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**EXPLORE 300 YEARS OF SMUGGLING ON THE DETROIT RIVER WITH CURATOR
JOEL STONE JUNE 19TH AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM**

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DETROIT – The Detroit Historical Society’s Curator Chat series continues with a special tour of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum’s newest exhibit “Smugglers on the Straits” on Thursday, June 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. Curator Joel Stone will guide guests through the rich history of those who used the Detroit River, a smugglers’ paradise for centuries, in ways you only thought you knew.

“Smugglers on the Straits” covers more than 300 years of smuggling activity on the Detroit River. The story begins with Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, Detroit’s founder, and continues to this day. Artifacts and tableaus representing the various eras highlighted in the exhibit bring the story to life, including 17th century French coins, Prohibition-era booty and weapons, and parts of a rum running speedboat recovered by Museum volunteers from the Detroit River. One of the more intriguing artifacts relates to James Joyce’s book *Ulysses*, originally banned in the United Kingdom and the United States. Ernest Hemingway had a box filled with the Paris edition shipped to Windsor and smuggled into Detroit. Guests will also visit other exhibits throughout the Museum.

Joel Stone, curator for the Detroit Historical Society, has studied history, archeology, and archival management at the University of Detroit, Wayne State University, and University College in Cork, Ireland. He is a member of the Historical Society of Michigan, the Algonquin Club of Detroit, the Marine Historical Society of Michigan, and is a board member of the Association of Great Lakes Maritime History.

The cost for the event is free for Detroit Historical Society members and \$20 for the public. For more information or to register for the event, please call (313) 833-1801 or visit www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

The Dossin Great Lakes Museum, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open

Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free at the Museum for the duration of 2008 through the generous support of the DeRoy Testamentary Foundation,

however, donations are welcome. Permanent exhibits include the Miss Pepsi vintage 1940s championship

hydroplane, a bow anchor from the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter S.S. William Clay Ford, and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world. New exhibits include Smugglers on the Straits and Fun, Fast, and Fancy: Great Lakes Yachts. For more information, call (313) 833-5538 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.

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