

## Mystic Seaport - Eastbay Rendezvous - October 1, 2016 *Hosted by Mystic Seaport, Sponsored by Gowrie Group*

Dear Fellow-Eastbay Owner,

We are looking forward to hosting a very special Eastbay Rendezvous on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 with Saturday overnight dockage at Mystic Seaport. We hope you'll join us!

[Mystic Seaport](#) is the nation's leading maritime museum with a 17-acre historic waterfront and an unrivaled collection of American maritime fine art, artifacts, and watercraft. The Museum's collection includes more than 500 vessels from small craft to four National Historic Landmark vessels, including America's oldest commercial vessel and sole remaining wooden whaleship, the *Charles W. Morgan*, launched in 1841.

The Eastbay Rendezvous coincides with the Museum's First Annual Oyster Festival and the 37<sup>th</sup> [Annual International Marine Art Exhibition & Sale](#) providing a wonderful backdrop to this very special boating experience.

With support from [Gowrie Group](#), a premier corporate partner of Mystic Seaport and the corporate sponsor for the Eastbay Rendezvous, participants in the Eastbay Rendezvous will receive admission to the Museum and exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the Museum's Collections Research Center where you will be able to explore some of the world's finest collections of scrimshaw, nautical photography, maritime fine art and artifacts. In addition, attendees will receive complimentary tickets to Mystic Seaport's 37<sup>th</sup> Annual International Maritime Art Exhibition & Sale cocktail party for Saturday night, along with a complimentary breakfast on Sunday morning in the Masin Room, located in the new Thompson Exhibition Building.



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**Background and FAQs.** Boaters who have spent a night at Mystic Seaport's docks know that the evening and morning hours at the Museum are magical. In the words of one: "To wake up at Mystic Seaport among the historic vessels and seaport village is to feel as you are the person you would have been 150 years ago." As Mystic Seaport unveils the McGraw Family Quadrangle and the Thompson Exhibition Building, moving into an era of exhibits at the Museum, we are expanding the visitor experience in many ways, engaging those who have an affinity for the art, history, and lessons of our maritime past. With this in mind, we have launched a Mystic Seaport Affinity Program (MAP) and the Eastbay Rendezvous is part of this program.

**Who will participate in the Rendezvous?** The Eastbay Rendezvous is open to all Eastbay owners. While we expect that most attendees will come by water, we will also welcome Eastbay owners coming by car as general admission visitors to Mystic Seaport.

**What is the cost to participate?** Eastbay boat owners will register for dockage at our membership rate of \$3.25 a foot per night. This fee will cover the cost of general admission for those aboard, including the behind-the-scenes tours, complimentary breakfast on Sunday morning, and complimentary admission to the Mystic Seaport 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Marine Art Exhibition and Sale cocktail party that takes place at 6PM on Saturday night. Eastbay owners coming by land/car should register by emailing John Urban at [john.urban@mysticseaport.org](mailto:john.urban@mysticseaport.org) and purchase General Admission tickets at the gate.

**When will the Rendezvous take place?** Participating boaters should make their reservations through the dock office – mentioning the Eastbay Rendezvous - and are welcome to arrive prior to the weekend or stay beyond Saturday. The program aspects of the Rendezvous will commence at 1PM on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>. Attendees arriving early are free to experience the Museum throughout the day. Boaters should time their arrival with the Mystic River Highway Bridge (please consult the dock office). The formal program is as follows:

#### **Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>:**

**1:00 PM:** Welcome/Greeting (Masin room, in the new Thompson Exhibition Building)

**1:15 PM:** Behind the Scenes Tours Begin

- Art and artifacts
- Vessels and watercraft

**4:00 PM:** Free Time to meet with Eastbay Owners/explore the Museum

**6-8:00 PM:** Complimentary attendance at the 37<sup>th</sup> Inter. Marine Art Exhib. Cocktail Party

#### **Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

**8:30-10:00 AM:** Complimentary breakfast (Masin room, in the new Thompson Exhibition Building)

**10:30 AM:** Artist Walk, with artists featured in the International Marine Art Exhibit

**How do I register?** To make your reservation, please contact Greg Zabel at the dock office at 860.572.5391 or [docks@mysticseaport.org](mailto:docks@mysticseaport.org). For those wanting to dine on land, the Museum's Latitude 41 restaurant will be happy to make a reservation for you, please call 860.572.5303. If you have any questions, or to register for arrival by car, please email John Urban at [john.urban@mysticseaport.org](mailto:john.urban@mysticseaport.org).

**Who is hosting the Eastbay Rendezvous and how many boats are expected?** The Eastbay Rendezvous will be hosted by [Mystic Seaport](#) with sponsorship support from [Gowrie Group](#). As this is our first Eastbay event, we expect an intimate group, and we anticipate that this will become an annual event that will grow and expand through word-of-mouth due to the unique experience offered.