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ABM ANNOUNCES CLOSING DATE

CLAYTON, New York (September 29, 2016) – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM), North America’s premier freshwater nautical museum based in Clayton, NY, announced today that their final day of operation for the 2016 season will be Monday, October 10. Until the closing date, the ABM remains open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day.

During the fall season, certain activities and exhibits are no longer available to visitors: the skiff livery providing free skiff rowing to visitors closed in early September and walking tours of the historic houseboat *La Duchesse* will not be available after October 1. Ride the River boat rides are currently suspended while the boats receive maintenance but should be available over Columbus Day weekend; visitors are encouraged to call ahead to confirm availability (315-686-4104 x228) and stay tuned to the Museum’s Facebook page for updates.

“Like many organizations in the region, our season is a short one. We’re open just 158 days this year but we have had an outstanding summer filled with educational programs and special events. Due to the beautiful weather, our boat ride programs have been running almost non-stop,” said ABM Executive Director Rebecca Hopfinger. “Our preliminary reports show that overall we’re seeing an increased number of visitors compared to last year.”

While the ABM galleries close to visitors during the winter months, the offices remain open year round. An anticipated opening date of May 5, 2017 will be confirmed in the coming months.

About ABM

Located on the St. Lawrence River in upstate NY, the ABM features a collection of over 300 antique and classic boats, among thousands of recreational boating artifacts, including the “world’s largest runabout,” *Pardon Me*, and a 113-year old gilded-age two-story houseboat, *La Duchesse*. In addition, the ABM plays host to the longest running antique boat show in North America and is considered the birthplace of antique raceboat regattas. The Museum will close for the 2016 season on Tuesday, October 11. For more information, please visit the Museum’s website at abm.org.

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