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World Premiere of “Maine Built Boats: Art & Soul” in Rockland, ME

The Strand Theatre, Rockland, ME, 7pm

Portland, Maine – Maine Built Boats presents the World Premiere of the documentary, *Maine Built Boats: Art and Soul*, at The Strand Theatre in Rockland on November 20th at 7 pm. The event is open to the public.

For almost a year, Maine Built Boats has been working with world class sailor, Gary Jobson to produce a documentary about Maine’s boatbuilding tradition, its 400 year old history, its expert workforce and the state-of-the art innovations at work in Maine today. “The best part about this project was the opportunity to interview 32 different boat builders, explained Jobson. “ Everyone is very passionate about their work and in the end Maine boat builders build an extremely high quality product. It is the skill and the pride that goes into each boat that makes a Maine built boat so special.”

Weaving together interviews with boatbuilders, designers, journalists, boat owners and historians with footage of boats and of Maine’s Coast, *Maine Built Boats: Art & Soul* showcases the unique and world-renowned qualities that make up Maine’s boatbuilding industry today. Gary Jobson, the producer of the film, is an ESPN commentator and sailing analyst, former America's Cup Tactician, lecturer and writer. Gary will introduce the documentary at the World Premiere. Tickets are \$10, which includes a reception with Gary Jobson at the Hopkins Gallery at 21 Winter Street in Rockland directly following the film.

“We wanted to tell the story of Maine’s boat building heritage, and to celebrate the boat builders pride, expertise and skill. Gary is a fantastic ambassador around the world for sailing and boating, and we are honored that he chose to work with us in making this documentary,” said Jane Wellehan, President of Maine Built Boats. “I have had the great privilege and pleasure of traveling with Gary along our beautiful Coast as he interviewed boatbuilders and shot footage of yachts under construction, under power and sail, and racing – both sailboats and of course, lobster boats. The passion and pride that Maine builders take in their work – their art – is very evident. Everyone who loves boating and loves the coast of Maine should see this film.”

Event sponsors are Sea Glass Capital and Smithwick & Mariners Insurance. Both companies have been long time supporters of Maine Built Boats. To watch the trailer for *Maine Built Boats: Art & Soul* go to www.mainebuiltboats.com.

MBB is a member driven non-profit trade organization dedicated to promoting Maine’s Boatbuilding Industry around the world. Funding for this documentary was provided in part by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development and Maine’s North Star Alliance Initiative (NSAI) under the US DOL Wired Grant program. The NSAI works with Maine’s boat building, composites and marine industries to grow Maine’s coastal workforce and economy.

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