canadian Shipowners Association and the Lake Carriers' Association.

The **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** is located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle. Admission is free for all, all the time. Permanent exhibits include *Built by the River* in the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation Gallery, the *Miss Pepsi* vintage 1950s championship hydroplane, the Gothic Room from the *City of Detroit III* in the Polk Family Hall, a bow anchor from the S.S. *Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter S.S. *William Clay Ford* in the Wayne and Joan Webber Foundation Gallery, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. For more information, call the Museum at 313.833.5538 or check out our website at detroithistorical.org.

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