**The Michigan Maritime Museum**

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**South Haven, MI -** The Michigan Maritime Museum announces the return of its annual celebration – *Holidays at the Heritage Center,* now through January 4*.*

Come experience *Holidays at the Heritage Center* showcasing the lavishly decorated Michigan Maritime Museum transformed into a winter wonderland for all to enjoy. Special events include:

**Saturday December 14, 10:00am – 12:00pm Cookies & Cocoa with Captain Bob** Join Captain Bob for a festive morning including cookies, hot chocolate, and story time with books from the Museum’s children’s library. This family event is FREE to attend! (Museum admission is free for members).

**Wednesday December 18 3:30pm – 6:00pm Selfies with Santa!**  Join in the festivities in the Smith Grand Atrium on December 18 from 3:30pm to 6pm as the Museum hosts Santa for a “selfie extravaganza”! Gather along the waterfront and watch as Santa makes his way through South Haven’s harbor aboard a new Gull Lake Marine Boston Whaler with Captain Elf at the helm.  After arriving at the Bosgraaf Dock at the Museum he will fill our Atrium with joy and laughter as he determines who is naughty and who is nice! Bring your camera to take photos of your family with Santa and share with him what is on your wish list for the big day! There will also be holiday crafts and other festive activities in the Museum’s Jerry Mason Learning Center. Selfies with Santa is FREE! (Museum admission is free for members).

**Wednesday December 18 6:30pm – 7:30pm Holiday Concert featuring the Kal-Haven Strings** Celebrate the Christmas season with the Michigan Maritime Museum! Join in the festivities at the Maritime Heritage Center on December 18th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm for a special holiday concert featuring the **Kal-Haven Strings** performing traditional sea-shanties, Celtic classics and holiday tunes. Get in the holiday spirit with this family-friendly concert. $10 for Members / $15 for non-Members / Kids 12 & under FREE! Tickets can be purchased by calling the Museum at 269-637-8078, online at michiganmaritimemuseum.org/events or in person at the Museum.

“This has been a momentous year for the Museum as we celebrated our 50th anniversary”, said Executive Director Patti Montgomery Reinert. “*Holidays at the Heritage Center* is such a special event for us and an opportunity to give back to our supporting community that I can’t think of a better way to round out this historic year. We have so much to be grateful for as we gather this holiday season!”

*Holidays at the Heritage Center* is proudly sponsored by Greg and Marian O’Niel.

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